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Editors, News Directors: You are invited to cover the public events for Maude Barlow's visit to New Hampshire March 31-April 1, 2008.

MAUDE BARLOW, CANADIAN AUTHOR AND WATER JUSTICE ACTIVIST SPEAKS MARCH 31 AT PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

BARRINGTON, NH— A coalition of nonprofit organizations welcomes Maude Barlow, Canadian author and international water justice activist for a public presentation, book-signing and reception, March 31, 2008, 7 p.m. at the Levenson Room of the Portsmouth Public Library located at 175 Parrott Avenue.

The public is invited to this free event. The library is walking distance from downtown and there is free parking available.

Sponsors of the event include Save Our Groundwater, the American Friends Service Committee – New Hampshire office, Seacoast Peace Response, Clean Water Action, Citizens for Sludge-Free Land and the New Hampshire Sierra Club.

Barlow will discuss her latest book *Blue Covenant: The Global Water Crisis and the Coming Battle for the Right to Water* which investigates the environmental issues pertaining to the world's freshwater supply and the political struggle to control this natural resource that all life depends on. Her talk will look at the links between climate change and the displacement of water, the growing corporate cartel seeking to control water resources and the movement to conserve and protect water as a human and ecological right.

She is especially concerned about the costly and energy intensive ocean desalination process that is being hailed as the solution to the world's water supply problems. "Any close examination of this technology reveals major environmental and human health hazards," declares Barlow. "Desalination provides a new opportunity for private corporations to own and sell water and has the potential to create more problems than it solves."

Barlow is the national chairperson of the Council of Canadians, Canada's largest public advocacy organization and co-founder of the Blue Planet Project that works internationally for the right to water. She is the recipient of six honorary doctorates, the 2005/2006 Lannan Cultural Freedom Fellowship Award and the 2005 Right Livelihood Award (known as the

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“Alternative Nobel”) for her global water justice work. She is the best-selling author or co-author of sixteen books.

Barlow will be participating in two additional events while in New Hampshire to discuss her book and share her expertise about water issues and international trade agreements. These events are:

Monday, March 31 at 9 a.m. – Presentation to the New Hampshire Citizens Trade Policy Commission, Legislative Office Building (33 North State Street), Room 307 in Concord. The meetings of the commission are open to the public. For more information contact Patrick Murphy, legislative aide at 271-2609.

Tuesday, April 1 at 9 a.m. – Maude Barlow will be featured on New Hampshire Public Radio’s statewide call-in program “The Exchange” from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

For photographs of Barlow and the book, please send an email to saveourgroundwater@gmail.com or download them from: <http://www.saveourgroundwater.org/newsrelease.html>

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