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Requires the director, in consultation with appropriate state, tribal, and local governmental agencies, with federal land managers within the study area, with the advisory group created in this act, and with other interested organizations, to conduct a preliminary assessment to determine the feasibility of seeking congressional designation for a Pacific Northwest maritime national heritage area in western Washington.

Requires, not later than two fiscal years after the date on which funds are made available to carry out the assessment, the director to submit a report setting forth the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the director with respect to the feasibility assessment to the senate committee on natural resources, ocean and recreation, and to the house committee on community and economic development and trade.

Appropriates the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the department of archaeology and historic preservation for the purposes of carrying out this act.