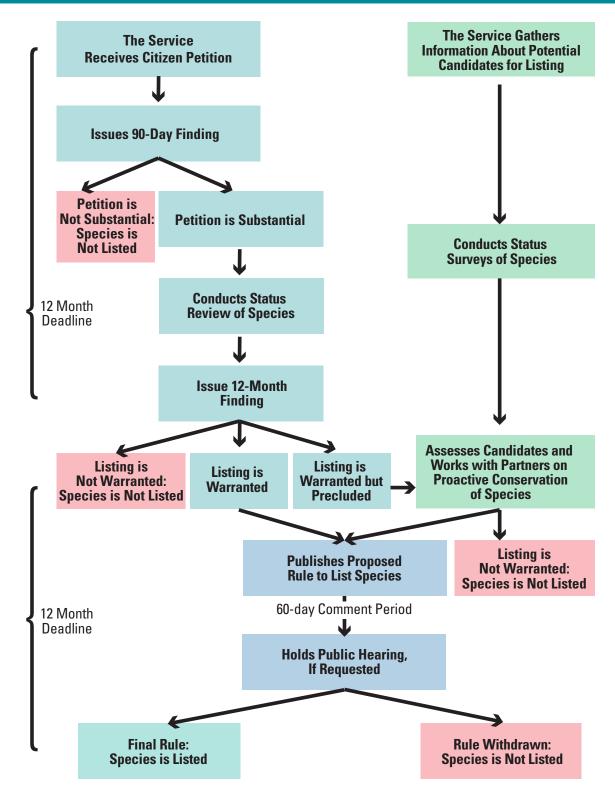


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Note: As part of a court-approved settlement to complete a backlog of listing decisions, the Service has committed to publish certain ESA listing actions – petition findings, listing determinations, critical habitat designations – in Fiscal Years 2013-2018.