

The Path To Atlantic Seismic Surveys

Obtaining a permit to conduct a seismic survey in the Atlantic is an extensive process that includes many environmental impact analyses, multiple opportunities for public comment and reviews by states.

ABOUT THE PROCESS

NEPA / 4 Year Process

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
Programmatic EIS:

- 4+ years of environmental analysis
- Multiple opportunities for public comment
- Outcome: Seismic surveys acceptable with rigorous mitigation measures to protect marine animals
- Precedes Permit Application

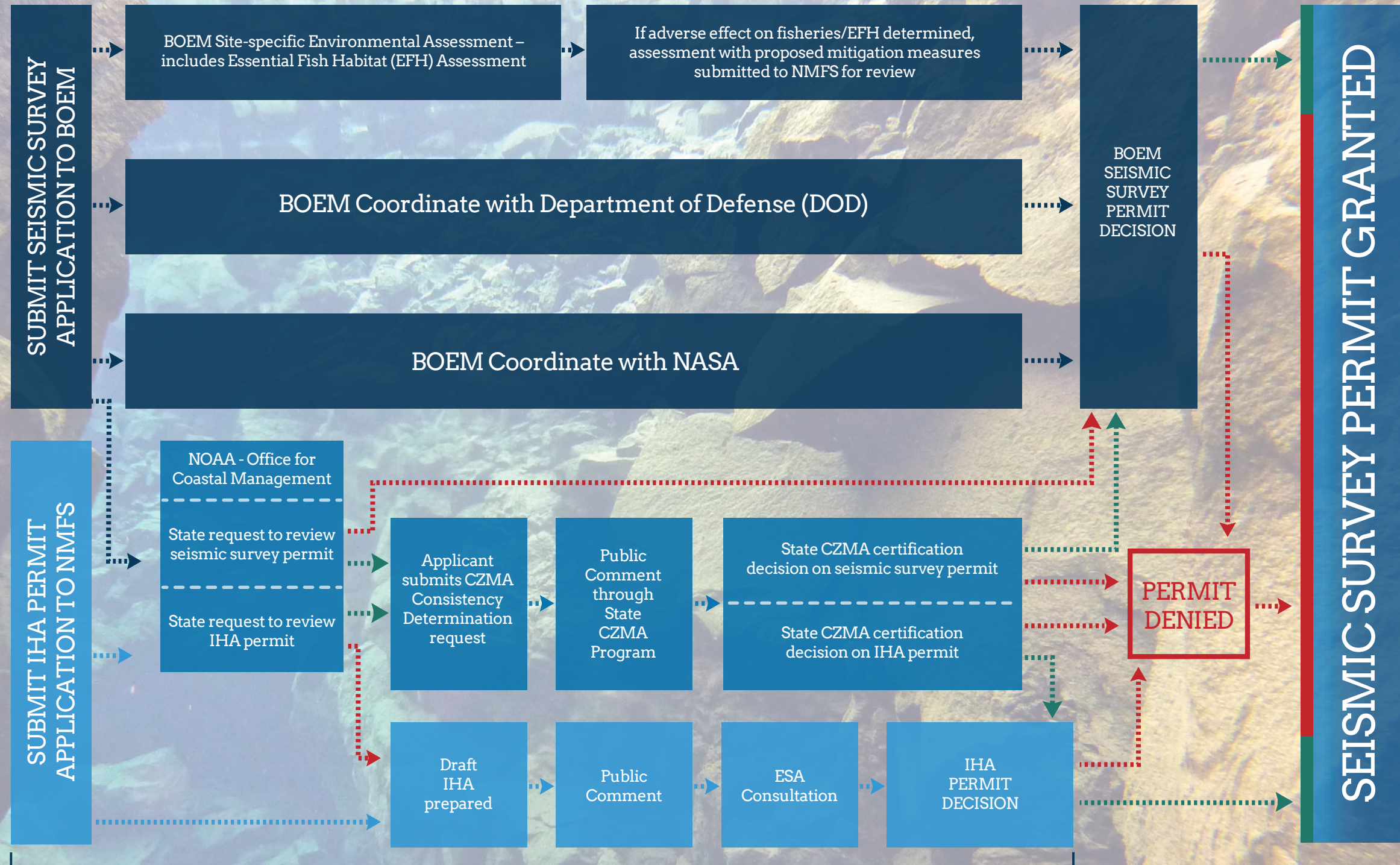
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

Endangered Species Consultation

LEGEND

Yes Decision  

No Decision  



Seismic Survey Permit Process - 12 to 18 months (Notional)