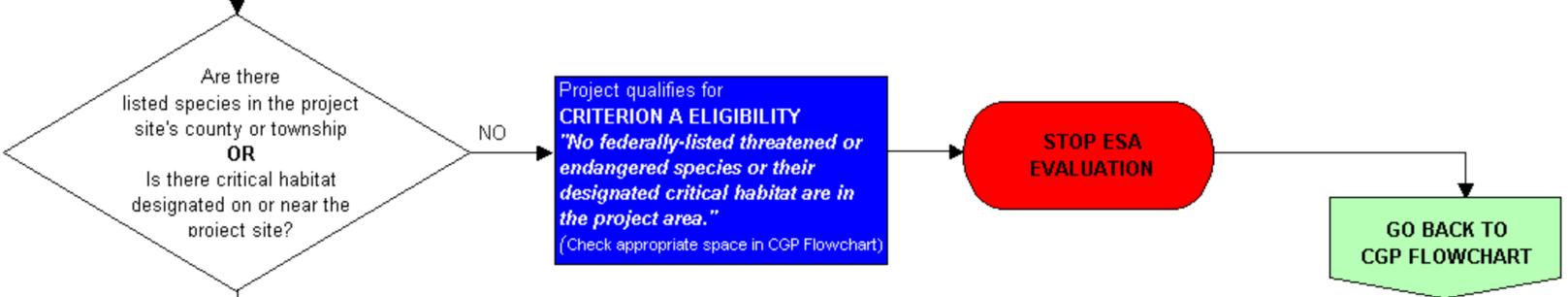


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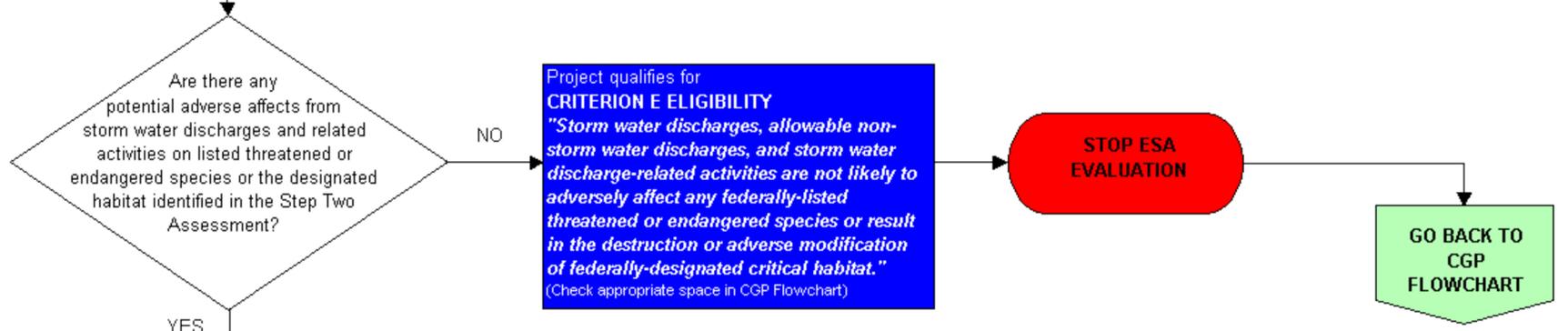
Step One of ESA Evaluation:
DETERMINE IF LISTED THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES ARE PRESENT ON OR NEAR PROJECT AREA
To make this determination, you should:
(1) consult the internet website(s) of the local offices of the **USFWS** (<http://www.fws.gov>), **NMFS** (<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov>) and **State Heritage Center** (<http://www.nhdfi.org/formgt/nhiweb/>) for the **current list of federally listed endangered or threatened species** in the project's county or township, as well as the current location of critical habitat designations and any associated requirements; and
(2) contact one of the agencies mentioned above to determine if there are any critical habitat areas on or near your project area.
Attach copies of the website search results as well as correspondence with any of the agencies as Appendix E.



If there are listed species **and** if your local FWS, NMFS, or State Heritage Center indicates that these species could exist on or near your project area, one or more of the following must be performed as indicated by the governing agency:
1) Conduct visual inspections¹;
2) Conduct a formal biological survey²; and/or
3) Conduct an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)³.
Attach copies of any correspondence with the agencies listed above as well as documentation of any required further action (such as inspections, surveys, etc.) in Appendix E.
NOTE: If listed threatened or endangered species or critical habitat are present in the project area, you must look at impacts to species and/or habitat when proceeding to Steps Two through Four of the ESA Evaluation. Thus, meeting the eligibility requirements of the CGP may require measures to protect critical habitat that are separate from those to protect listed species.

Step Two of ESA Evaluation:
DETERMINE IF THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY'S STORM WATER DISCHARGES OR STORM WATER DISCHARGE-RELATED ACTIVITIES ARE LIKELY TO ADVERSELY AFFECT LISTED THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES OR DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT
To make this determination, you must assess **potential adverse affects of storm water discharges and related activities** on listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat that are present on or near your project area. Potential adverse effects from storm water discharges and related activities include, but are not limited to:
(1) **Hydrological** (i.e., siltation; sedimentation; induce changes in receiving waters such as pH, temperature, salinity, turbidity; alteration of drainage patterns);
(2) **Habitat** (i.e., construction-related activities may adversely affect listed species or their habitat by draining or inundating the existing area); or
(3) **Toxicity** (i.e., pollutants in storm water may have toxic effect on listed species).
Attach copies of the assessment of potential adverse affects of storm water discharges and related activities in Appendix E.

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Proceed to Step Three of the ESA Evaluation
NOTE: If you are unable to determine conclusively whether or not storm water discharges and related activities are likely to adversely affect listed species or critical habitat (or one of the Services⁹ has already raised concerns regarding the project), you must contact the appropriate office (FWS, NMFS or State Natural Heritage Center) for assistance.

Step Three of ESA Evaluation:
DETERMINE IF MEASURES CAN BE IMPLEMENTED TO AVOID ADVERSE EFFECTS
To make this determination, you must contact the FWS (and NMFS, if applicable) to see what appropriate measures might be suitable to avoid or eliminate the likelihood of adverse impacts to listed species or habitat. These measures may range from relatively simple changes (i.e., rerouting storm water discharge to bypass an area where species are located, relocating BMPs, and/or changing the "footprint" of the project area) in construction activities to initiating informal consultation with FWS (and NMFS, if applicable).
Attach copies of correspondence with FWS and/or NMFS and any associated documentation in Appendix E.

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