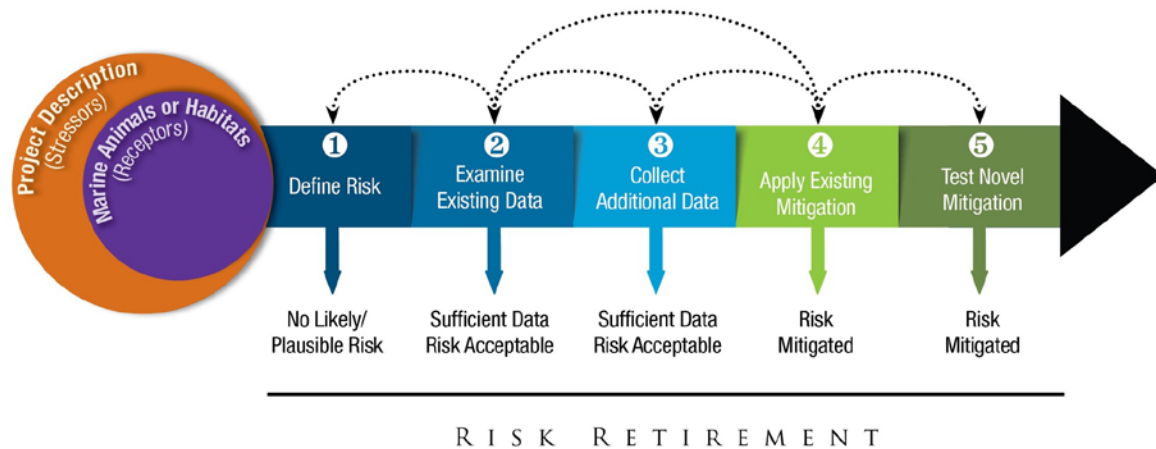


Pathway to Risk Retirement



Define Interaction: Project description (stressors) and Marine animals or habitats (receptors)

Stage Gate 1: Define if likely / plausible risk exists.

If not, risk can be retired.

Stage Gate 2: Determine if sufficient data exists to demonstrate risk is acceptable.

If so, risk can be retired.

Stage Gate 3: Design studies and collect targeted project data. Determine if risk is acceptable.

If so, risk can be retired.

Stage Gate 4: Determine if proven mitigation measure are applicable to mitigate risk.

If so, risk can be retired.

Stage Gate 5: Develop and test novel mitigation measures. Determine if the risk can be mitigated.

If so, risk can be retired.

End of Pathway: If risk is likely / plausible and cannot be mitigated, then project may need to be redesigned or possibly abandoned.