Title: Home of the Kalispel: Kalispel camp on a riverbank with tipis and frame houses, three canoes in water in foreground (Curtis, 1910a).
Title: Into the shadow—Clayoquot (Curtis, 1910b)
Title: Canoeing on Clayoquot Sound (Curtis, 1910c).
Native peoples along the upper Missouri made small boats like this to travel along the shoreline, carrying wood and other supplies. Formed by stretching animal hides over a supple wood frame, bullboats were typically made by women. French, British, and American fur traders also used bullboats to bring their furs down the Missouri (Bullboat, 1860).
Title: Mandan Bullboat. (Curtis, 1908)
Lewis wrote, “The Canoes of the natives inhabiting the lower portion of the Columbia River make their canoes remarkably neat light and well adapted for riding high waves. I have seen the natives near the coast riding waves in these canoes with safety and apparently without concern where I should have thought it impossible for any vessel of the same size to lived a minute (Lewis & Clark, 2002b).”