Siberian Ribbons

Vivid colors and bizarre shapes come together in an image that could be an imaginative illustration for a fantasy story. This labyrinth of exotic features is present along the edge of Russia’s Chumakaya Bay (vivid blue half circle in southeastern Siberia). Two major rivers, the Ob and Yenisei, flow into the bay, which is riven apart into the Arctic Ocean. Ribbons lakes and lagoons are present throughout the area, created by depressions left by receding glaciers.

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