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Washington Coast Chinook Salmon:

Endangered Species Act Petition Process

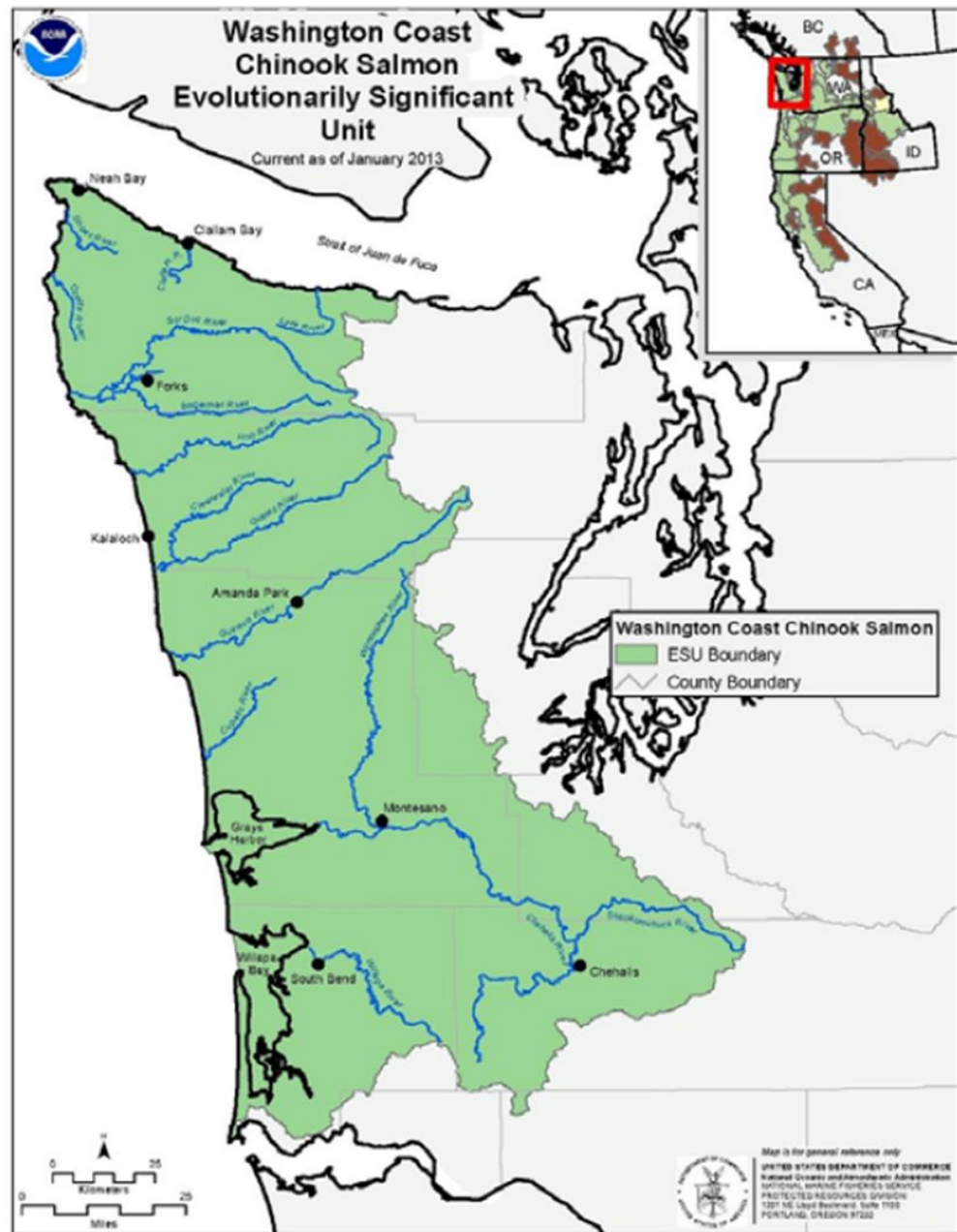
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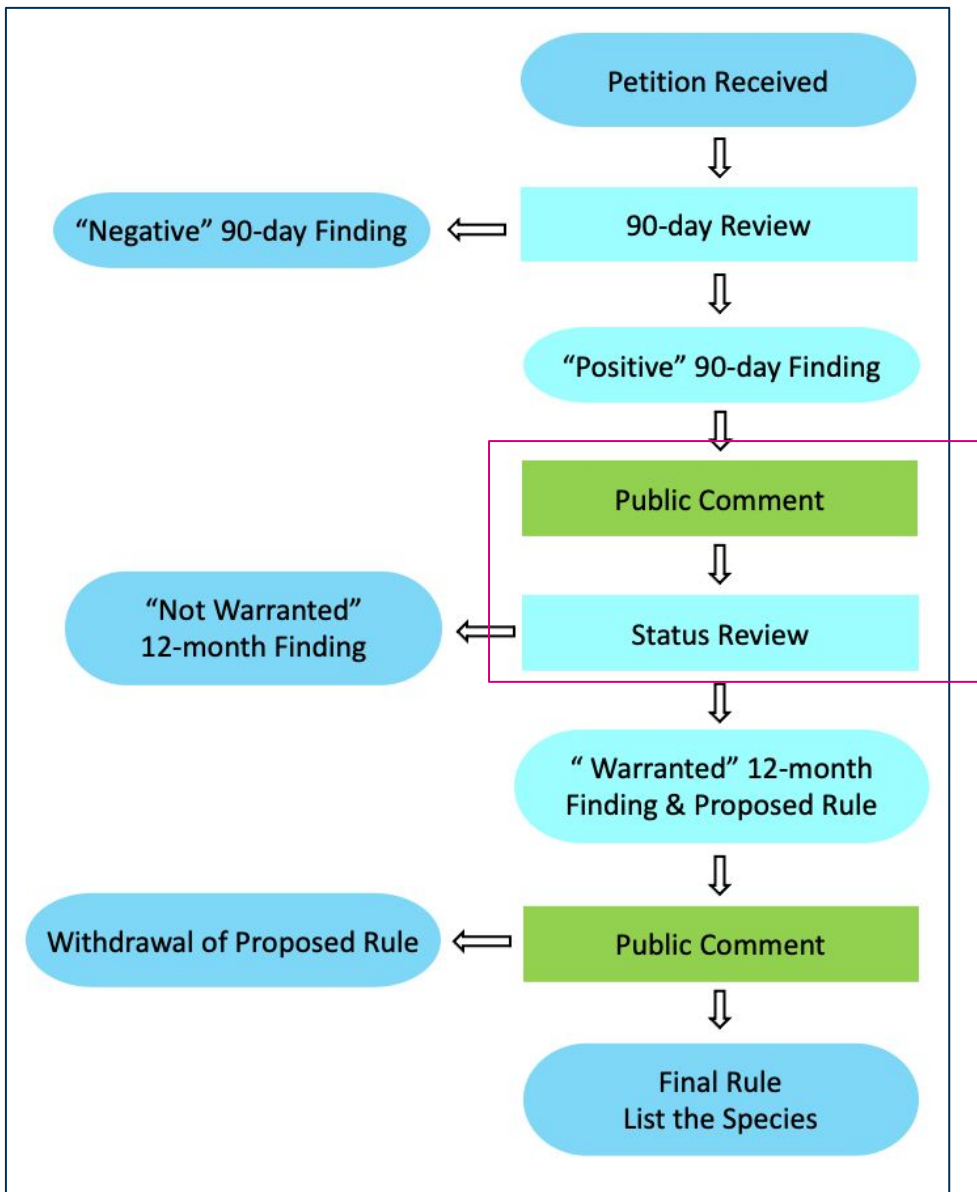
Background

A 1998 coastwide Chinook salmon status review identified ESUs and evaluated the risk of extinction.

Following the 1998 status review we announced our finding that listing was not warranted for the Washington Coast (WC) Chinook salmon ESU.

On July 17, 2023 we received a petition to list the WC spring-run components or list the entire WC ESU





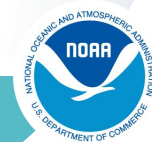
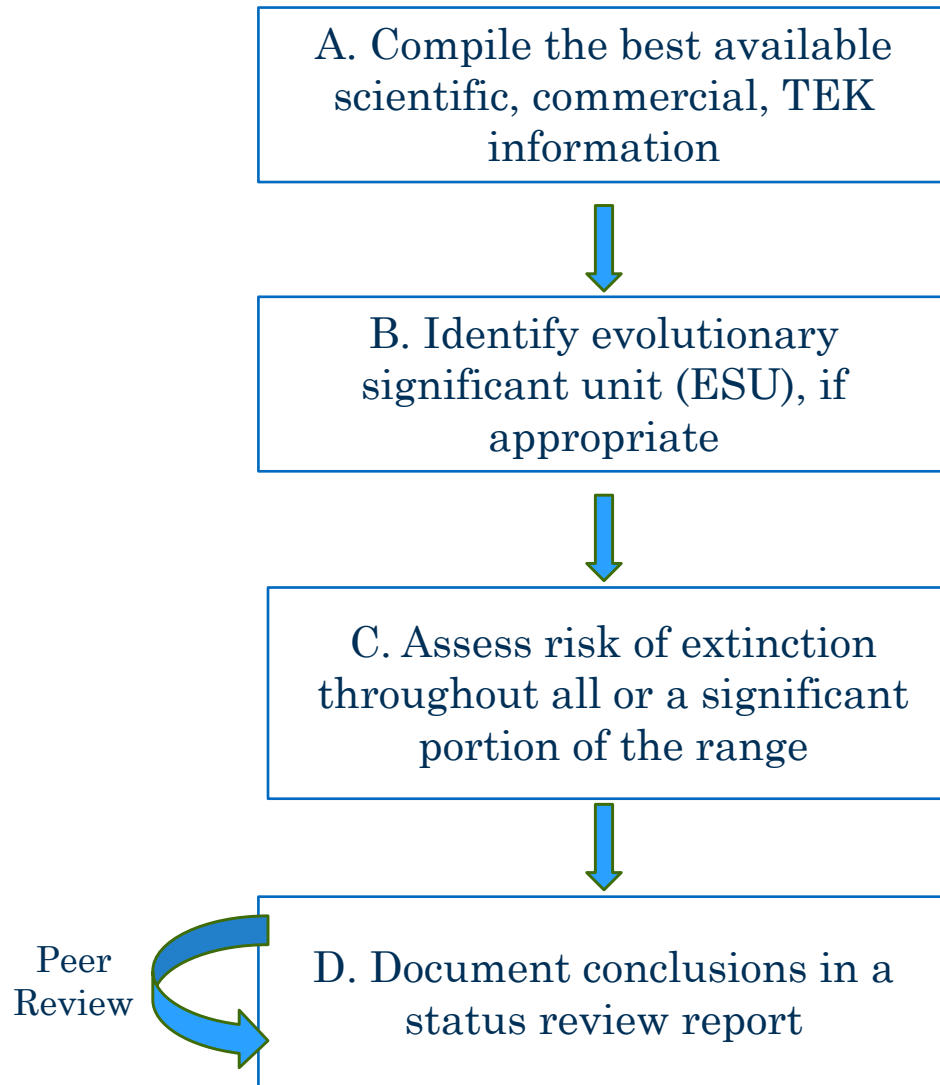
How do we process petitions?

- Review the petition and make an initial finding (90-day Finding)
- If we make a positive finding we would then proceed to conduct a status review.
- Once the status review is complete we make a determination on the petitioned action (12-month Finding).
- If we find that the petitioned action is not warranted we are done.
- If we find that the action is warranted then the 12-month finding serves as a proposed rule to list species (ESU/DPS).
- We would next review any comments we received on the proposed rule and publish our finding in a final determination ~1 year later.



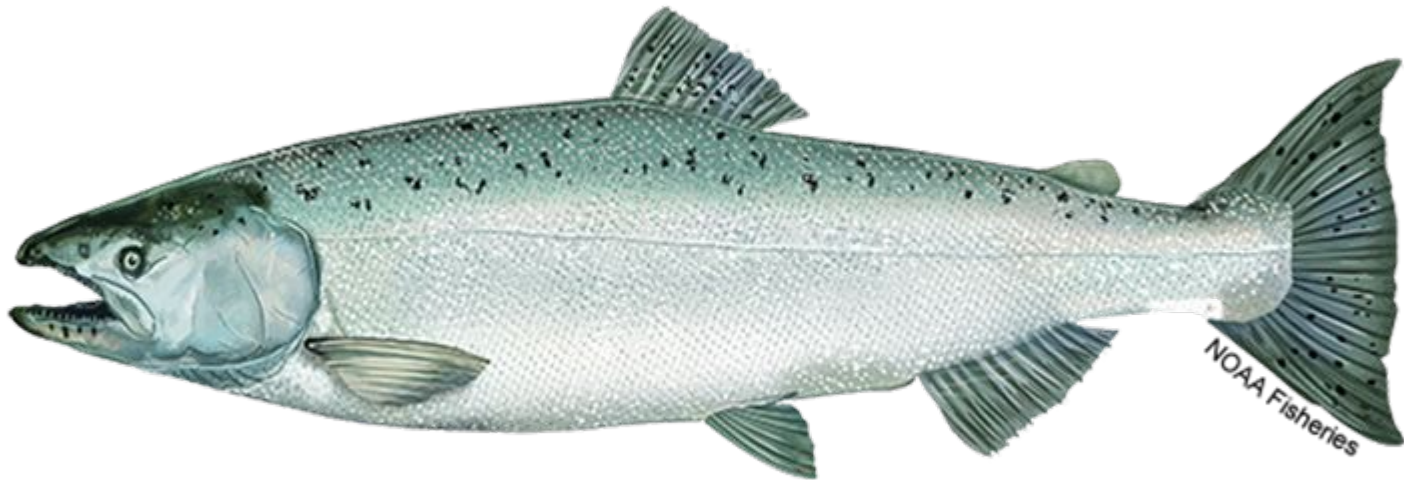
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Status Review Process



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Questions?



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