COMLANTFLT NEPA PROGRAM MANAGEMENT WEBSITE

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First: What Is NEPA?

NEPA = **National Environmental Policy Act** of 1969, as amended.

NEPA mandates that Federal agencies "utilize a systematic, interdisciplinary approach that will insure the integrated use of the natural and social sciences and the environmental design arts in planning and decision-making which may have an impact on man's environment."[1]

1 The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as Amended, at Section 102 (A).

COMLANTFLT NEPA Org Flow Chart

(simplified for overview)

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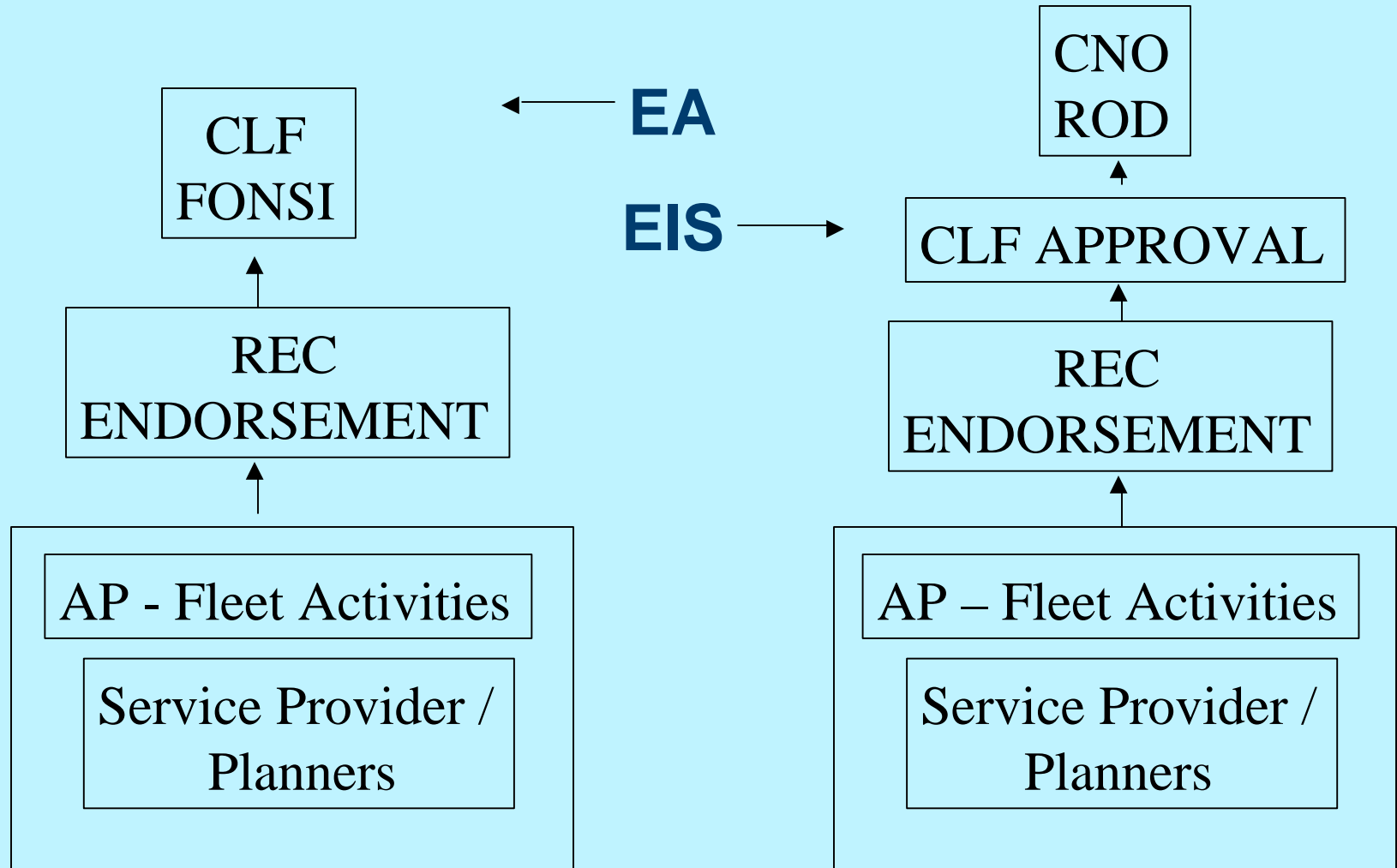
The Nature Of NEPA Project Management At COMLANTFLT

- Projects are Large in Scale (i.e.,Geographically, Environmentally, and in Cost).

- Projects may span over several years in assessment, implementation and monitoring.

- Projects involve the cooperation of a host of team players.

- Projects may involve issues of public concern or controversy.

What Does NEPA Require?

For major federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, a detailed statement is required to assess:

– The impact of the proposed action

– Adverse environmental effects which cannot be avoided

– Alternatives to the proposed action

– Relationship between the local short-term uses of the environment and maintenance of long-term productivity

– Irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources in the proposed action should it be implemented

Example Navy NEPA Documentation

- Training range use
- Security feature modification at Installations
- Building and hangar construction
- Home-base relocation of aircraft
- New sonar use

Navy NEPA Roles and Responsibilities

- Program projects and funding into long-term budget schedule

- Review environmental impacts in the planning stage and at each significant step in project development

- Commit to FONSI/ROD mitigation and monitoring requirements

- Encourage environmental responsibility among personnel

NEPA Website Objectives

- Enhance Navy readiness by streamlining the environmental planning process

- Provide a convenient information-sharing forum for NEPA planners at all levels in the chain of command from Major Claimant to the Regions to the Installations

- Facilitate NEPA project management at all levels in the COMLANTFLT NEPA Chain of Command
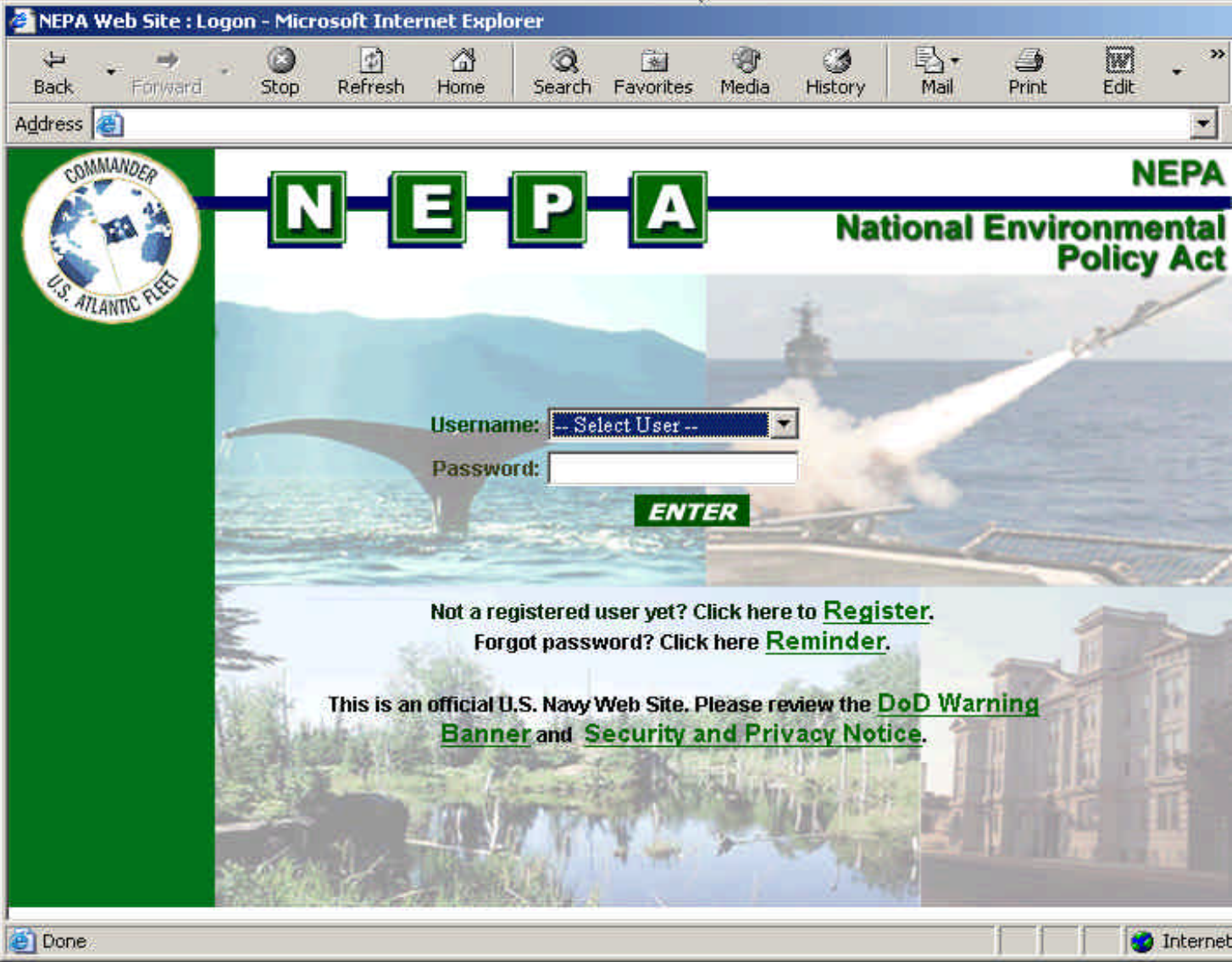
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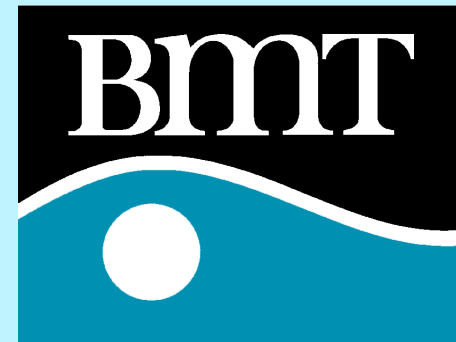
Creating the website involved a team approach involving COMLANTFLT, BMT Designers & Planners, SPAWAR, and DISA

Logging on to the NEPA Website

The Home Page

Home Page Options

- Project management
- Document comment collection
- Legal administrative record
- Resources/Links
- NEPA Working Group site
- Help

Managing the NEPA Project

NEPA Project Activity - Main Menu

Add New Project	NEPA Project Start-Up
Search / Update	Search for a Project by Action Proponent
Reports Menu	Go to Reports Menu

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Capturing the Project Data

REQUIRED FIELDS

Proposed Action: *

Project Location (City, State): *

Action Proponent: *   -- Select One -- ▼

Region: *   --- Select One --- ▼   **Not Applicable:** ☐

Claimant: *   --- Select One --- ▼

NEPA Category: *   --- Select One --- ▼

Status: *   --- Select One --- ▼

Cooperating Agencies: *
(Check all that apply)
☐ SHPO ☐ THPO ☐ NMFS ☐ FWS ☐ EPA
☐ States ☐ DOD ☐ NPS ☐ ACOE ☐ Other ☐ N/A

Associated Documentation: *
(Check all that apply)
☐ ESA ☐ CZMA ☐ NHPA ☐ CAA
☐ IR ☐ MMPA ☐ SocioEcon ☐ Permits
☐ EJ ☐ Noise ☐ CWA ☐ EFH ☐ N/A

OPTIONAL FIELDS

Updating NEPA Projects
And Report Generation

- Once project data has been inserted, projects are updated by submitting dates for completion of various milestones.

- Reports can be generated containing 9 default fields and up to 5 additional fields. Reports can be customized based on: Action Proponent, NEPA category, Region, Major Claimant, or funds year.

- Electronic report pages link back to projects and even to associated project documentation.

Coordinating Document Review and Comments

What Documentation is Available in the Legal Administrative Record?

Self Help and Help Desk Support

NEPA WEBSITE HELP FEATURE

Welcome to the COMLANTFLT NEPA Website Help Feature!

Click on any of the topics below for help on frequently asked questions about that website feature:

[Activity Reporting Module](#)
[Document Comment Collection Module](#)
[Legal Administrative Record Module](#)
[Registered User Rights](#)
[My Question Isn't Covered By These Topics](#)

ACTIVITY REPORTING MODULE

How Do I Enter a New Project?

To enter a new project, you first must have authorization from the Website Administrator to serve as either the Action Proponent or its Proxy for that project. If you do not have this authorization and think that you should, please contact the Website Administrator to adjust your view/edit rights. If you do have authorization, then, to enter a new project click on the **Activity Reporting** button. At the Activity Reporting **Main Menu**, click on **Add New Project**. On the **Add New Project** Screen, enter project information in all **Required Fields** and enter all available information in **Optional Fields**. After entering information, click **Submit**. Next, depending on whether your project involves an EA or an EIS, you will automatically see the **Project Timeline Estimate**. On this page, at this stage, the only required field is located in the bottom right hand corner, **NEPA Complete**. Once you've entered the date for **NEPA Complete** by using the calendar button, the remainder of the timeline will backfill automatically. Once finished, press **Submit**. The project is now entered and is available to be updated over time or edited at any time.

Special Website Features

- Security
- Posting of documents for sharing among peers
- Customizable report generation, including one click for project status
- Web-based administration capabilities
- Adaptability for additional uses

Thank you.   Questions?

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