

Pre-NEPA

- The Line Officer determines the broad scope of the project and establishes the IDT (**Completed for the Whale project**)
- IDT reviews existing information and collects field data to determine the need for change, develop a proposed action, and analyze environmental effects (**Ongoing for the Whale project—to be primarily completed by Fall 2020 in advance of refining the purpose and need for the project and the proposed action**)
- Line Officer can elect to collaborate with external parties in advance of beginning the NEPA process (**CSP's involvement and input for the Whale project is welcomed**)

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- Project Scoping Period (**I plan to hold a 30 day comment period for the Whale project—my objective is to begin public scoping in November 2020**)
- Preliminary Assessment Released for public review (**There will be a 30 day review period for the Whale project—my objective is to release a preliminary assessment by end of May 2021**)
- Environmental Assessment and Draft Decision Notice released to those who request it or who have standing to object to the project (This kicks off the formal pre-decisional objection process. Objectors have 45 days to file an objection, and the objection review process may take 45 days. **Anticipated by mid-July 2021 for the Whale project.**)
- Final Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact issued (A final decision is not issued until the objection process is completed. **For the Whale project, a final decision is anticipated by November 2021.**)