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Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program

Bremerton Waterfront Improvements EIS

- Modify, remove, and/or replace other piers, wharves, quay walls, buildings, cranes, and utilities
- Upgrade shipyard dry dock capability, capacity, and seismic survivability to support Ford-class aircraft carriers
- Draft EIS is in development and currently planned for public release in 2025
- EIS Project website: <https://bremertonwaterfrontimprovementseis.com>
- SIOP plan: www.navsea.navy.mil/Home/Shipyards/SIOP/

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT & NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

- NEPA was signed into law on January 1, 1970
- NEPA applies whenever Federal agencies propose to take an action with the potential to affect the natural and physical environment
- Federal actions include policies, plans, programs and projects, and include any projects with Federal funding.

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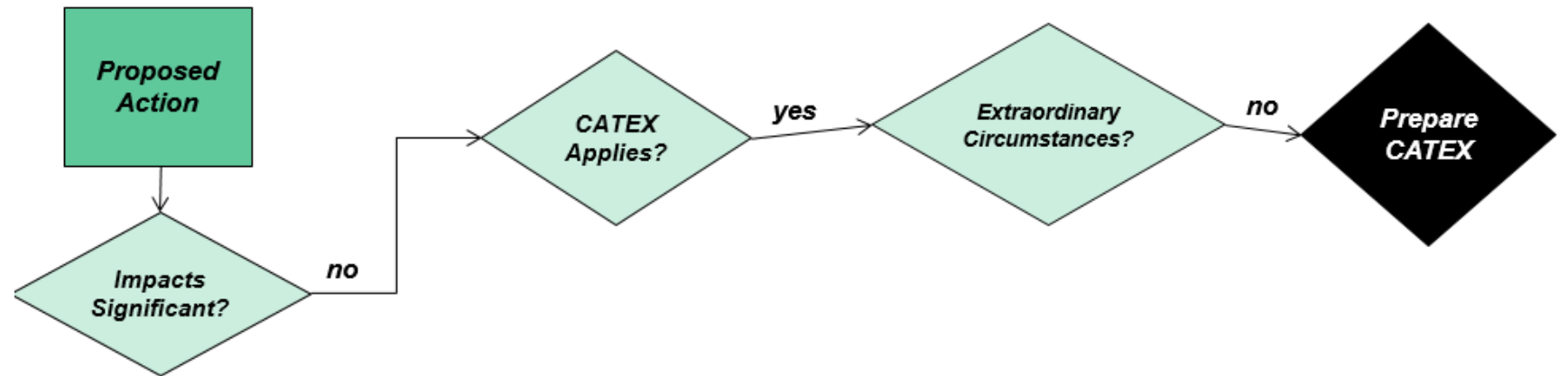
- Two purposes of NEPA: **public involvement** and **informed agency decision-making**.
- NEPA requires federal decision-makers to:
 - Include public involvement as part of the decision-making process.
 - Inform themselves of the environmental consequences of proposed actions that may affect the environment.
 - Consider those consequences in determining courses of action.

The NEPA process is open and transparent to all stakeholders.

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- **Three levels of NEPA analysis:**
 1. Categorical Exclusion (CATEX)
 2. Environmental Assessment (EA)
 3. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- **NEPA documents are often used to demonstrate compliance with other environmental requirements**
 - Navy conducts consultations with various federal and state agencies prior to decision.

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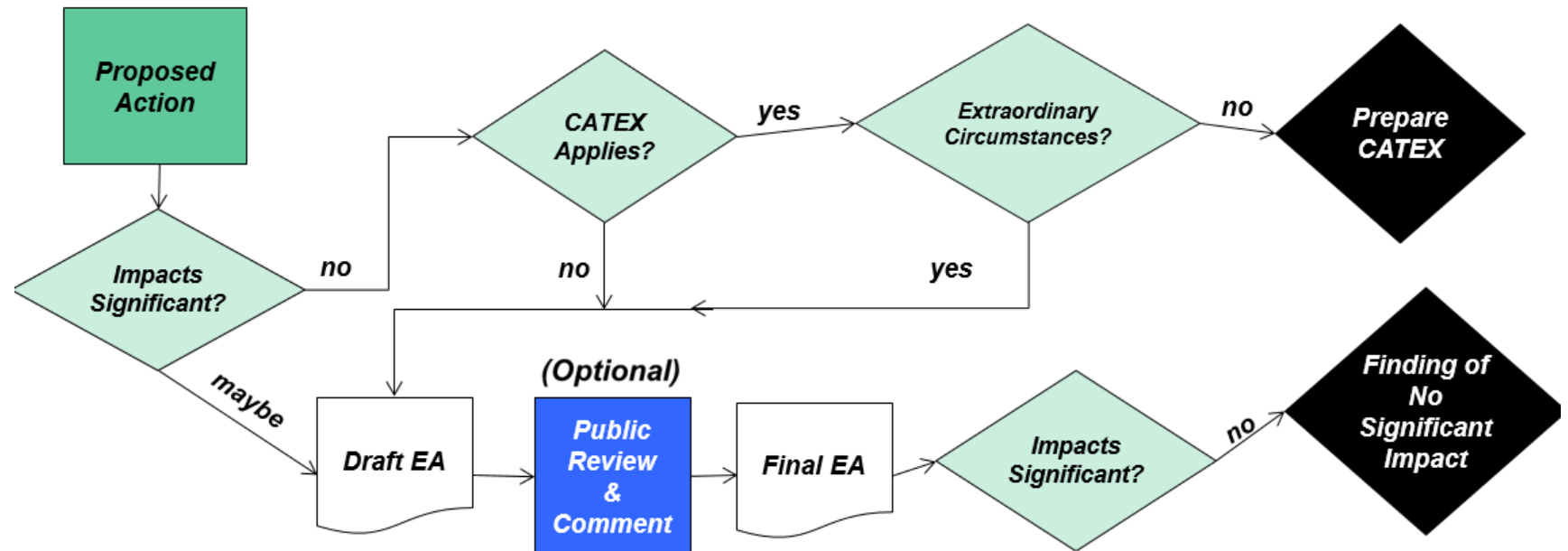


CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CATEX)

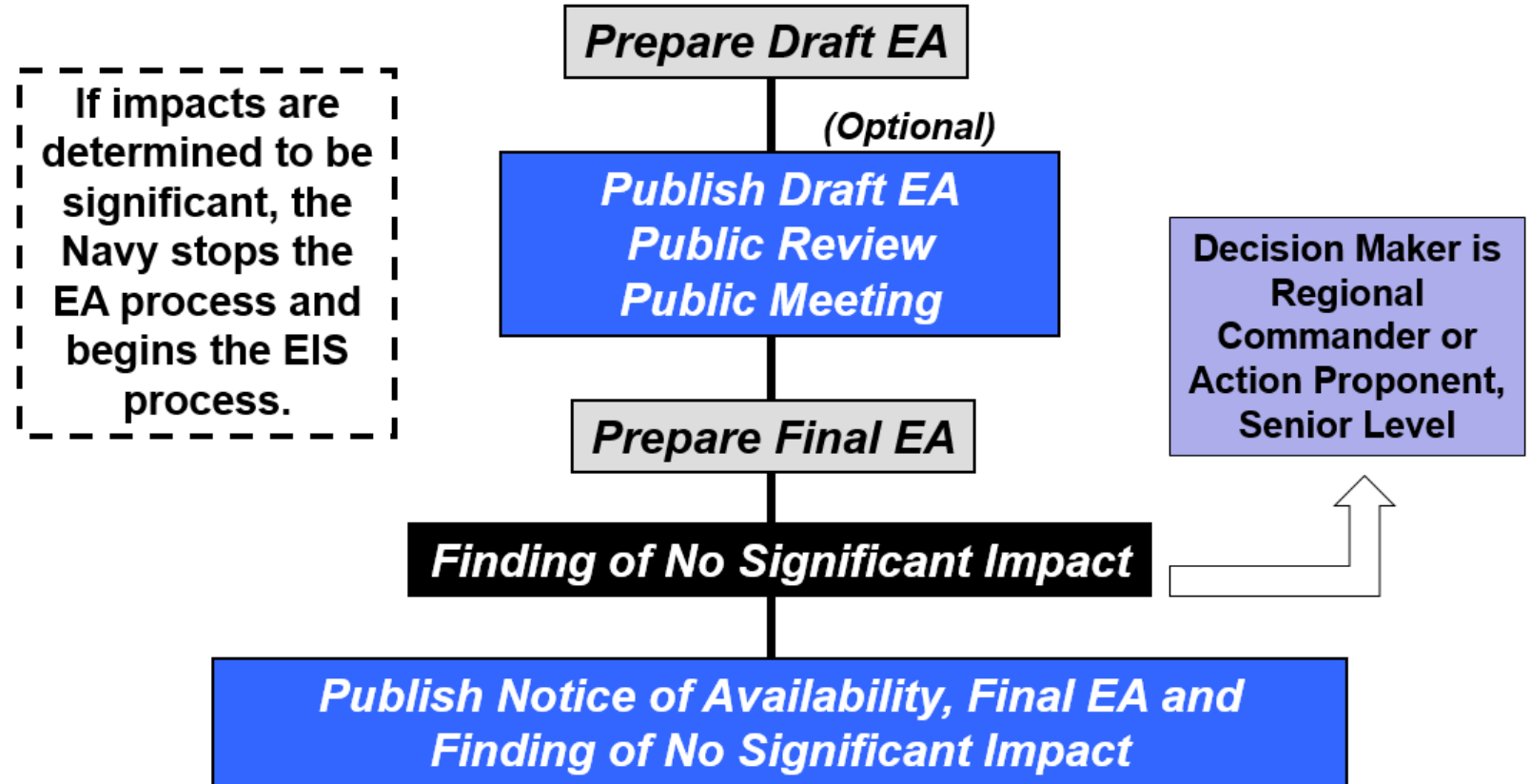
- NEPA regulations allow federal agencies to identify categories of actions that typically do not have significant effects and therefore do not require preparation of an EA or an EIS. These are called Categorical Exclusions (CATEXs).
 - Public involvement is required when agencies develop and/or revise CATEXs
 - Navy has 49 CATEXs that were approved in December 2019.
- The Navy does not routinely involve the public when relying on a CATEX for a specific project.

**Decision maker for a CATEX is at the
base/installation level.**

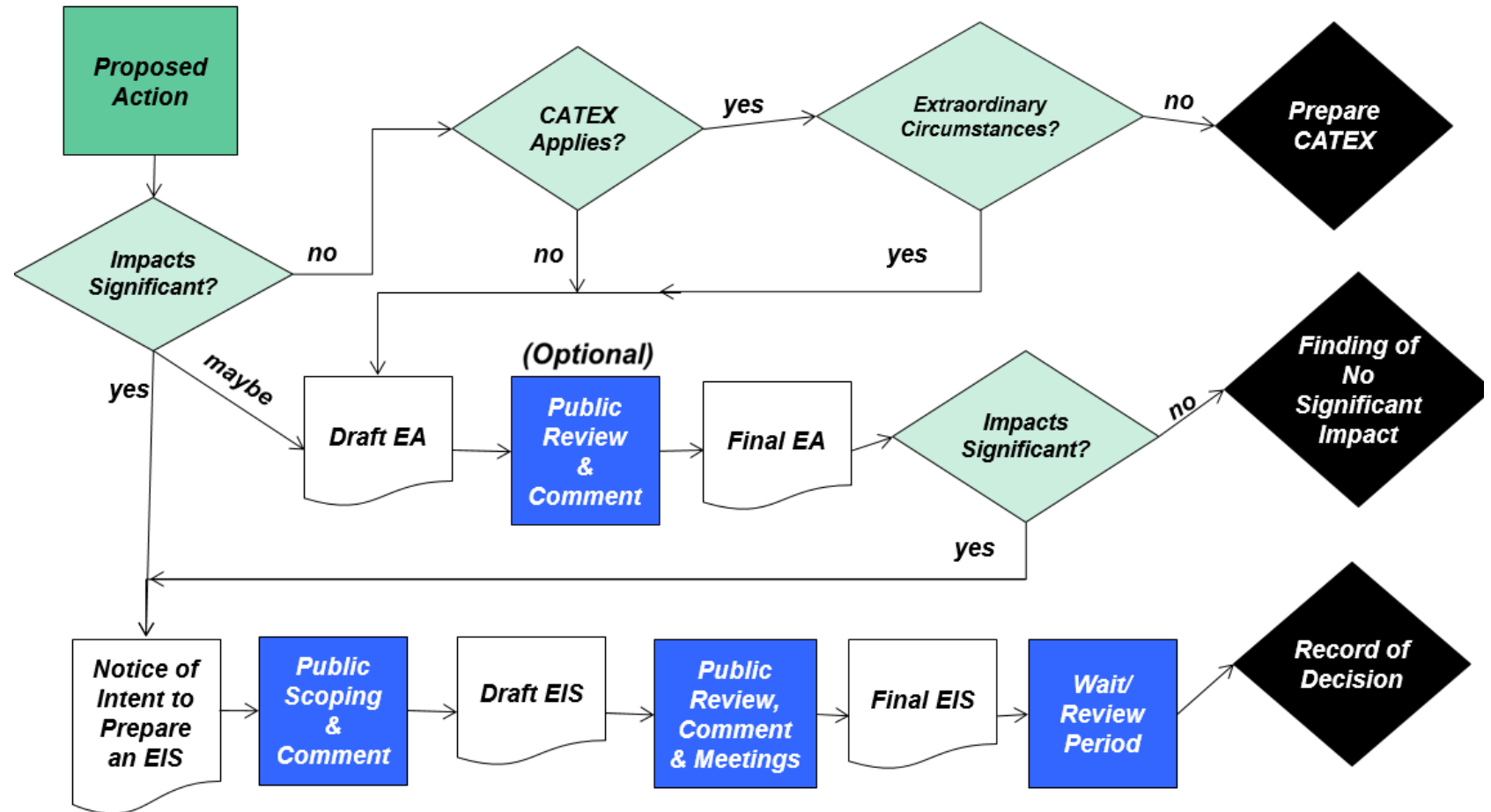
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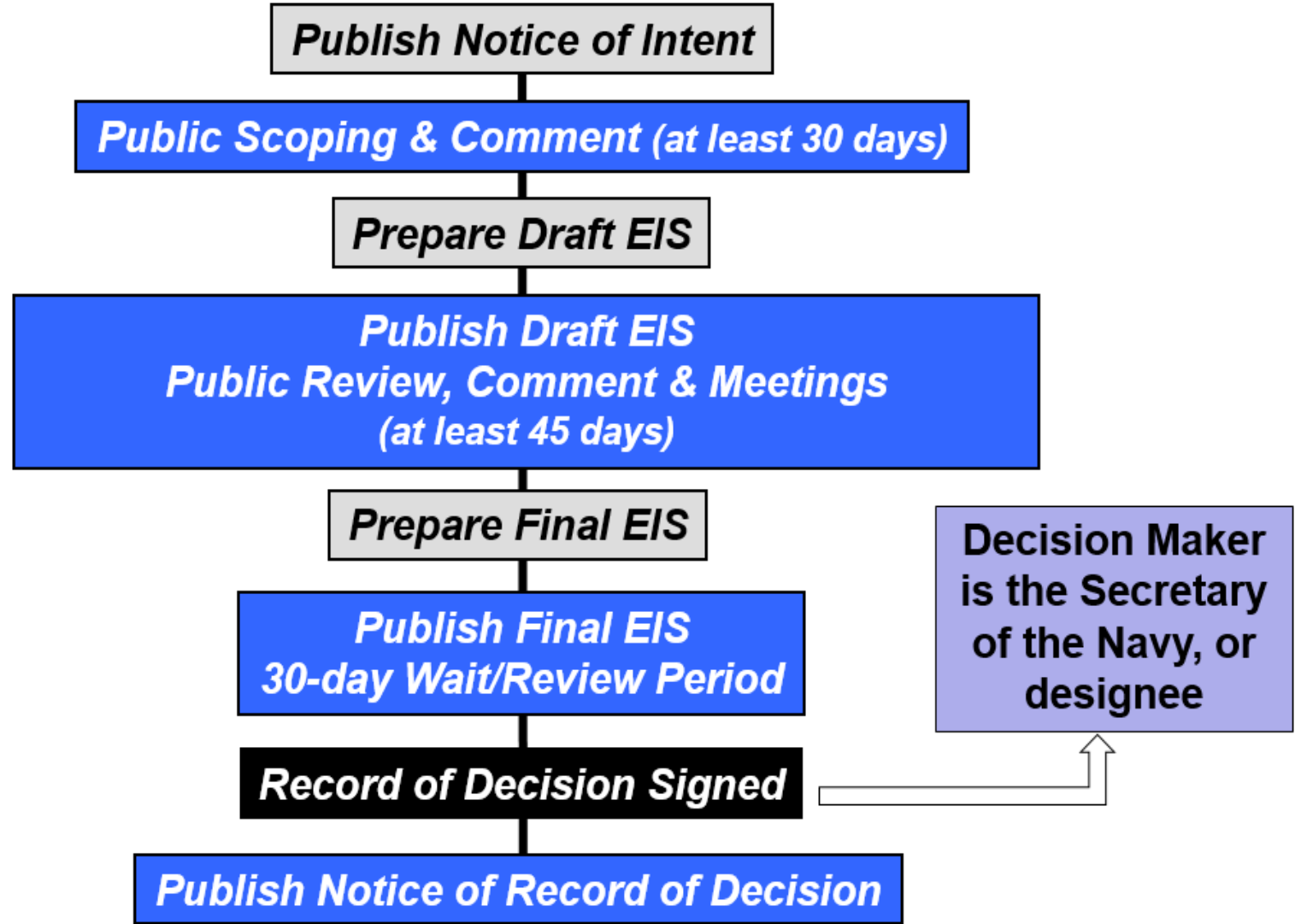
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)



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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)



PROJECTS AND NEPA DOCUMENTS

- Each environmental document serves a specific purpose and need, separated from other actions by independent utility, geographic location, and/or timing.
- Preferred alternatives in NEPA documents can vary.
- Some NEPA documents are stand-alone documents, while others tier off and expand on analyses from existing NEPA documents.
- Each environmental document considers the cumulative impacts to the environment in the action area from other relevant past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions (federal, state, local, private).

Questions?