

# SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANNING

What makes interagency planning effective?

# What is an Area Committee?

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- Interagency group charged with pre-planning for oil spills
- Comprised of any player who has a role in oil spill response
- Mandated by OPA 90 Section 4202(4)(A)
- *NW Area Committee: WA, OR and ID*

# Who is on an Area Committee?

- Fire Department
- Tribes
- Local Health Dist.
- Industry
- NGOs
- Private Citizens
- State Police
- State Health Department
- State Env. Regulators
- Federal Env. Regulators
- State Resource Trustees
- Federal Resource Trustees
- Federal Scientists
- Federal Support Agencies

*Area Committee members include anyone who has a role in oil spill response.*

# ACP Policy Examples

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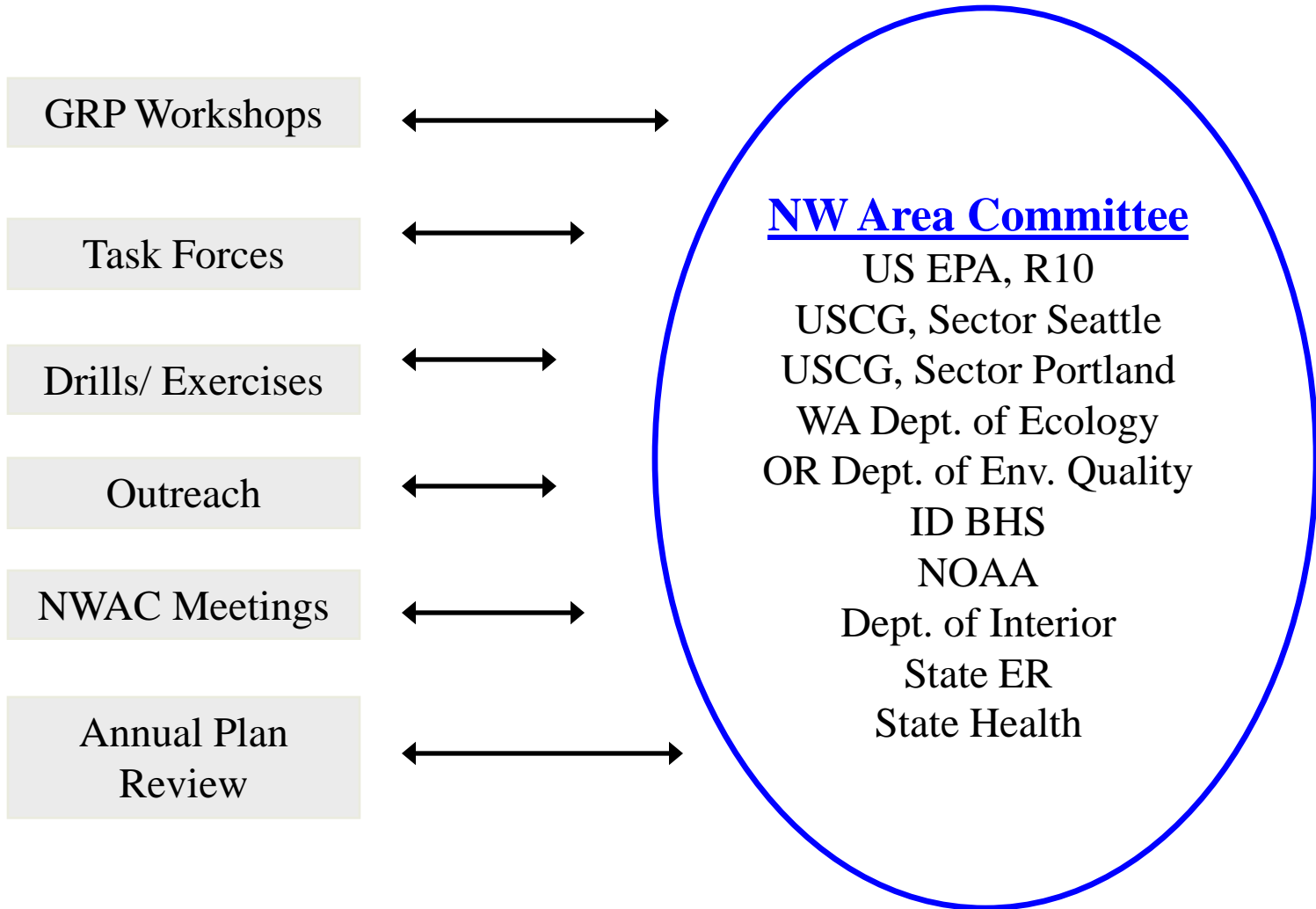
- ❑ Adoption of ICS
- ❑ Dispersant Use Protocols
- ❑ In Situ Burn Protocols
- ❑ Unified Command Membership
- ❑ Public Information Officer - not the spiller
- ❑ Environmental Unit Leader - prefer agency rep
- ❑ Full and Rapid Response from spiller – or risk agency take-over of response

# Response Tools

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- Joint Information Center Manual
- Geographic Response Plans
- Shoreline Cleanup Manual
- Liaison Manual
- Waste Management Plan
- Derelict Vessel Guide
- Wildlife Response Plan
- Places of Refuge Selection

# Engaging Key Partners



# Contingency Plan Update Cycle

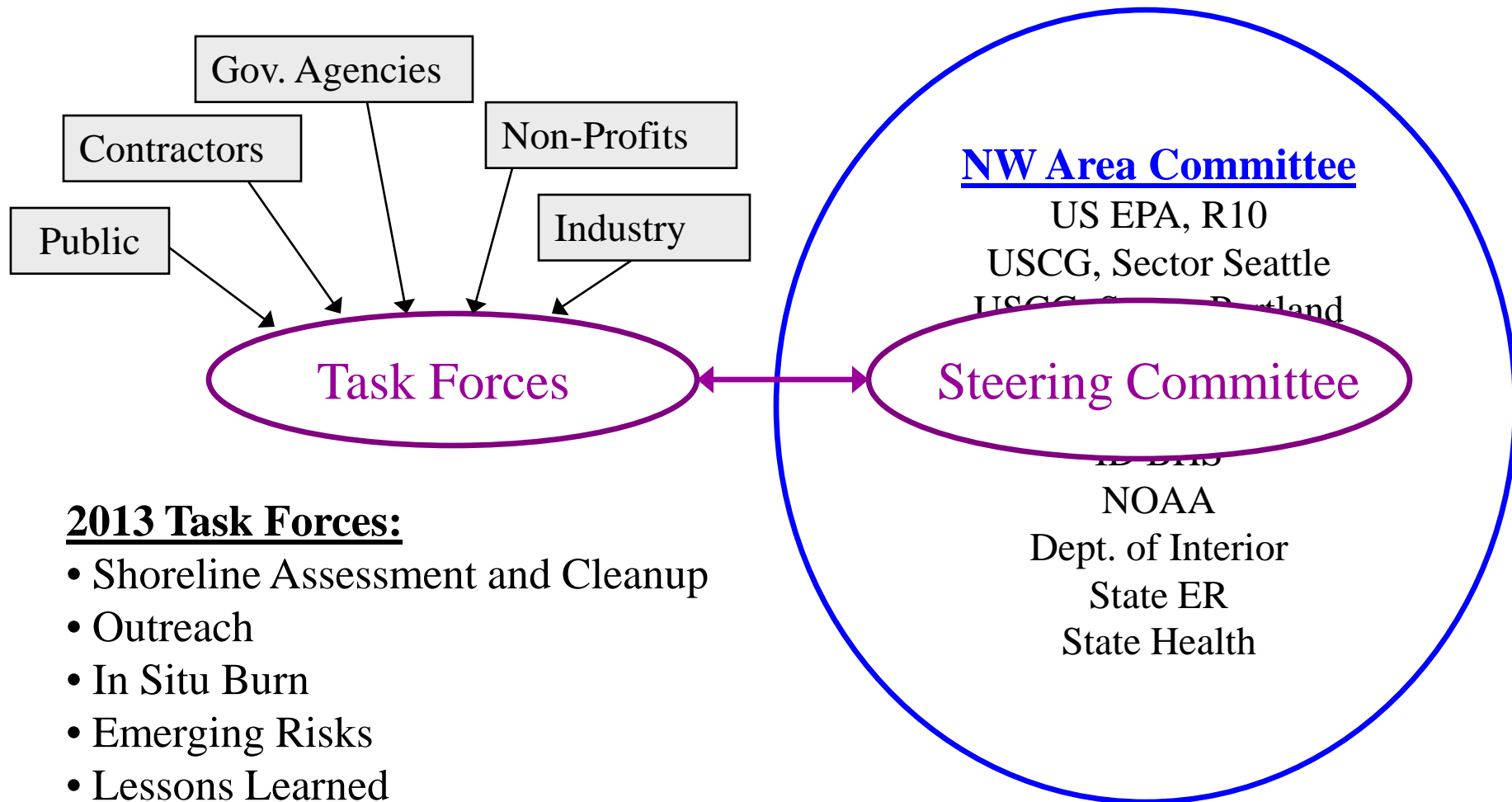
## **Annual Summit Goals:**

1. To Identify and prioritize updates for the 2014 Northwest Area Contingency Plan (NWACP) or issues that need to be address by the NWAC,
2. To identify groups willing to volunteer to coordinate task forces that will work on the high priority plan updates or issues,
3. To identify policies or plans that need to be exercised.

## **Intended outcomes from summit:**

1. Prioritized list of issues or plan updates for executive committee to decide which will be worked on in 2013,
2. Clearly defined work products that each task force would produce in 2013


# Contingency Plan Update Organization



## **2013 Task Forces:**

- Shoreline Assessment and Cleanup
- Outreach
- In Situ Burn
- Emerging Risks
- Lessons Learned
- Wildlife Task Force
- ESA Compliance
- Incident Command Post Pre-Identification





Sounds nice, but how does it  
really work?

# Maintaining NWAC Relevancy within Larger Response Community

- Keep NW Area Contingency Plan current and authoritative
- Ensure layers of planning are consistent
- Create a reliable forum for stakeholders to have open conversation with decision makers
- Low tolerance from public re: pollution motivates participation

# Keeping the NWAC Effective

- No Surprises – can't change reality, can plan for it
- Frequent reminders of risks and vulnerabilities
- Overcome personnel churn
  - Keep area committee members engaged, high level outreach
  - Incoming response community members must be indoctrinated, and buy in to the plan/process
- Responders must follow plan
- Both EPA and USCG employ Area Committee planners to coordinate the group