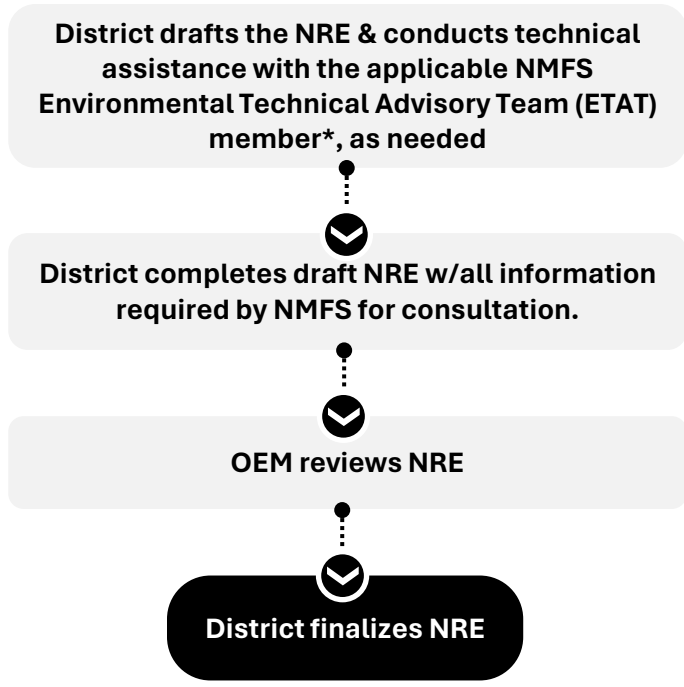


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Notes:

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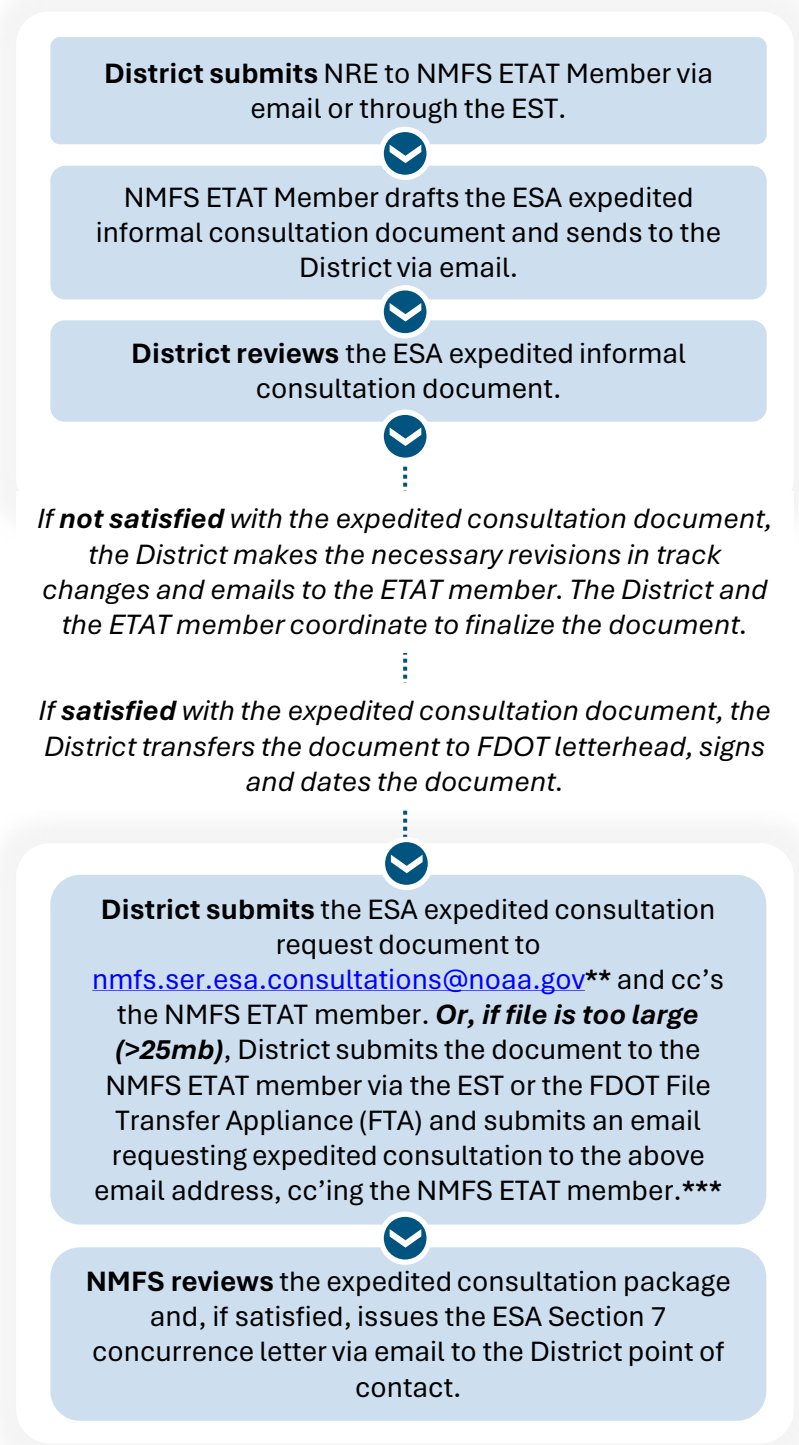
East Coast: Kurtis Gregg, M.S., Natural Resource Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Habitat Conservation Division, 2198 Edison Avenue, MS2814, Jacksonville, FL 32204

**District should disregard the automatic, stock response from the NMFS portal email, since it does not apply to FDOT projects.

***If an email is not submitted to nmfs.ser.esa.consultations@noaa.gov, the request will not be logged into the NMFS system and no official request for consultation will exist.

****Due to the differences between NMFS's ESA and EFH review processes, the NMFS letter completing the EFH Consultation process is typically received prior to NMFS's ESA Consultation completion letter.

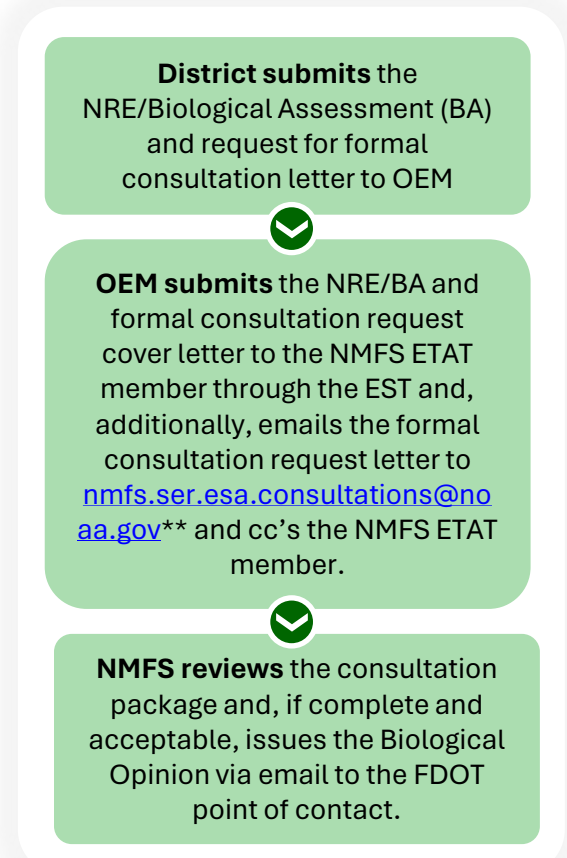
INFORMAL ESA CONSULTATION



*If **not satisfied** with the expedited consultation document, the District makes the necessary revisions in track changes and emails to the ETAT member. The District and the ETAT member coordinate to finalize the document.*

*If **satisfied** with the expedited consultation document, the District transfers the document to FDOT letterhead, signs and dates the document.*

FORMAL ESA CONSULTATION



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HELPFUL TIP

EFH CONSULTATION****

