

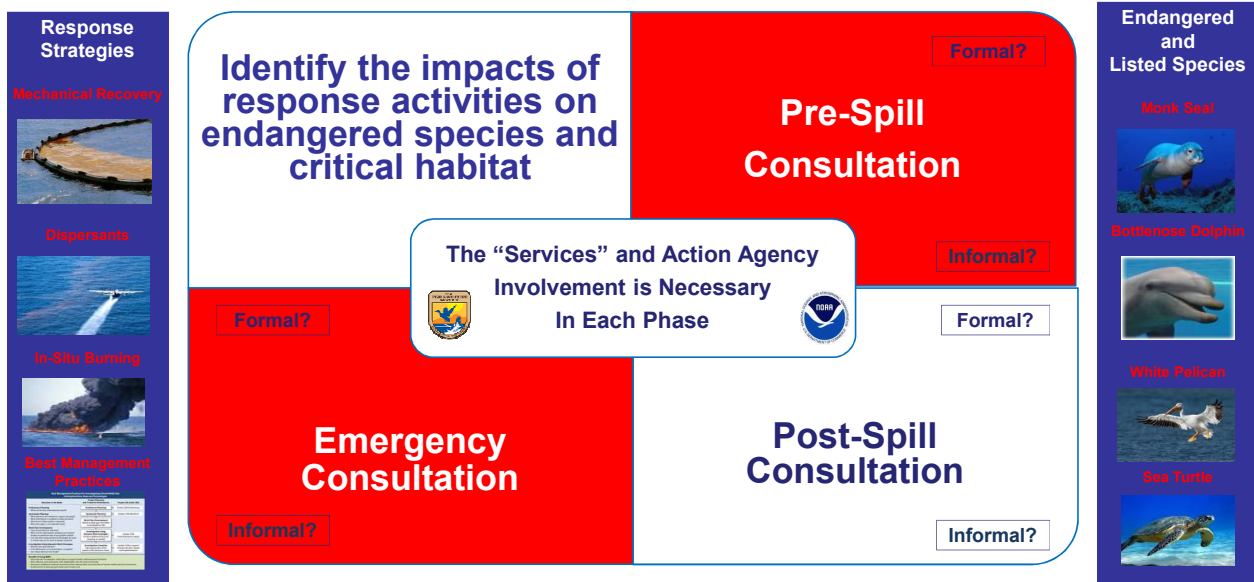


The Endangered Species Act

ESA (Section 7) consultations are completed anytime there is a “take” or “action” against an listed endangered species. Information necessary to complete consultations:

- The last consultation information
- 2001 Interagency MOA
- Pollution contingency plans

Assemble representatives from the Area Committee or RRT to include the FOSC, SSC, NMFS, USF&W & legal counsel to account for land & on-water response strategies based on listed or endangered species during the process.



To finalize the consultation process the “Services” should provide the Action Agency:

- Concurrence
- Non-Concurrence
- Biological Assessment
- Biological Opinion

Proactive activities to keep consultations at the informal pre-spill level are key to compliance with the Endangered Species Act