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# S. 2556

To require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to conduct an assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 26, 2014

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Great Lakes Maritime  
5 Heritage Assessment Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RE-**  
2 **SOURCES IN WATERS OF GREAT LAKES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary  
5 for Oceans and Atmosphere shall—

6 (1) conduct an assessment of cultural and his-  
7 toric resources in the waters of the Great Lakes;  
8 and

9 (2) submit to the Committee on Commerce,  
10 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the  
11 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the  
12 House of Representatives a report on the findings of  
13 the Under Secretary with respect to such assess-  
14 ment.

15 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection  
16 (a)(2) shall include the following:

17 (1) Identification of underwater geographic  
18 areas in the Great Lakes that possess historical and  
19 archaeological resources of sufficient value and den-  
20 sity to make them nationally significant.

21 (2) A description of the historical and archae-  
22 ological resources in such geographic areas.

23 (3) An evaluation of community interest in pre-  
24 serving and interpreting such resources.

25 (4) A recommendation regarding whether such  
26 geographic areas should be designated as national

1 marine sanctuaries to protect resources of historical  
2 and archeological significance.

3 (5) Recommendations regarding whether the  
4 designation of a network of underwater Great Lakes  
5 areas that protect resources of historical and archeo-  
6 logical significance, including the existing successful  
7 Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, could  
8 bring significant educational opportunities, economic  
9 development, jobs, and tourism to the Great Lakes  
10 region.

11 (c) COLLABORATION.—In carrying out this section,  
12 the Under Secretary shall collaborate with local commu-  
13 nities.

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