

Sediment Evaluation Update

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“Before I begin, I’d just like to make it known that I didn’t volunteer to do this presentation.”

Regional Dredging Team

- Working at several levels within member agencies
- Focus on broad policy issues
- Need for stakeholder input
 - Structure not yet defined

Sediment Evaluation Framework

- Public comments received
- Policy Committee reviewed comments
- Many comments being incorporated



Major Issues

- FW Sediment Quality Guidelines
- Biological Testing
- Bioaccumulation

Conflict Resolution Process

- Differing agency authorities and priorities
- Regional RSET
- Elevation process

The Path Forward

- Policy Committee Revisions
 - Drafts by 31 March
- Freshwater Guidelines Task Force
 - Expert availability will set schedule
 - August deadline

The Path Forward (cont.)

- New draft preparation
 - Some sections will take time
- Agency review
- Public Notice/Public Review
- Interim implementation

Evaluation Processes

- Clean Water Act/MPRSA new work
- Verification or renewal of Civil Works or permitted action
- In-situ contaminated sediment assessment and remedy

Consistent and
Predictable

Section 10/404/103 Permits

- Application submitted to the Corps Regulatory Branch
- Local RSET determines adequacy of sediment information
- Public Notice

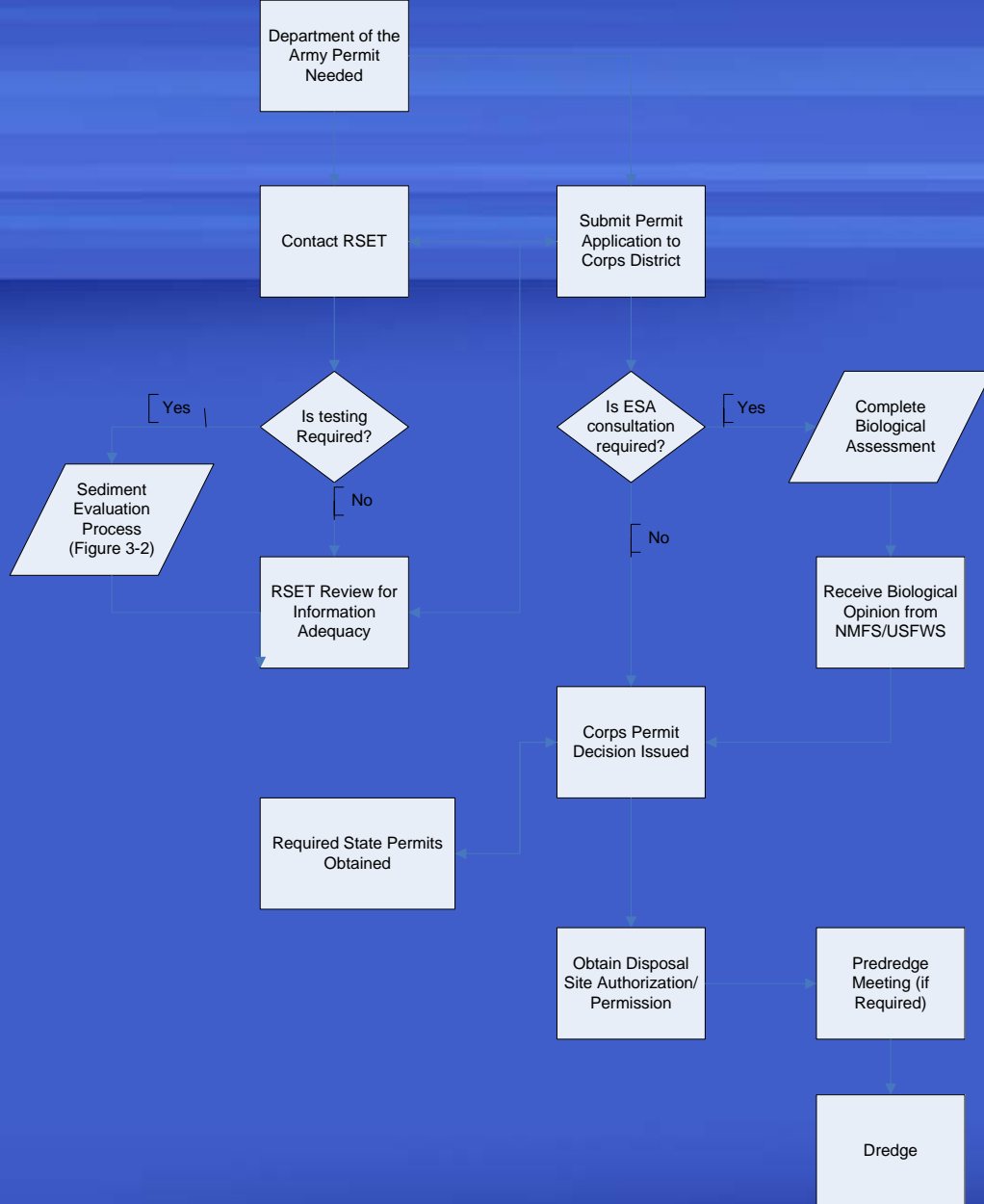


Figure 3-1. Example of New Dredging Project

Team Members

- Oregon DEQ
- Washington Ecology
- NMFS
- Corps
- EPA
- FWS

Adequate Information

- Initial screening
- If not adequate, SAP required, approved by RSET
- Data submitted to RSET
- Documentation of interagency decision

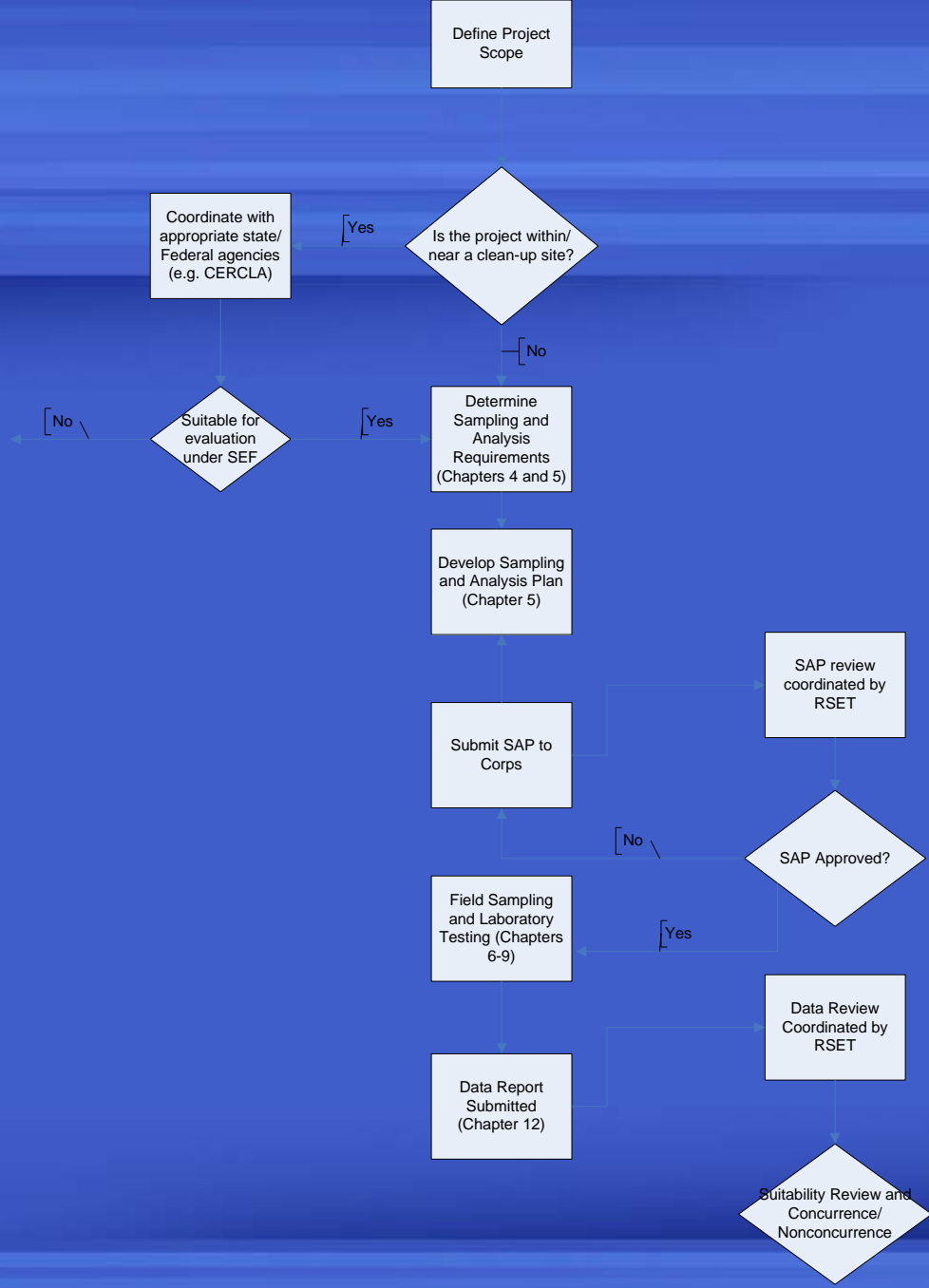


Figure 3-2. Sediment Evaluation Process

Specific Timelines

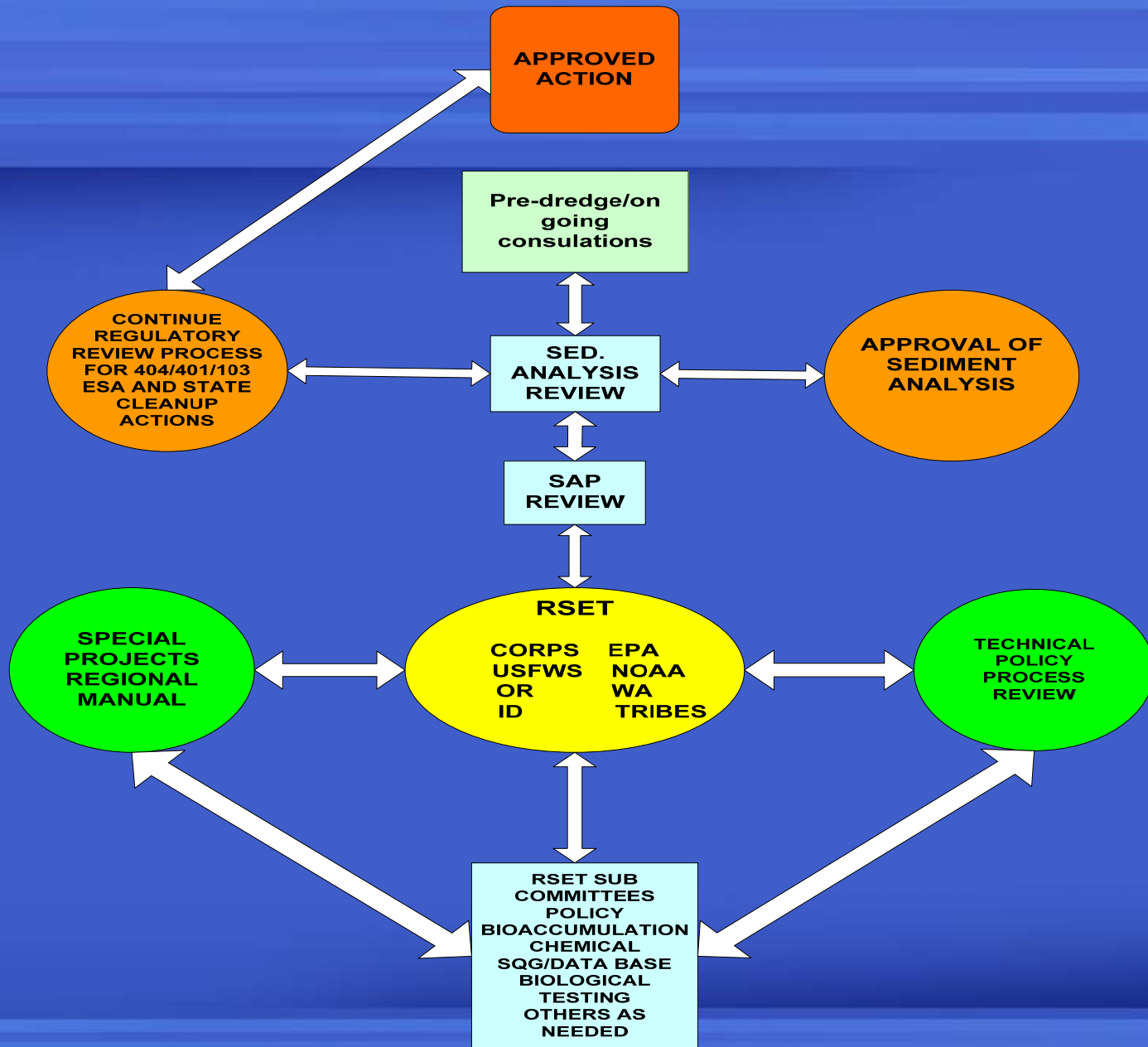
- 45 days for sampling plans
- 45 days for data reports
- Some exceptions for complex projects
- Signed documentation

More Steps

Other Federal actions

CZM, ESA

- Other permits required
 - Varies by state
 - HPA, WQC, Removal/fill





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