



# Draft Phase 1 Proposed Marine Protected Area Petition Bins

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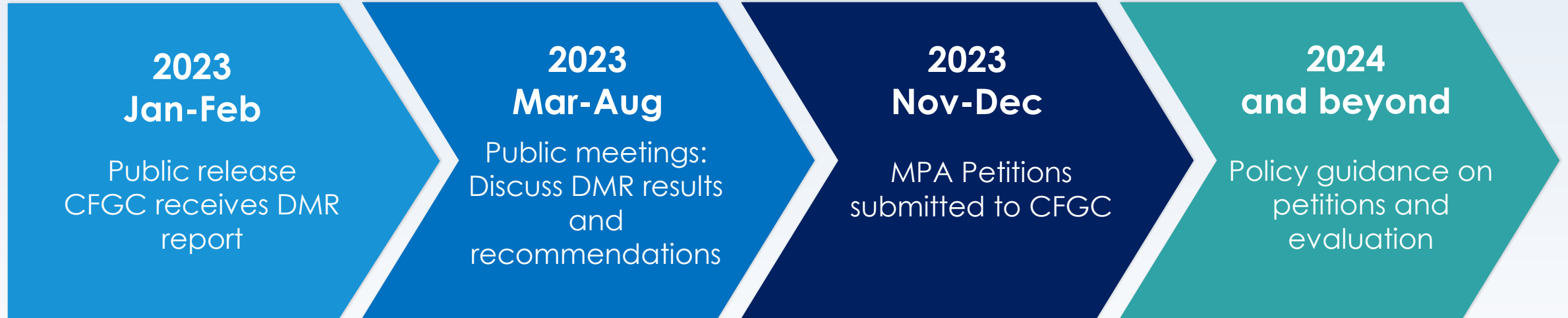
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**California Fish and Game Commission**

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# How We Got Here: DMR Report and Petition Timeline



CFGC=California Fish and Game Commission  
CDFW=California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
DMR=Decadal Management Review

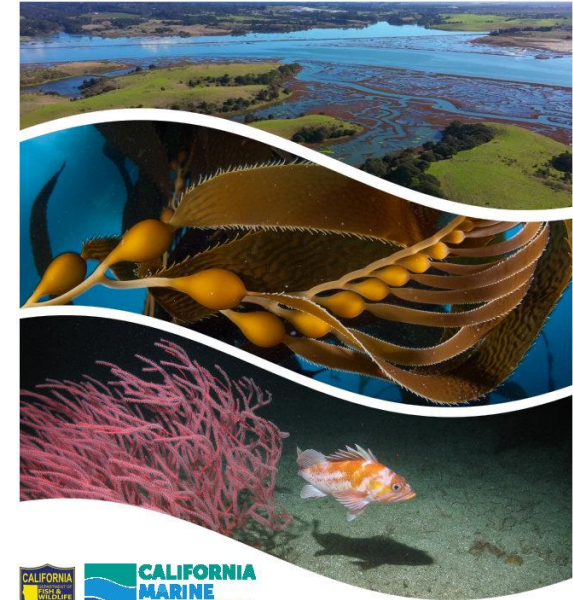




# Petitions for Proposed MPA Network Changes

- CFGC received **20 petitions** to change MPAs at the December 2023 meeting
- **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**



2022





# Where We Are: MPA Petition Process 2024

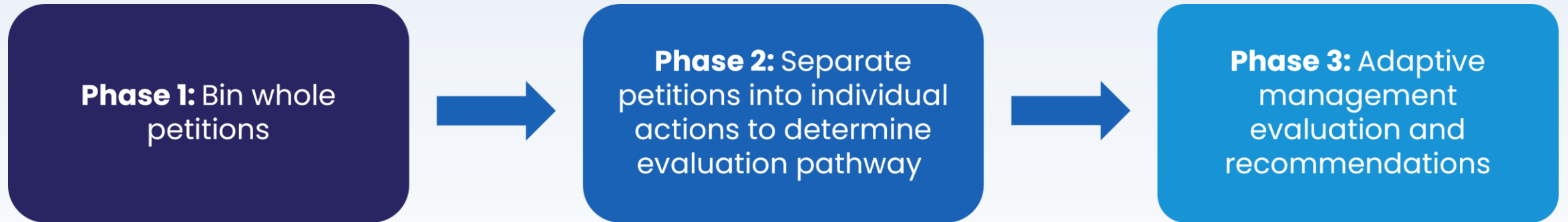
**2024  
and beyond**

Policy guidance on  
petitions and  
evaluation

- **February 2024** - CFGC referred all petitions to CDFW for evaluation
- **March 2024** – CDFW proposed 3-phased approach to petition evaluation process
- **April 2024** – CFGC accepted CDFW's approach
- **May 2024** – CDFW released a blog with the draft petition binning for public review
- **July 2024** - Marine Resources Committee discussion



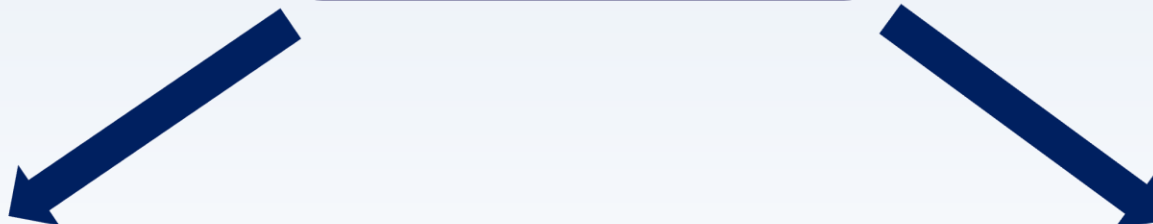
# Petition Evaluation Framework: 3-phase Approach





# Phase 1: Bin Whole Petitions

**Phase 1:**  
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



# Draft Proposed Bin 1 Petitions

CFGC Tracking No.	Brief description	Policy guidance needed?	Within CFGC authority?	Evaluate in the near-term?	Clarification needed from petitioner?	Limited controversy anticipated?
2023-22MPA	Orange County MPAs; change color coding on outreach maps, update regulatory language	N	Y/N	Y	N	Y
2023-25MPA	Catalina Island MPAs; change color coding on outreach maps, remove fish feeding; boundary update	N	Y/N	Y	N	Y
2023-26MPA	San Diego County MPAs; change color coding on outreach maps; Swami's SMCA boundary shift	N	Y/N	Y	N	Y
2023-30MPA_1	Big River SMCA; change Dungeness crab gear and take limits	N	Y	Y	N	Y
2023-31MPA_1	Drake's Estero SMCA; subsume into Estero de Limantour SMR	N	Y	Y	N	Y



# Draft Proposed Bin 2 Petitions (1 of 3)

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2023-14MPA	Allow commercial take of sea urchins in 9 SMCAs	Y	Y	N	N	N
2023-15MPA	Northern Channel Island MPAs; allow take of highly migratory species; pelagic finfish	Y	Y	N	N	N
2023-16MPA	Bodega Head and Stewarts Point SMRs; redesignate to SMCAs to allow commercial salmon trolling	Y	Y	N	N	N
2023-18MPA	Santa Barbara County MPAs; modify take allowances; modify special closures; create small SMCA within Vandenberg SMR	Y	Y/N	N	N	N
2023-19MPA	Designate new tribal SMCA with take exemption for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians	Y	Y	N	Y	N





# Draft Proposed Bin 2 Petitions (2 of 3)

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2023-20MPA	Point Buchon MPAs; tribal take exemption for Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians, boundary shift	Y	Y	N	Y	N
2023-21MPA	Pyramid Point SMCA; tribal take only for Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, boundary adjustment	Y	Y	N	Y	N
2023-23MPA	Monterey County MPAs; designation changes, new permitting process, various other activities	Y	Y/N	N	Y	N
2023-24MPA	Laguna Beach no-take SMCA boundary shift	N	Y	N	N	N
2023-27MPA	Anacapa SMCA; redesignation to SMR, or partial redesignation	Y	Y	N	N	N




# Draft Proposed Bin 2 Petitions (3 of 3)

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2023-28MPA	San Luis Obispo County; new MPA near Point Sal	Y	Y	N	N	N
2023-29MPA_1	Santa Barbara County; new tribal co-management MPA with Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians	Y	Y	N	Y	N
2023-32MPA_1	Duxbury Reef SMCA; redesignate to SMR and expand boundaries	Y	Y	N	N	N
2023 33MPA_1	Expand boundaries of multiple SMCAs and SMRs; designate new MPA	Y	Y	N	N	N
2023-34MPA_1	Redesignate Point Buchon SMCA to SMR; modify take allowances in Farnsworth SMCAs	Y	Y	N	N	N



# Next Steps: Implement DMR Recommendations

## Near-Term (ongoing – 2 years)

- Rec 1: Improve state agencies tribal engagement
- Rec 4: Apply Review knowledge to Network/Management changes 
- Rec 7: Expand outreach and education materials
- Rec 9: Continue OPC coordination
- Rec 10: Improve coordination across Management Program pillars
- Rec 11: Update Action Plan
- Rec 16: More targeted outreach to specific audiences
- Rec 17: Improve SCP process
- Rec 18: Use policy to review MPA restoration/mitigation efforts
- Rec 20: Increase enforcement capacity
- Rec 21: Enhance citation record keeping and management
- Rec 25: Implement MPA climate change research
- Rec 27: Improve understanding of MPA effects on fisheries

## Mid-Term (2 – 5 years)

- Rec 2: Create pathway to tribal MPA management
- Rec 3: Build tribal capacity to participate in MPA management
- Rec 6: Include and fund more diverse researchers and stakeholders
- Rec 8: Evaluate MPA accessibility
- Rec 12: Improve understanding of human dimensions
- Rec 13: Explore innovative technologies
- Rec 14: Develop MPA community science strategy
- Rec 15: Evaluate Outreach needs and resource effectiveness
- Rec 22: Increase knowledge on MPA judicial outcomes
- Rec 23: Examine MPA Network design attribute more effectively
- Rec 26: Consider climate change in human dimensions monitoring
- Rec 28: Integrate influencing factors into MPA performance evaluations

## Long-Term ( 5- 10 years)

- Rec 5: Establish targets to meet MLPA goals
- Rec 19: Create MPA Enforcement Plan
- Rec 24: Better incorporate marine cultural heritage into MPA Network

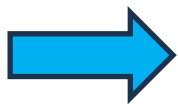




# Roadmap for Today's Discussion

- **Draft bins and justifications**
  - Move petitions?
  - Change criteria outcomes and justifications?
- **Evaluation process and timeline**
  - Phase 2: Individual actions
  - Policy guidance
  - Extent of evaluations and trade-offs
- **Next steps and MRC recommendations for August CFGC meeting**

Scan for draft bins and justifications



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