


WATER CANADA

Water Protectors

Roles and Rights of Indigenous Canadians

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black tank top, black pants, and brown boots, stands on a large rock in a shallow lake. She is holding a long-barreled rifle across her body. The background shows a calm lake under a cloudy sky with soft light, suggesting dawn or dusk. The water reflects the sky and the woman's figure.

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