



Carbon and Forest Management Work Group

Developing Scenarios



Meeting 4

February 14, 2024, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Dials to Turn



Harvest rotation length



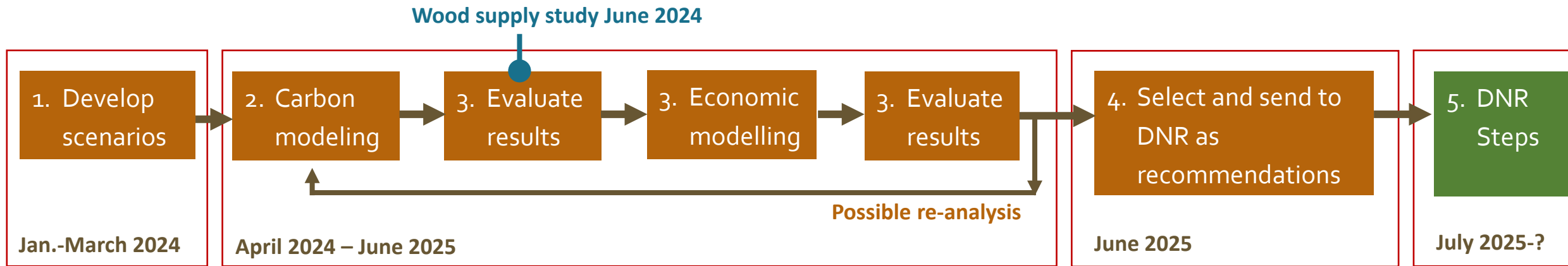
Proportion of thinning to stand replacement harvest

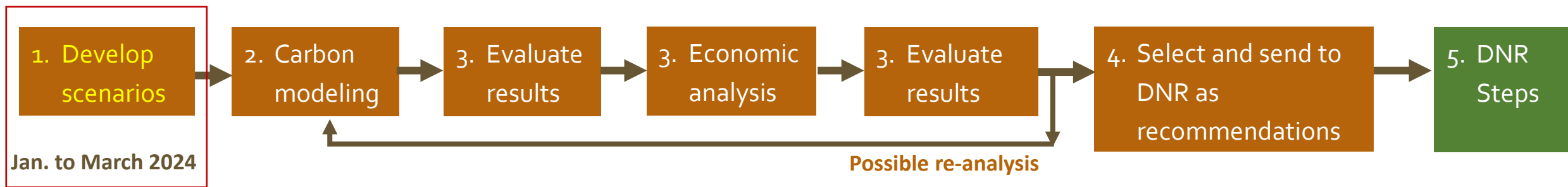


Deferral of structurally complex, carbon-dense forest



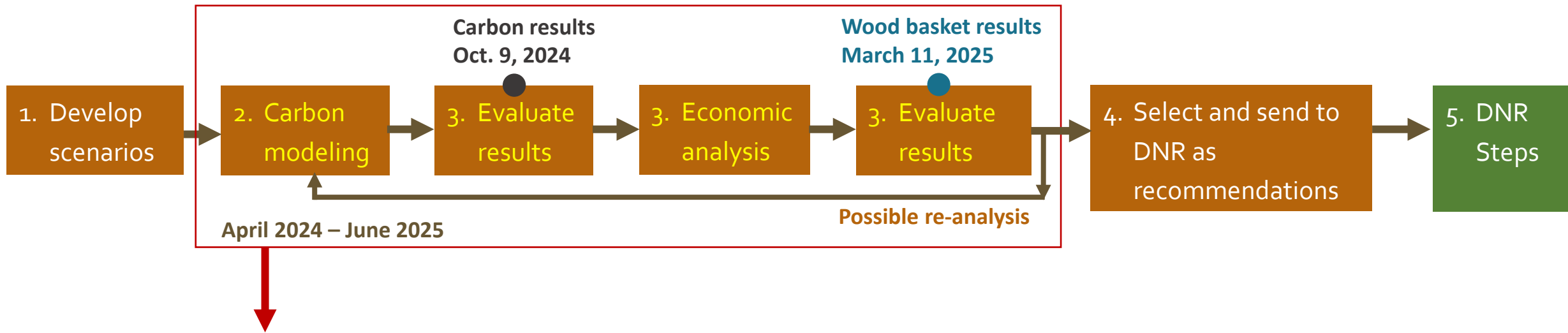
Scenarios: Steps to Completion





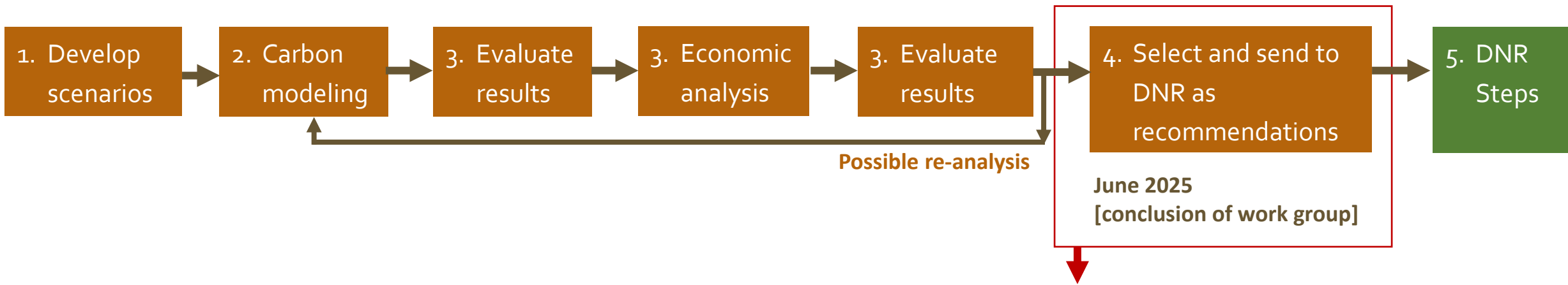
- At this stage, scenarios are NOT management recommendations; **they are IDEAS** that will be vetted through modeling.
- Scenarios need to be fleshed out enough to enable contractors to model them.
- In today’s meeting, we will do a **straw dog poll** to select scenarios to refine further in March.
- In March, the work group will do a **formal vote** on which scenarios to advance into modeling.





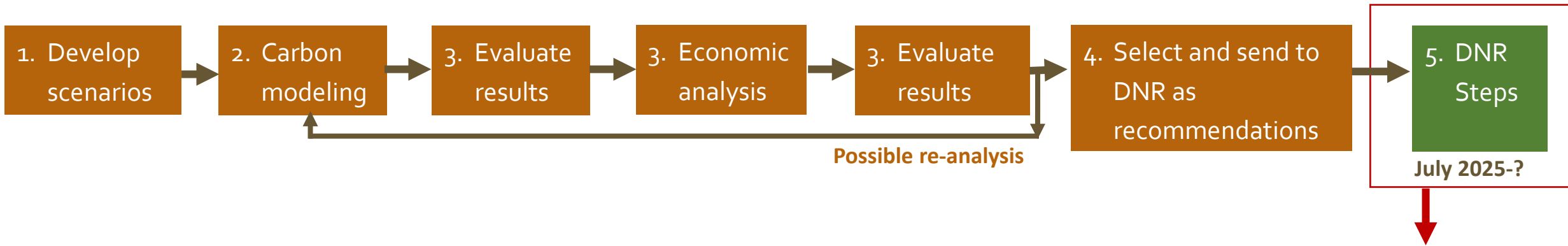
- The purpose of modeling is **to understand the carbon and economic implications of different scenarios.**
- Modeling results are meant to **inform discussion.**
- Work group will discuss ability of scenarios **to meet the five goals in the budget proviso**; the group may eliminate some scenarios or combine them with others.
- Both contractors may each do one additional model run on revised scenarios. Re-analysis results will be presented in May 2025 (carbon) and June 2025 (wood basket).





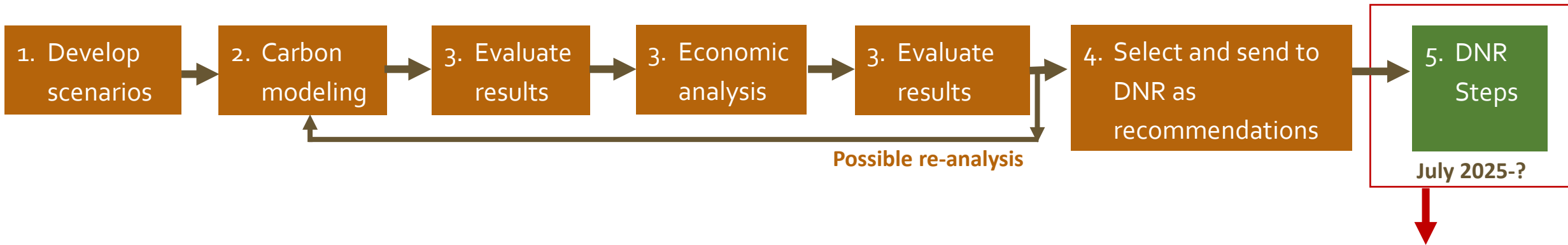
- The work group will review final model results and take a **formal vote** on which scenarios to send to DNR as recommendations. If needed, a **second work group meeting** in June is possible.
- Ideas for creative solutions that cannot be part of the modeling effort will be captured in meeting summaries.





- DNR will prepare and submit a **final report to the legislature** after work group process has concluded. Work group members interested in staying involved may review the report once the draft is ready.





- DNR will present the recommendations to the Board of Natural Resources.
- The Board may direct DNR to model and analyze a recommendation(s) as part of alternative(s) in the western Washington sustainable harvest level. The Board may also choose not to pursue some recommendations.
- Some recommendations may require a change in DNR policies and procedures.
- Some recommendations may require statutory change(s) and/or additional funding.

