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“LISTEN UP HARPER,” SAY NORTHERNERS

OTTAWA – The NDP is developing a plan for protecting the Arctic based on Northerners’ needs and demands, following Jack Layton’s meetings with Northern leaders and average Northerners during the August tour of the North. On the tour, Layton was joined by NDP Aboriginal Affairs critic Jean Crowder (Nanaimo-Cowichan) and NDP Northern Development critic Dennis Bevington (Western Arctic).

“Harper believes he can just impose a solution on Northerners to protect the Arctic,” said Bevington. “The NDP is developing a package of solutions to protect the Arctic based upon what Northerners want.”

“Tomorrow, we will announce the first step to get the Harper Conservatives to ‘listen up’ to Northerners,” said Bevington.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

OTTAWA

1pm **Press Conference**
Charles Lynch Press Room
130-S Centre Block

Media from outside of Ottawa may access the press conference by phoning 1-888-265-0464 and quoting teleconference ID number 18584071.

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