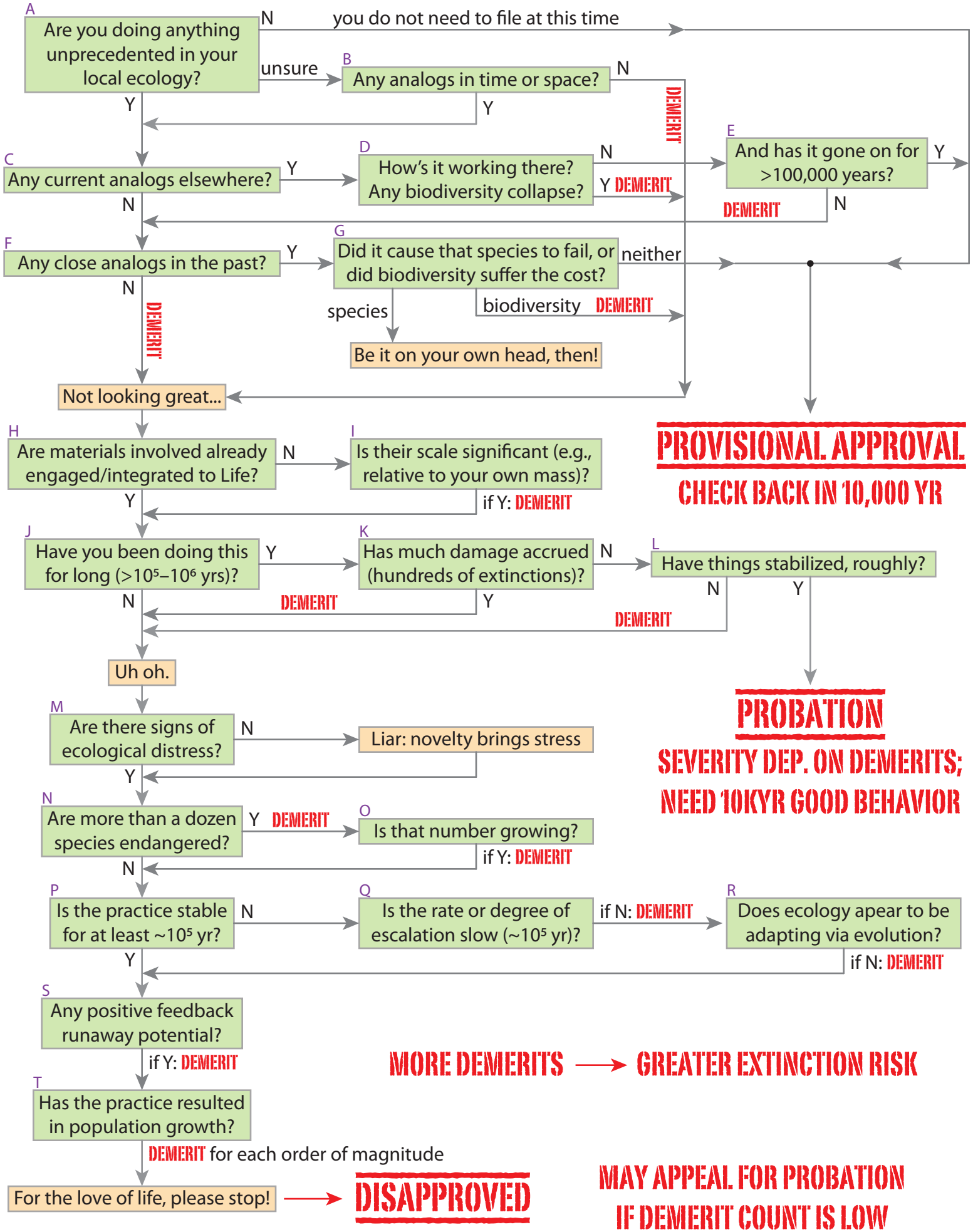
A
Are you doing anything unprecedented in your local ecology?
N
you do not need to file at this time
unsure
B
Any analogs in time or space?
N
DEMERIT
Y
C
Any current analogs elsewhere?
Y
D
How's it working there? Any biodiversity collapse?
N
Y DEMERIT
E
And has it gone on for >100,000 years?
Y
DEMERIT
N
N
F
Any close analogs in the past?
Y
G
Did it cause that species to fail, or did biodiversity suffer the cost?
neither
species
biodiversity DEMERIT
Be it on your own head, then!
N
DEMERIT
Not looking great...
PROVISIONAL APPROVAL
CHECK BACK IN 10,000 YR
H
Are materials involved already engaged/integrated to Life?
N
I
Is their scale significant (e.g., relative to your own mass)?
if Y: DEMERIT
Y
J
Have you been doing this for long (>10⁵–10⁶ yrs)?
Y
K
Has much damage accrued (hundreds of extinctions)?
N
L
Have things stabilized, roughly?
N
Y
DEMERIT
Y
DEMERIT
N
Uh oh.
PROBATION
SEVERITY DEP. ON DEMERITS;
NEED 10KYR GOOD BEHAVIOR
M
Are there signs of ecological distress?
N
Liar: novelty brings stress
Y
N
Are more than a dozen species endangered?
Y DEMERIT
O
Is that number growing?
if Y: DEMERIT
N
P
Is the practice stable for at least ~10⁵ yr?
N
Q
Is the rate or degree of escalation slow (~10⁵ yr)?
if N: DEMERIT
R
Does ecology apear to be adapting via evolution?
if N: DEMERIT
Y
S
Any positive feedback runaway potential?
if Y: DEMERIT
MORE DEMERITS → GREATER EXTINCTION RISK
T
Has the practice resulted in population growth?
DEMERIT for each order of magnitude
For the love of life, please stop!
DISAPPROVED
MAY APPEAL FOR PROBATION
IF DEMERIT COUNT IS LOW