

Gulf of Maine Council: Ecosystem Indicator Partnership:



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ESIP Organization

Gulf of Maine Council

Ecosystem Indicator Partnership Steering Committee

Program Manager

Indicator Work Groups

- Aquatic Habitats
- Climate Change
- Coastal Development
- Contaminants
- Fisheries/Aquaculture
- Eutrophication/Nutrients



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ESIP Membership:

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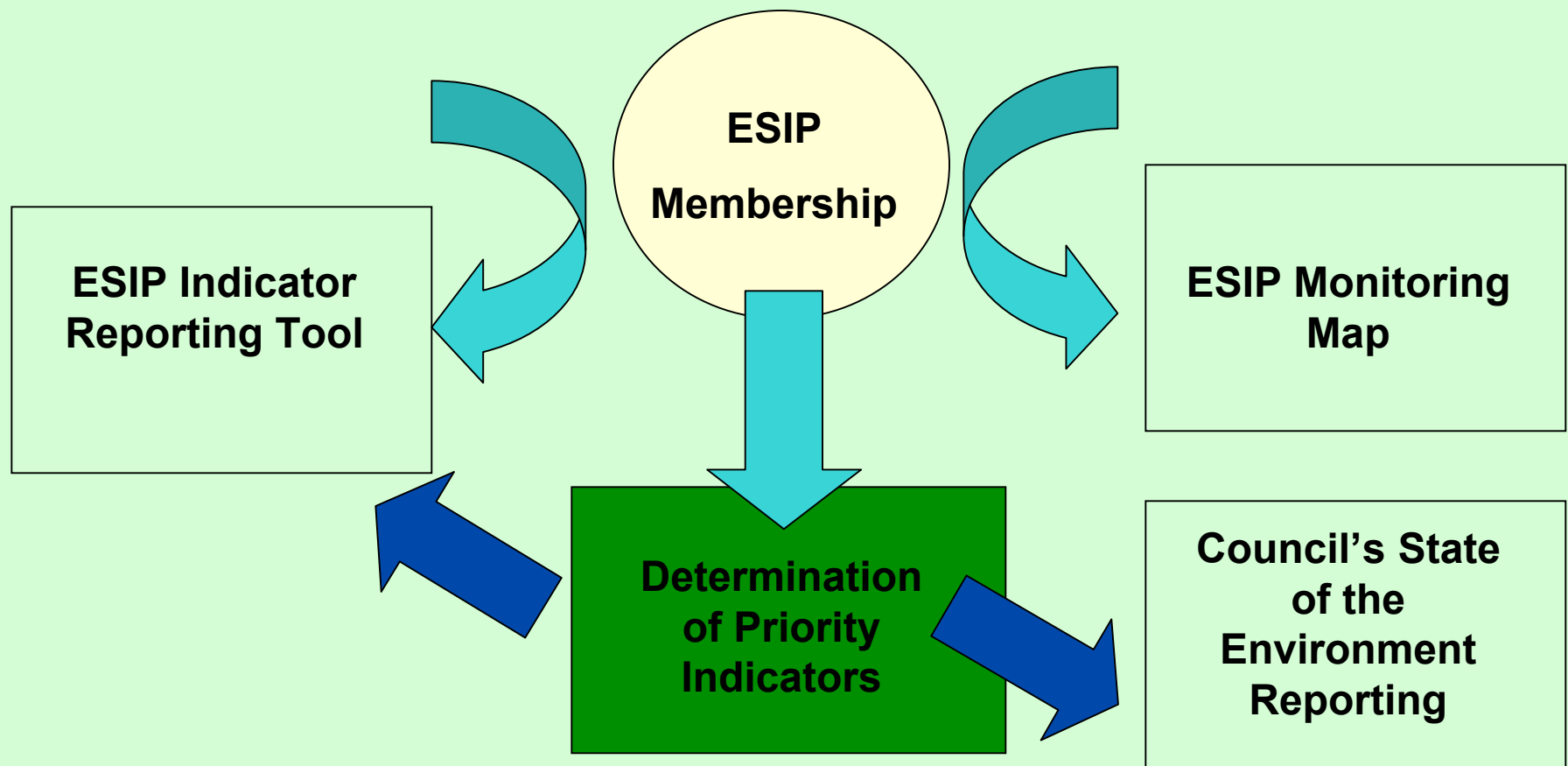
- Federal: USFW, USGS, NOAA, EC, DFO, EPA
- State/Province: NB Dept. Of the Environment, Maine State Planning Office, NH Dept. of Environ. Services
- Academia: UNH, USM, U Maine, URI, Acadia University, Dalhousie



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ESIP's Focus on Three Major Areas...Today



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ESIP Goals and Timelines

Indicators are quantitative or qualitative measures that provide information about the status of or changes in natural, cultural, and economic aspects of an ecosystem.

May 2008 – Subcommittees decide on priority indicators

March 2008 – All 6 ESIP Subcommittees revisit TOR and determine scope for next 12 months

May 2008 – ESIP publishes framework for regional reporting of indicators and GeoConnections project completed

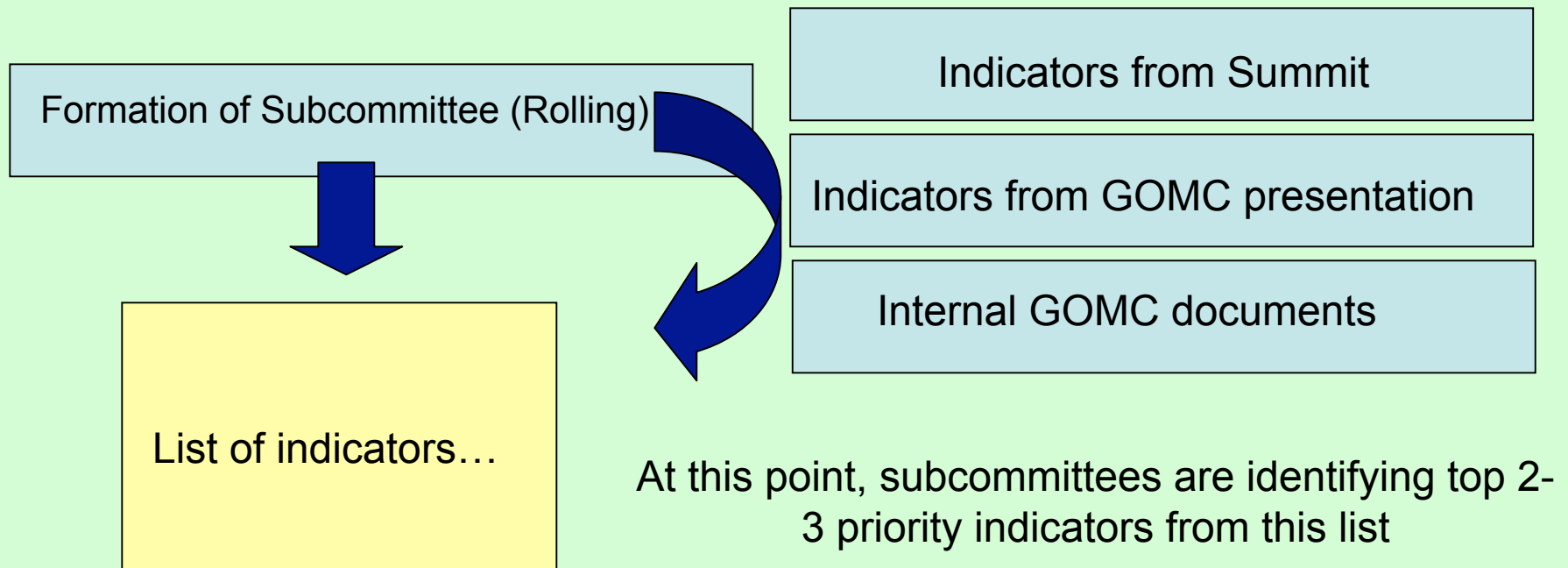
June 1, 2008 – ESIP publishes framework for regional reporting of habitat and climate change indicators (data rich)



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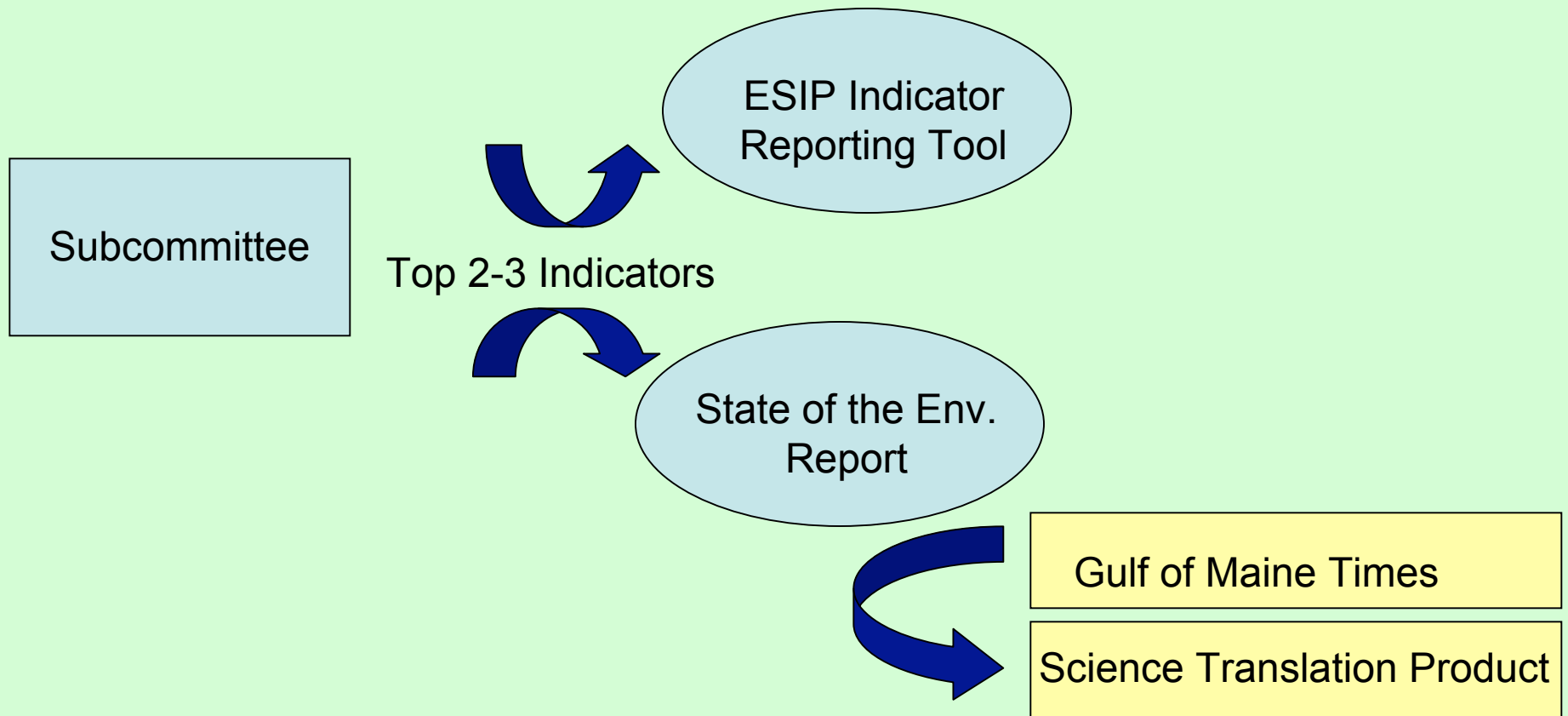
Example of Coastal Development Subcommittee Progress



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How the Subcommittee decisions impact the various ESIP products



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ESIP Monitoring Map

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http://www.gulfofmaine.org/esip/map/index.phtml?show_legend=y

Ecosystem Indicator Partnership (ESIP) > Interactive map

Zoom to: Gulf of Maine (Default)

Map layers - Search - Sites - Help

Select map layers to display by clicking the checkbox. Some layers are detailed and won't be available until you zoom in. Select as many layers as you like, then scroll down this box and click the "Show/Hide layers" button.

ESIP Sites

- Aquatic Habitat
- Climate Change
- Coastal Development
- Contaminants
- Eutrophication
- Fisheries and Aquaculture

Bathymetry and Elevation

- Bathymetry
- Maine Elevation Contours

Lakes, Rivers and Streams

- U.S. Hydrology
- Maine Streams (Maine State)

About ESIP - Get site data - How to use these pages

The Ecosystem Indicator Partnership (ESIP) is a committee of the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment. ESIP is developing indicators for the Gulf of Maine, integrating regional data for a new Web-based reporting system for marine ecosystem monitoring. Activities of ESIP initially center on convening regional practitioners in six indicator areas: coastal development, contaminants and pathogens, eutrophication, aquatic habitat, fisheries and aquaculture, and climate change.

[Read more on the ESIP page on www.gulfofmaine.org](#)

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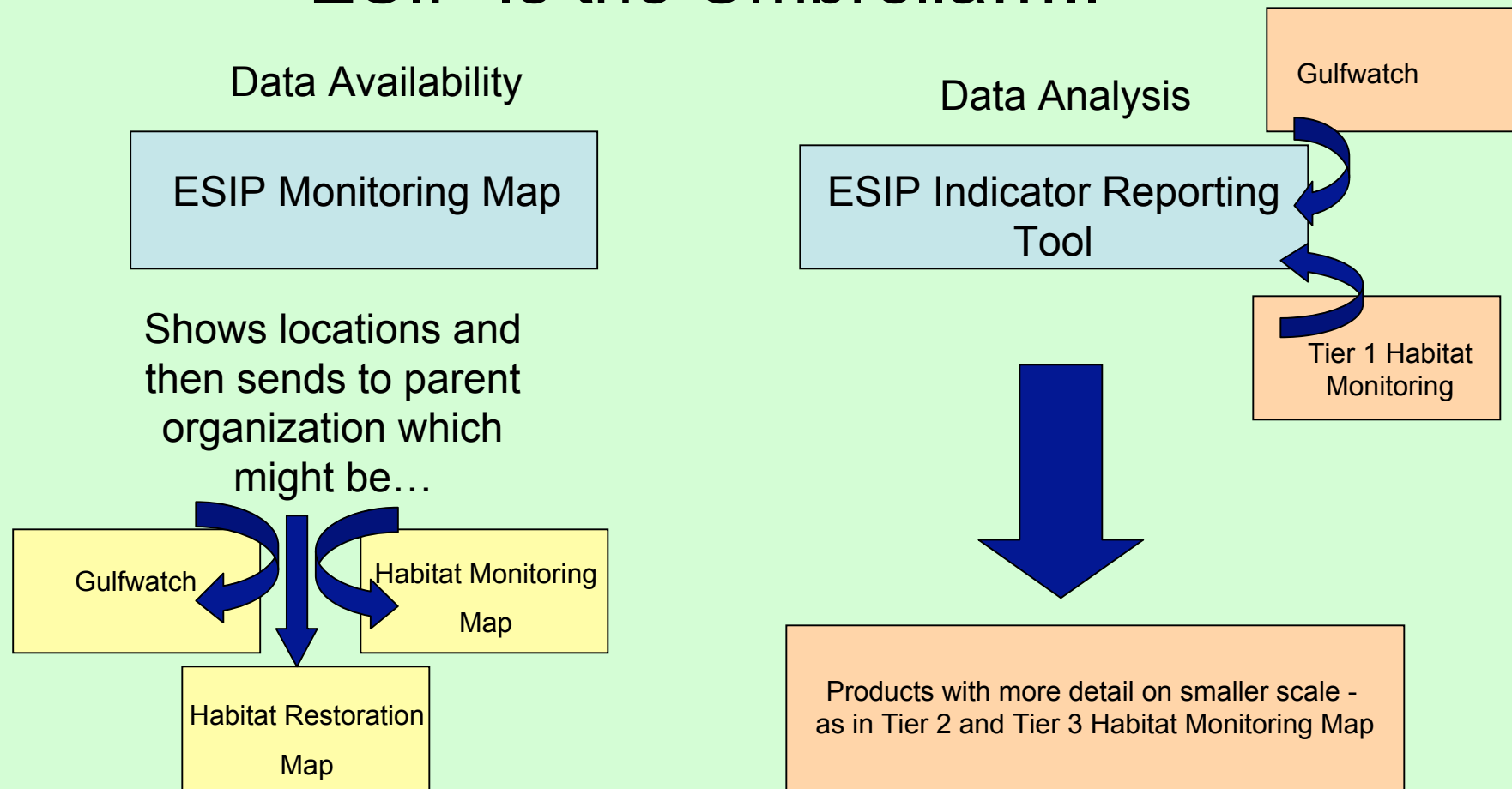


Query by indicator to locate monitoring data



Follow data back to source

ESIP Is the Umbrella.....



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