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# Spokane River PCB TMDL Implementation

# 4 Key Milestones to an Implementation Plan

- SRRTTF Sunsets
- EPA completes Spokane River PCB TMDL
- Ecology establishes Advisory Group for TMDL implementation
- Ecology completes PCB TMDL Implementation Plan

# Roles and Responsibilities

- Community (advises Ecology)
- EPA (writes the TMDL)
- Ecology (writes the Implementation Plan)
- Ecology Implements the TMDL\*

\*Ability to conduct implementation tasks contingent on funding and staffing

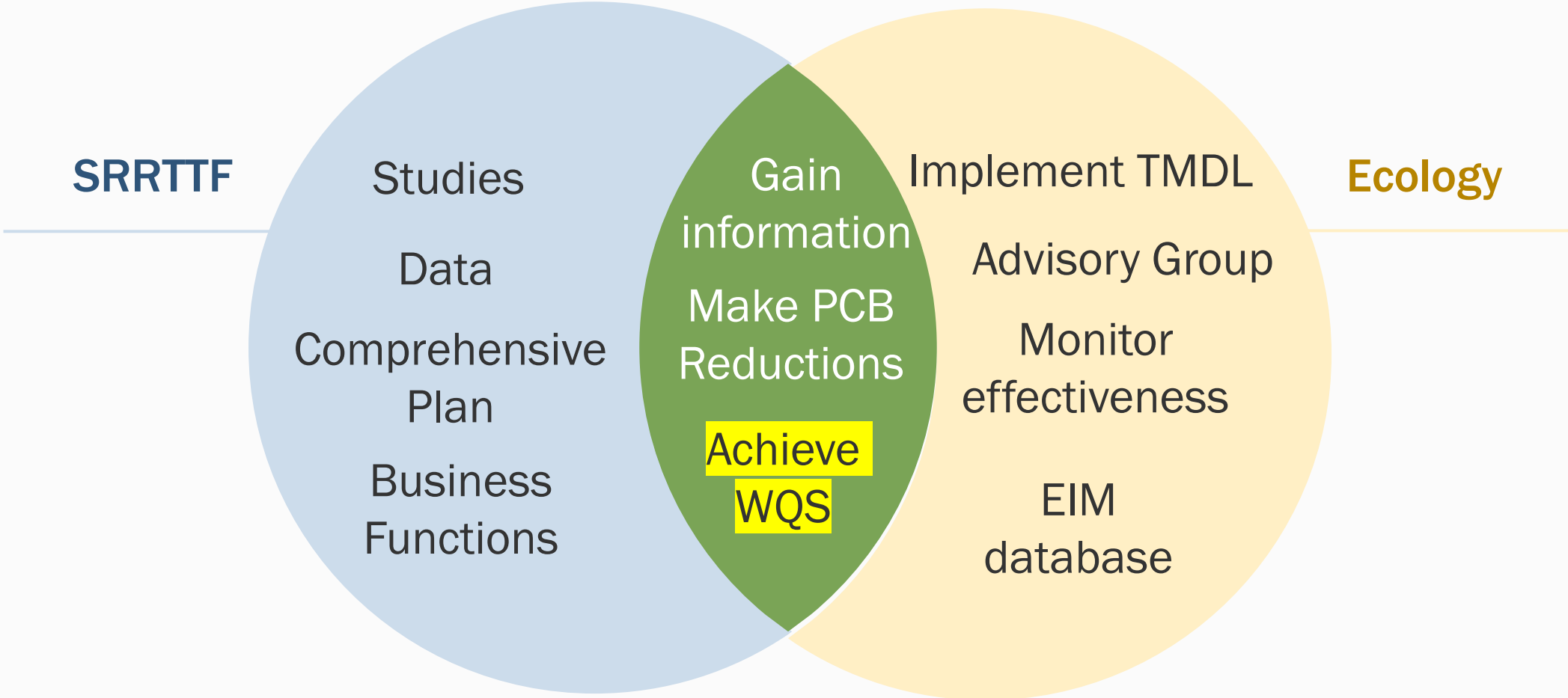
# Sunset SRRTTF (TF Members)

## Transition: the Big Picture



# Where is the overlap?

Goal is the same, focus is different



# SRRTTF vs. TMDL Advisory Group

## Task Force

- Self-identified
- Autonomous
- MOA
- Studies defined by TF
- Measurable Progress
- Public and private funding
- Business structure

## Ecology Advisory Group

- Established by agency
- Recommends implementation actions
- Group sets Ground Rules
- Ecology is main authority and decision maker
- State funded

“Advisory Groups for Water Quality Projects”

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/0510101.pdf>

# What is Ecology's Schedule?



It depends.

Ecology's responsibility is to write an Implementation Plan.

Understand the link to permit requirements.

Three possibilities.

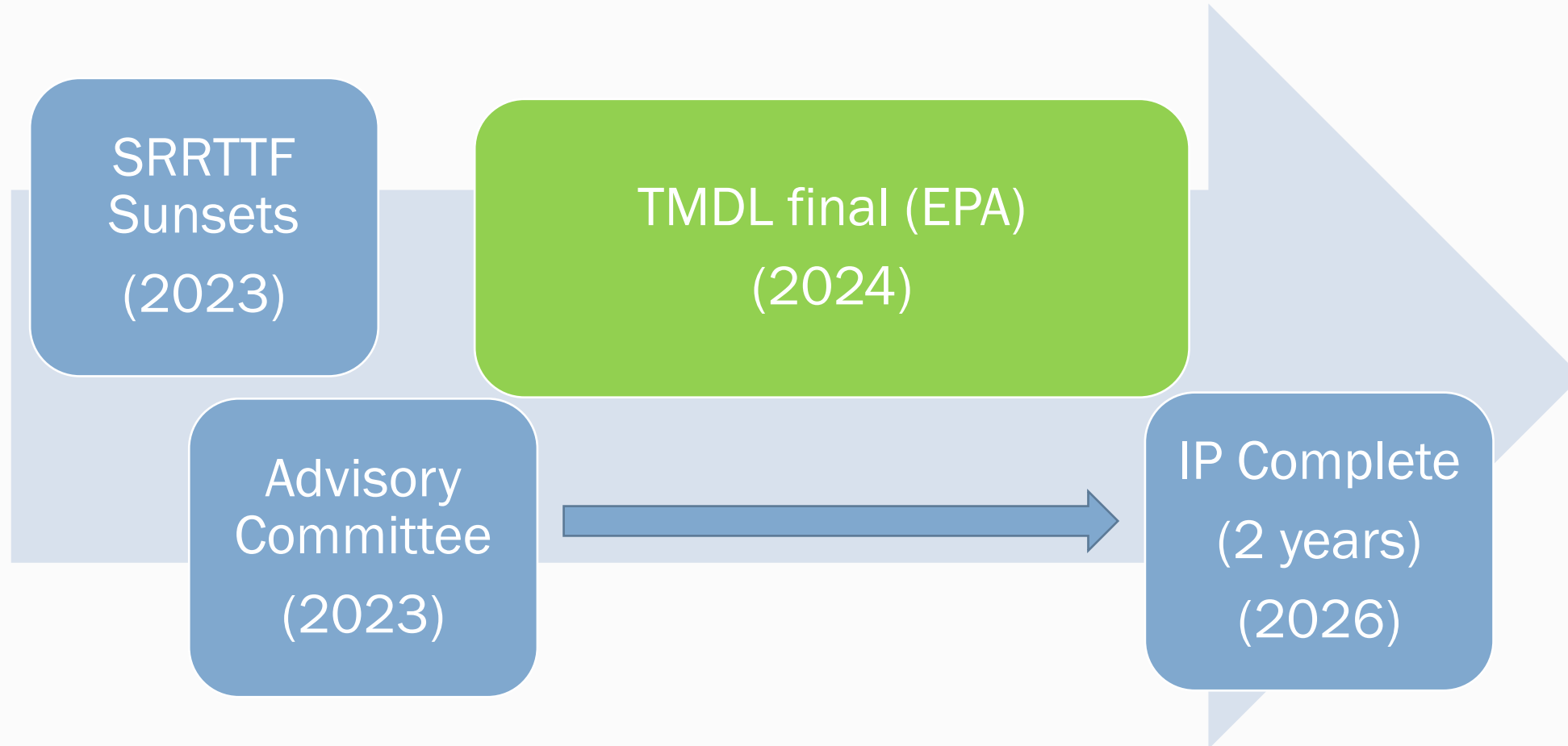
For discussion purposes ...

# Pathway to an Implementation Plan (IP) (Normal process)



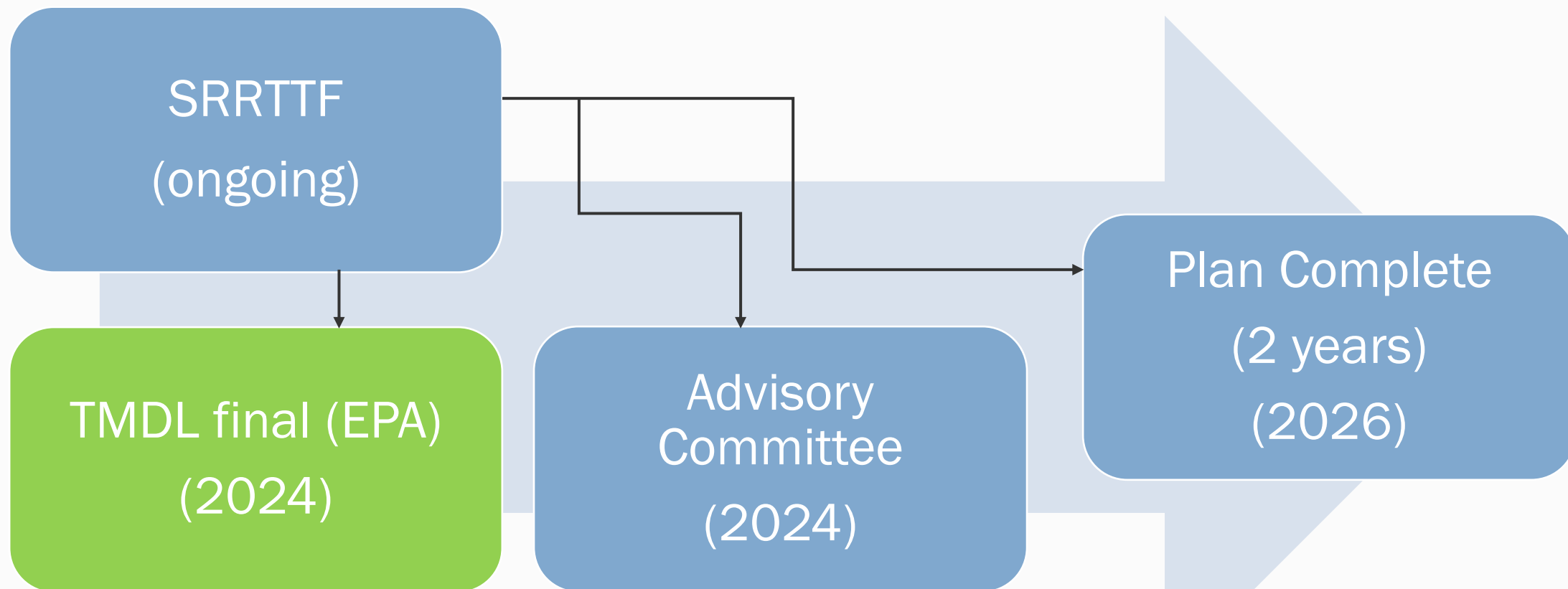


# Pathway to an Implementation Plan (Task Force Sunsets by 2023)



# Pathway to an Implementation Plan

## Task Force does not sunset



# MOA transition tasks

- “Decision to sunset” – memo signed by all parties/TF vote
- Amendment
  - Mutually agreed upon
  - Signed by all parties
- Individual parties, other than permittees
  - Notify and submit to remaining members

# SRRTTF Transition Items: Ecology Review

## CONCUR

- Finalize outstanding contract items (reports)
- Contract ends June 30, 2023
- Websites: Some might be maintained with Ecology pass through funding
- Outreach activities could continue
- ACE administration tasks and close out, responsibility of ACE

## TO BE DISCUSSED (based on regulatory need, funding or advice)

- Partial outstanding/unfinished work (Ecology discretion)
- Data collection and work after July 1, 2023 (advocate for in the Advisory Group)
- SRRTTF website would be archived/replaced with Ecology Advisory Group website
- EIM would be the primary database