Summary of process for sediment sampling and analysis to support a dredging/disposal Marine Licence application

1. **Dredge sediment sampling and analysis identified as required**
   - Applicant submits 'sample plan request form' to NRW PS
   - NRW PS check sample plan request is completed correctly and appropriate fee paid
   - NRW PS instruct Cefas to produce sampling plan on their behalf
   - Cefas provide sampling plan to NRW PS
   - NRW PS issue sample plan to applicant and instruct sampling and analysis to be undertaken in accordance with it

2. **Applicant identifies suitable laboratory for analysis from NRW PS’s approved laboratory list**
3. **Applicant collects samples in accordance with sample plan**
4. **Applicant analyses samples in accordance with sample plan**
5. **Applicant completes ‘NRW PS analysis results template’**
6. **Applicant submits Marine Licence Application, analysis results (on NRW PS analysis results template), application fee and other applications supporting information as necessary (e.g. HRA, WFD, EIA) to NRW Permit Receipt centre**
7. **Once received, the application follows the standard NRW PS process for non-EIA/EIA application (as relevant)**

**Key**

- **Start/End**
- **Document**
- **Process**
- **Decision**

**Timescale**
- Approximately 4 weeks from receipt of complete sample plan request and fee
- Timeframe depends on analysis requirements and laboratory used. Likely to take 2-8 weeks