



# Proposed Marine Protected Area Petition Evaluation and Timeline

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**Marine Resources Committee**  
**California Fish and Game Commission**

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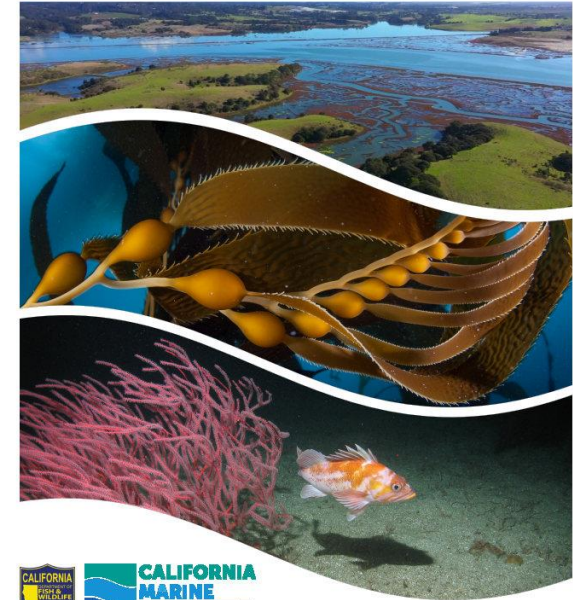
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# Petitions for Proposed MPA Network Changes

- CFGC received **20 petitions** to change MPAs at the December 2023 meeting
- At the February 2024 meeting, CFGC **referred all petitions** to CDFW
- **16 individual organizations** submitted petitions
- Petitions include **80+ proposed petition actions**
- **49+ MPAs and special closures affected** by proposals

## California's Marine Protected Area Network **DECADAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW**

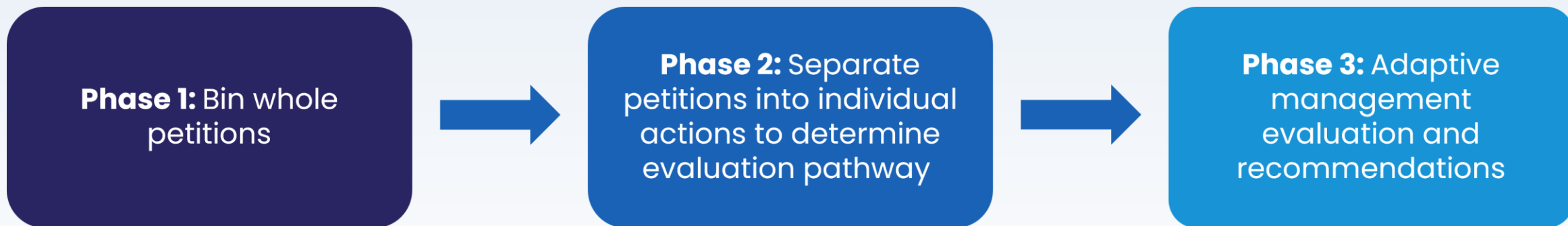


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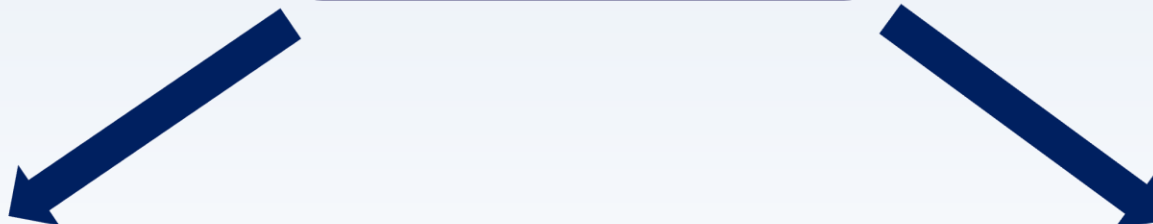
# Proposed Petition Evaluation Framework: 3-phase Approach





# Phase 1: Bin Whole Petitions

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Bin whole petitions



## **Bin 1**

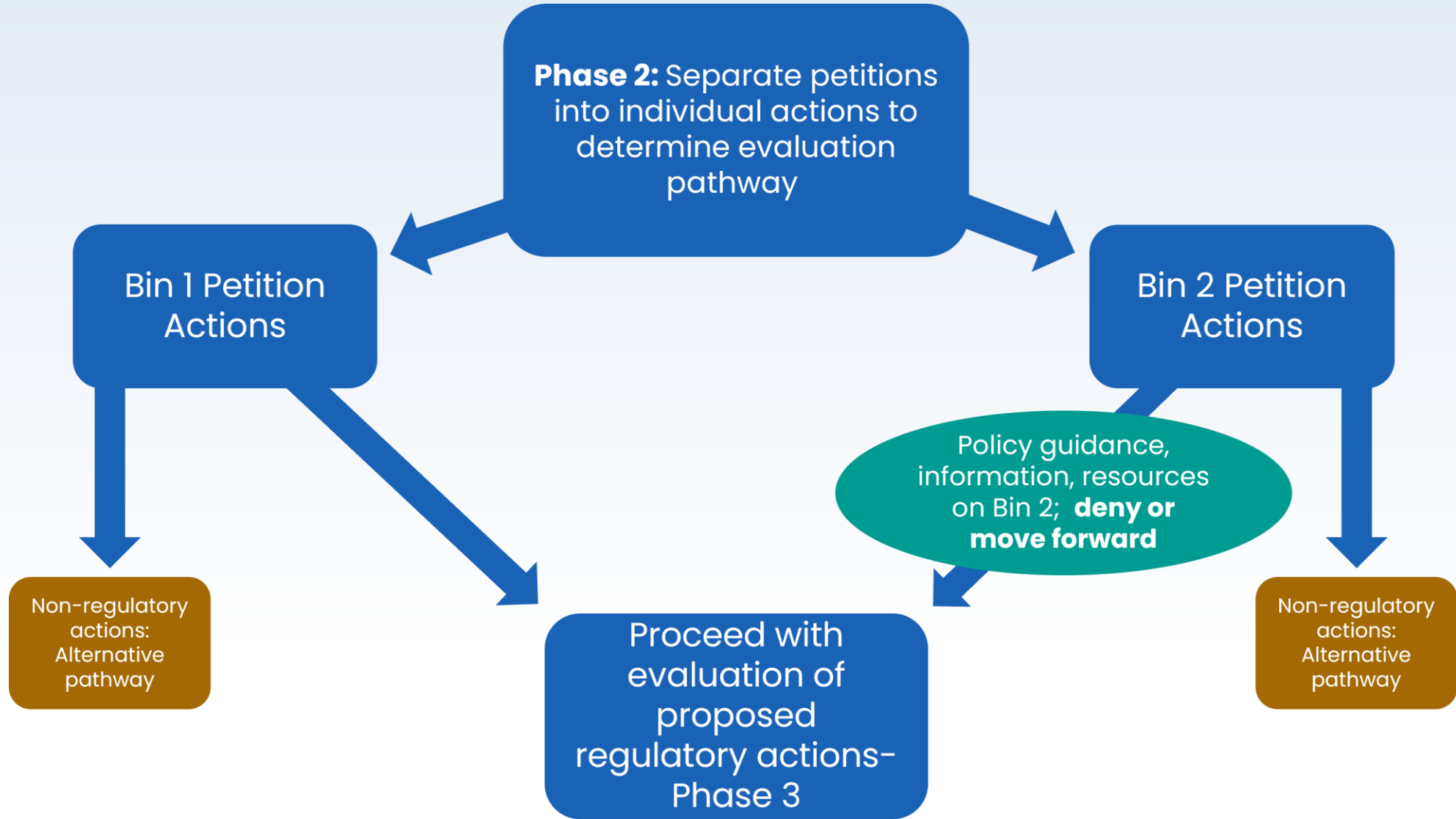
- Policy direction not needed for next phases
- Within CFGC authority
- Immediate evaluation possible
- Limited clarification needed from petitioner
- Limited controversy anticipated

## **Bin 2**

Do not meet criteria for Bin 1

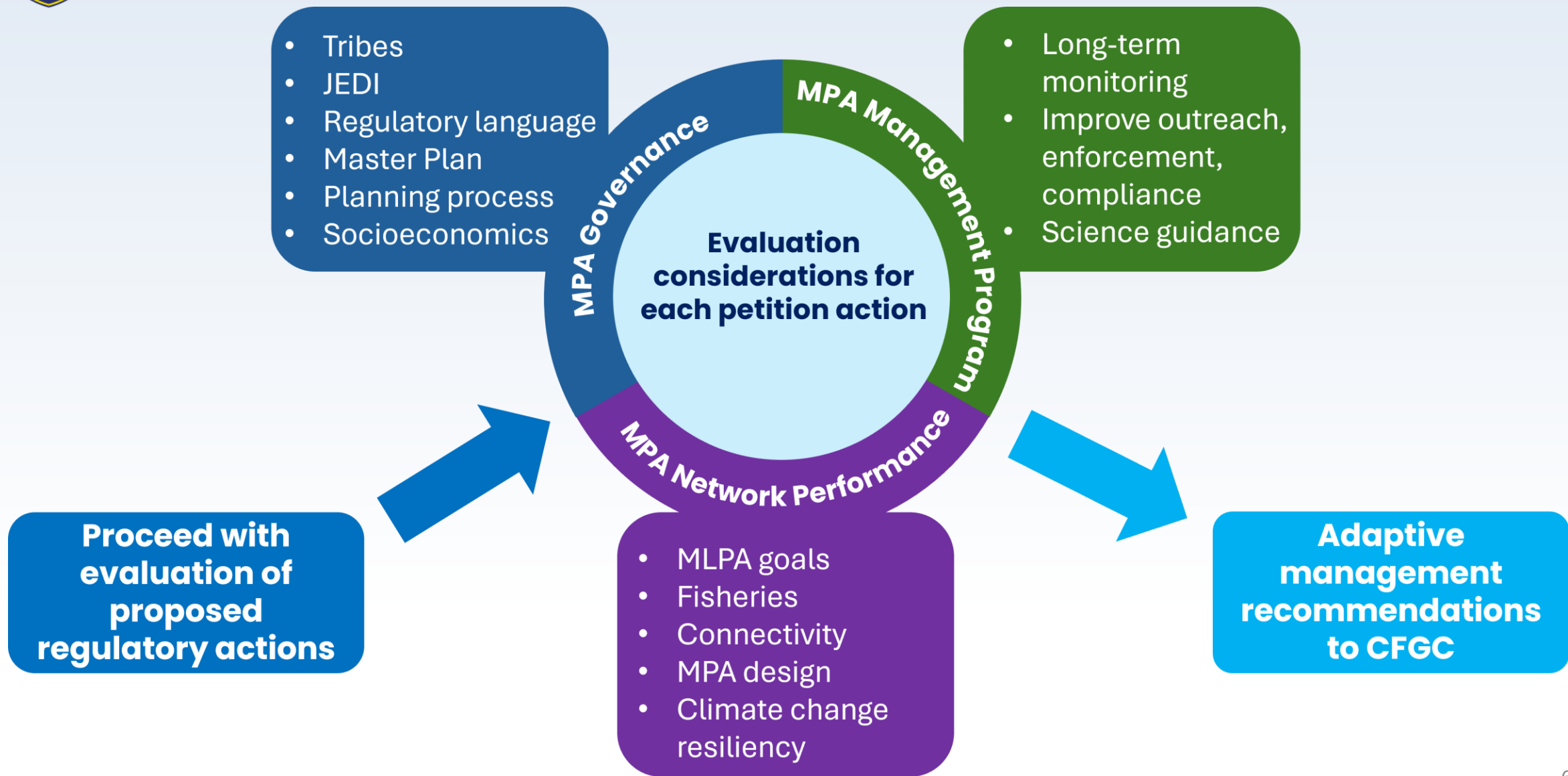


# Phase 2: Actions and Evaluation Pathway



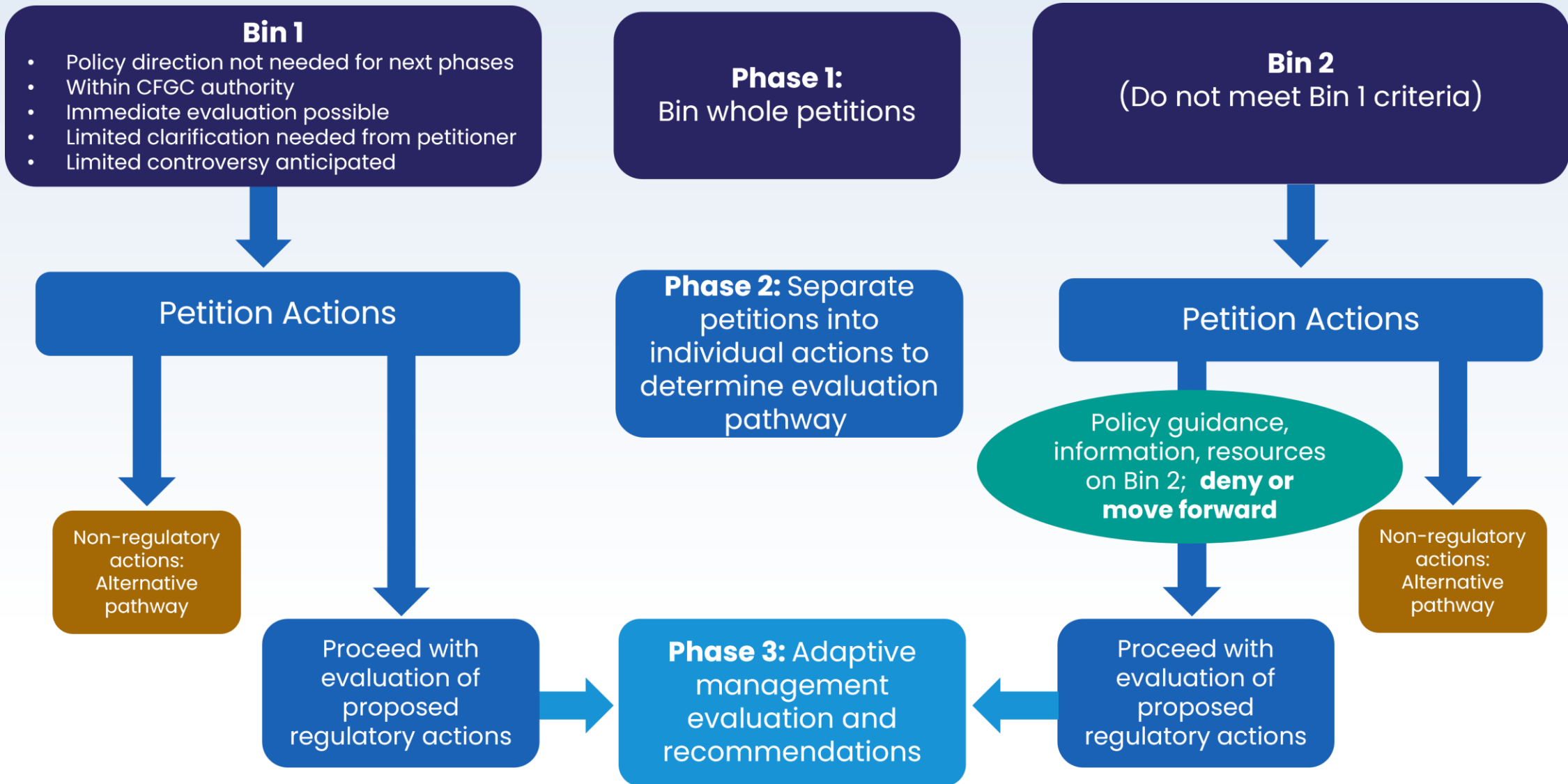


# Phase 3: Evaluation Considerations and Recommendations





# Proposed Petition Evaluation Framework: Detailed 3-Phase Approach





# Proposed MPA Petition Evaluation: Anticipated Timeline

## Development of evaluation framework

- MRC and FGC receive and discuss 3-phase evaluation process.
  - MRC: March 19
  - CFGC: April 17

## Phase 1: Sort petitions into 2 Bins

- Sort petitions and discuss petitions in Bin 1 and Bin 2.
- MRC July 18
- FGC August 14

## Phases 2 and 3: Separate petitions into individual actions, receive guidance on Bin 2 actions as needed, move forward with evaluation.

- Anticipate Bin 1 and 2 evaluation timelines will vary.





# Thank You

Questions?

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