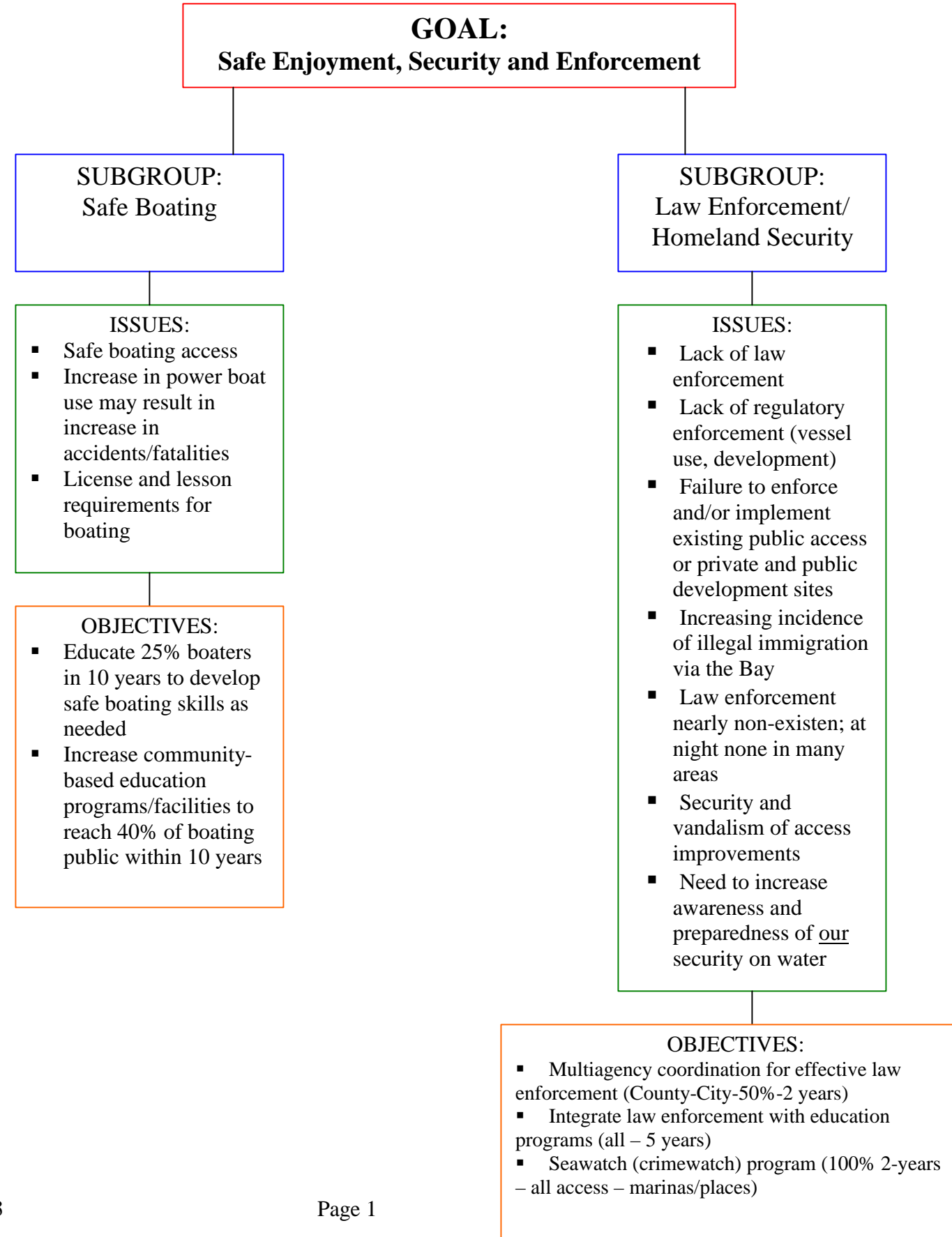
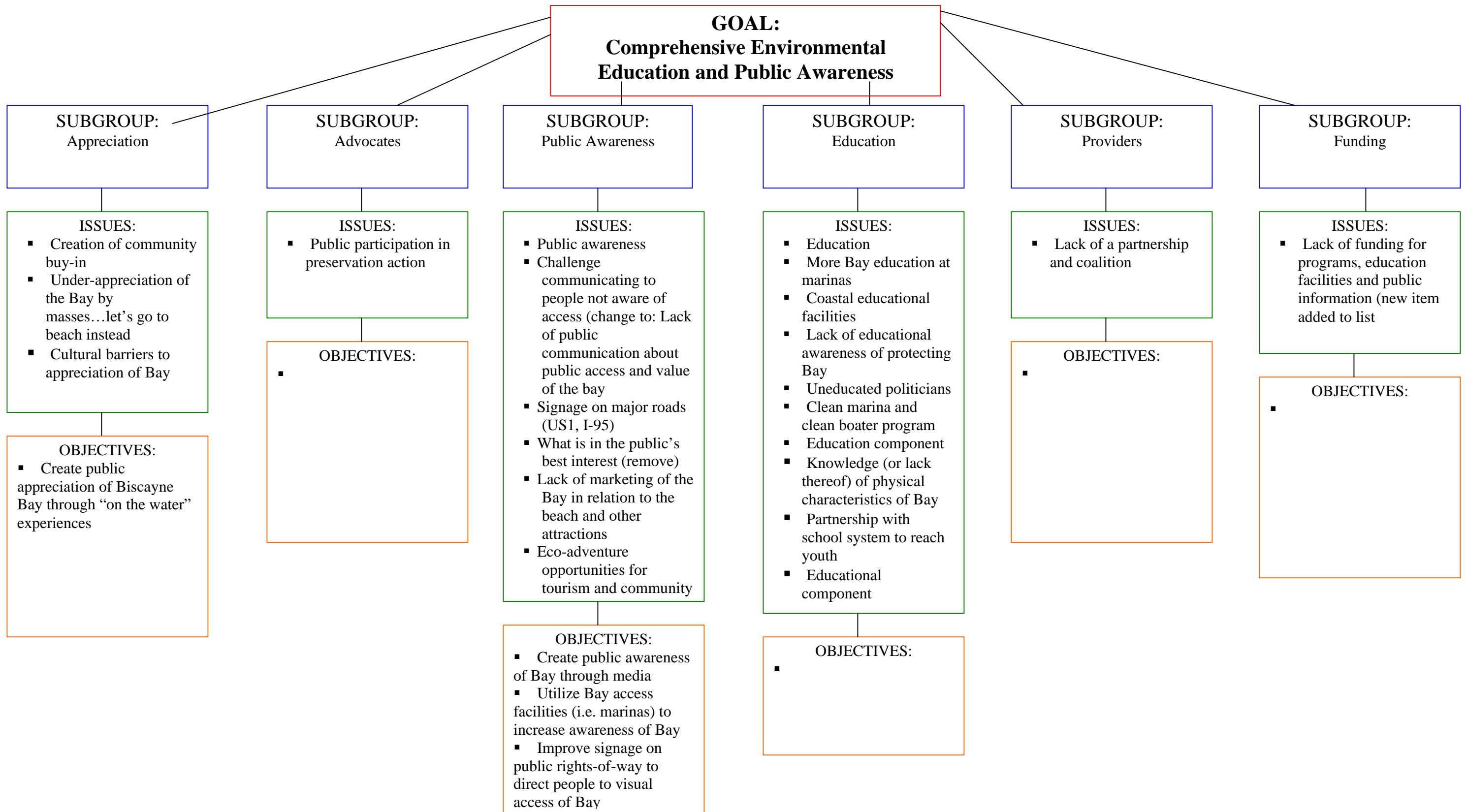


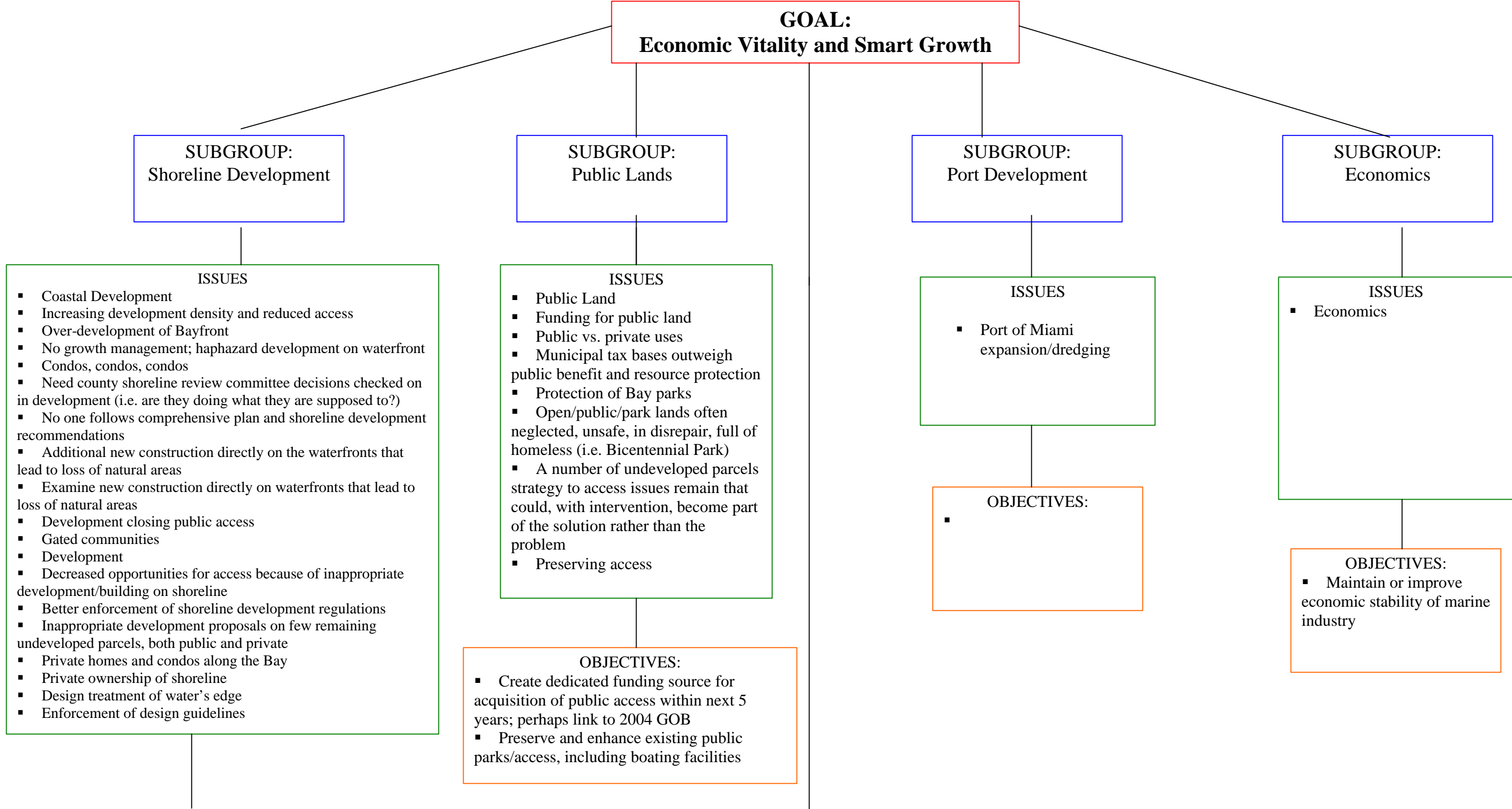
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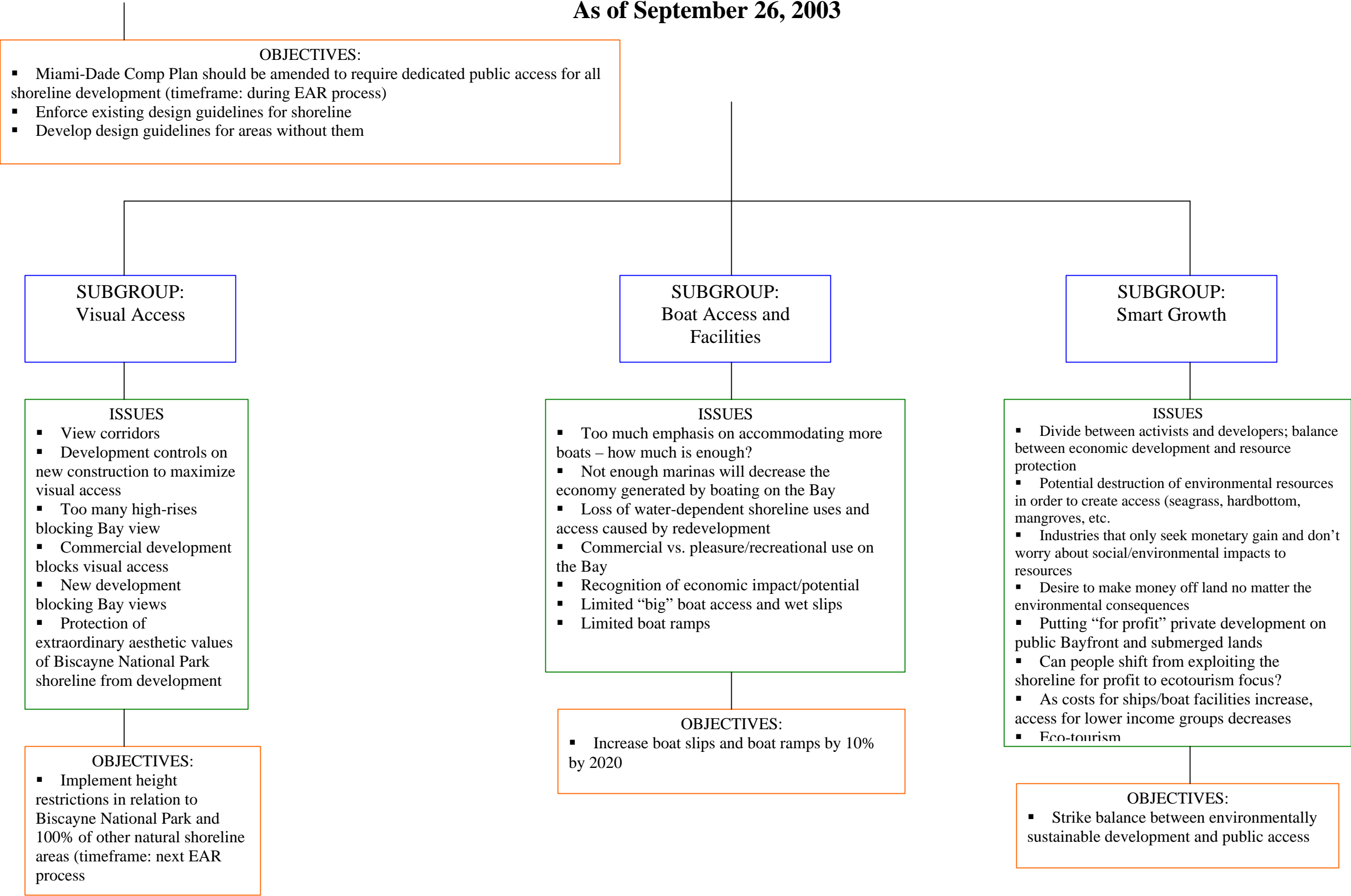
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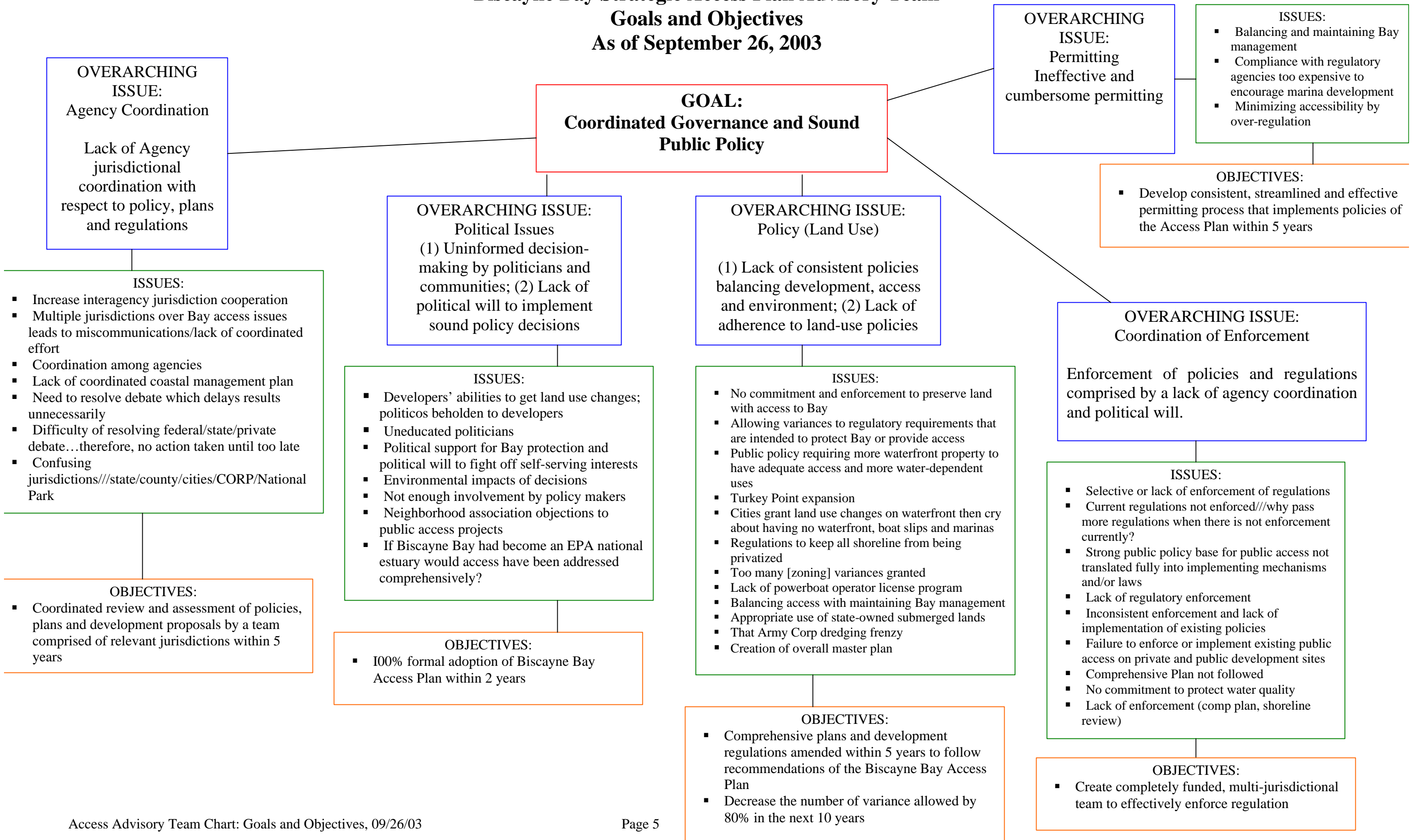
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GOAL:
Respect for Wildlife and Environmental Sustainability

SUBGROUP:
Capacity
Provide opportunities to increase access without sacrificing environmental values or resources

- ISSUES:**
- What is carrying capacity of the Bay?
 - Impacts on water quality from increased use
 - Access Bay on boardwalks through sensitive areas
 - Lack of appreciation for preservation initiatives that have allowed some natural shoreline
 - Too much access could exceed Bay's carrying capacity
 - Increased awareness toward sustainability
 - Without balancing access with other sometimes competing issues, such as aesthetics or environmental protection some intrinsic values of Bay can be lost in the name of access
 - How can we balance access and preservation of habitats>
 - Create designated access points so people do not destroy fragile ecosystems while trying to find places to launch canoes, kayaks, etc.
 - Public might create negative impact if access points are overused
 - Does public access/ownership guarantee protection
 - Must protect intrinsic values of Bay that create the "incentive" to want to access it
 - Lack of appreciation that humans are not the only ones who use the Bay

- OBJECTIVES:**
- Immediately establish parameters for resources with a determination of the maximum uses that provide for sustainability. Efforts should be dynamic, ongoing and dynamic.
 - Implement and use cutting-edge management tools that increase access while preserving wildlife and habitat.

SUBGROUP:
Restoration
The bay must be made accessible to those entities that have the means and ability to environmentally restore the bay. A restored bay provides experiences that can't be provided otherwise.

- ISSUES:**
- Ecosystem resources
 - Resource protection
 - Fragility of ecosystem
 - Habitat protection (e.g. seagrass and natural shoreline)
 - Avoidance of environmentally damaging human impacts
 - Restoring and preserving the environmental integrity of the Bay
 - Loss of habitat

- OBJECTIVES:**
- Identify opportunities within and along the bay for environmental restoration and preservation. Complete this inventory with 1 year.
 - Immediately define activities that have adverse impacts on the environmental quality of bay and eliminate these uses
 - Focus on restoration projects that provide natural means of enhancing water quality (like seagrass, mangroves, sponges, etc.)

SUBGROUP:
Wildlife
Healthy populations of wildlife and habitat need to be increased to enhance access experiences.

- ISSUES:**
- Loss of animal life (e.g. turtles and mammals other than manatees)
 - Fish/shellfish populations; increase biomass
 - Impact of Bay access on critical wildlife habitat
 - Not enough mind is paid to animals and plants in the Bay
 - Manatees and manatee protection
 - Protection of seabirds

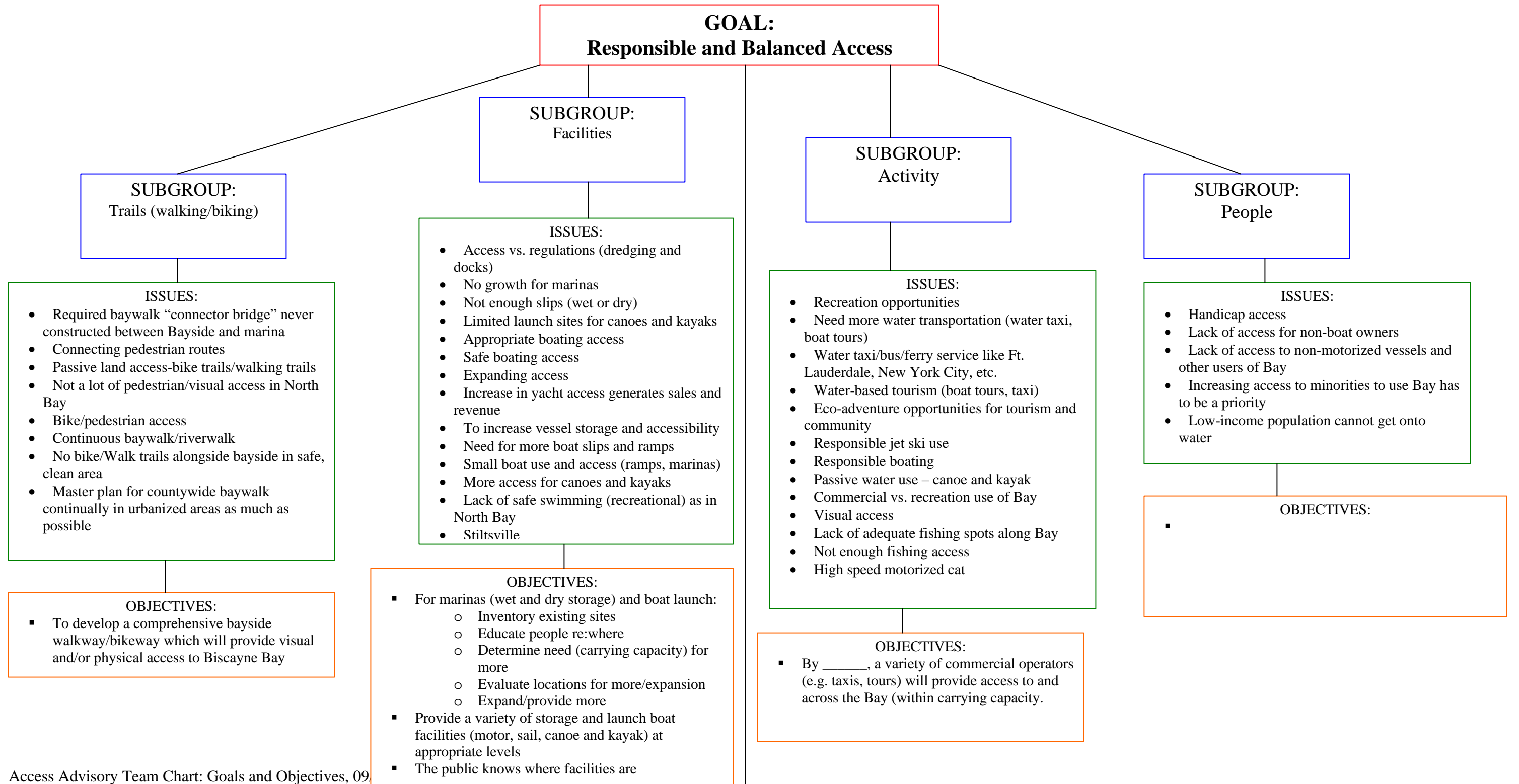
- OBJECTIVES:**
- Immediately, and as information becomes available, revise regulations as needed to enhance fish and other wildlife populations and increase habitat
 - Coordinate state and local agency efforts to maximize fishing and development regulations in order to protect wildlife and habitat

SUBGROUP:
Pollution
Eliminate as many sources of pollution as possible.

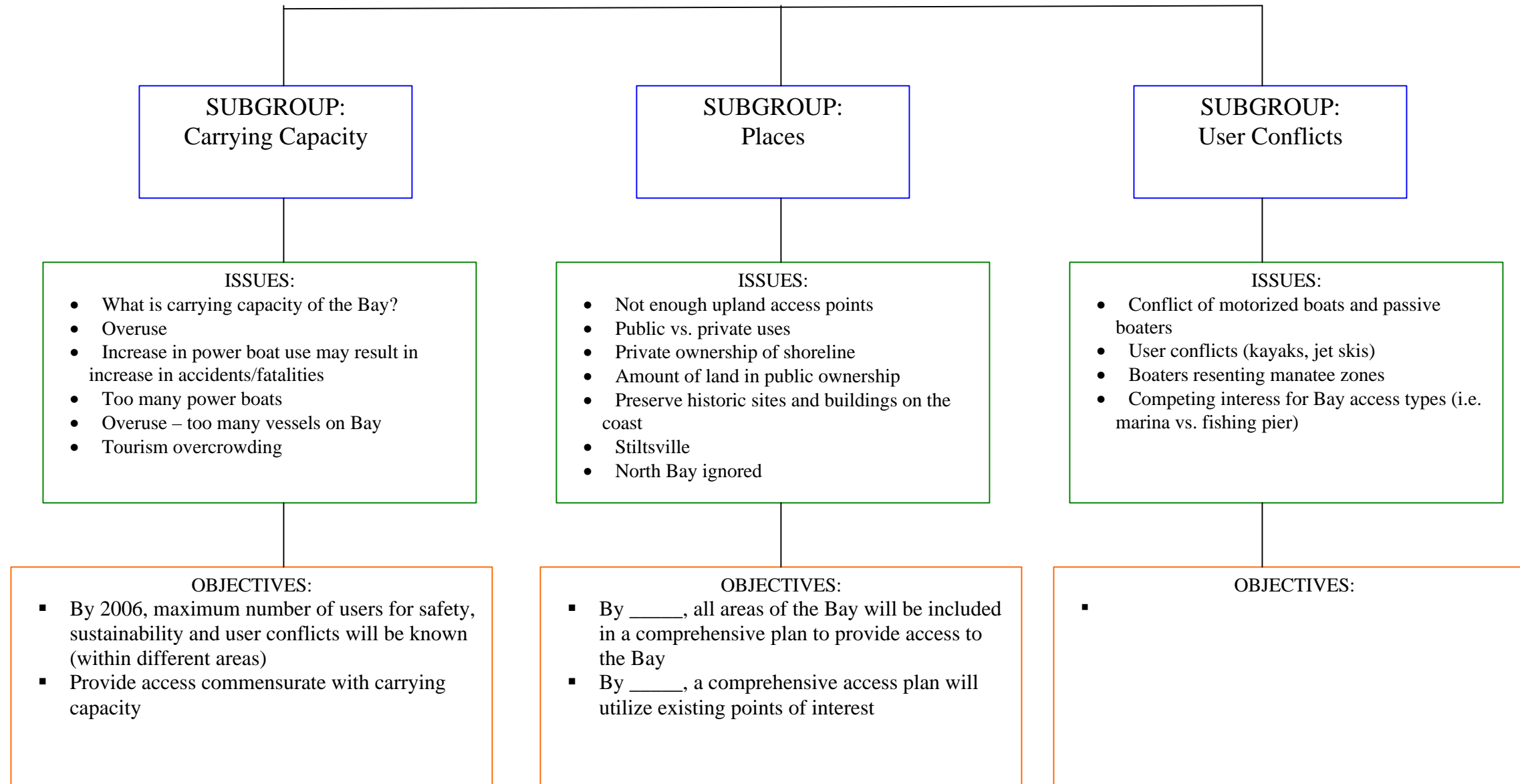
- ISSUES:**
- Water quality
 - Need to control and limit pollution (point sources easier)
 - Water quality is important for access
 - Should be a Bay we can swim in
 - Runoff (stormwater)
 - Mechanical (exhaust, oil, solvents, fuels)
 - Sewage (boats, marinas, uplands)
 - Turbidity
 - Litter/trash
 - Trash in waterways leading to Bay impedes access
 - Trash along the shore
 - Other
 - Noise
 - Air
 - Visual

- OBJECTIVES:**
- Immediately determine sources of pollution
 - Within 5 years, ensure that all types of existing bay access facilities and sites include infrastructure to reduce pollution streams (pump-out stations, solid waste containers, restrooms, etc.); make this infrastructure a requirement for all new access facilities and sites
 - Continue to retrofit sources of stormwater pollution

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