



# Process Overview for Vetting Application for New Aquaculture Lease

## Applicant: San Andreas Shellfish Company

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

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# Today's Overview

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- Introduction to application
- Enhanced leasing process recap
- Integrating applicant into new process
- Today's goals
- Next steps

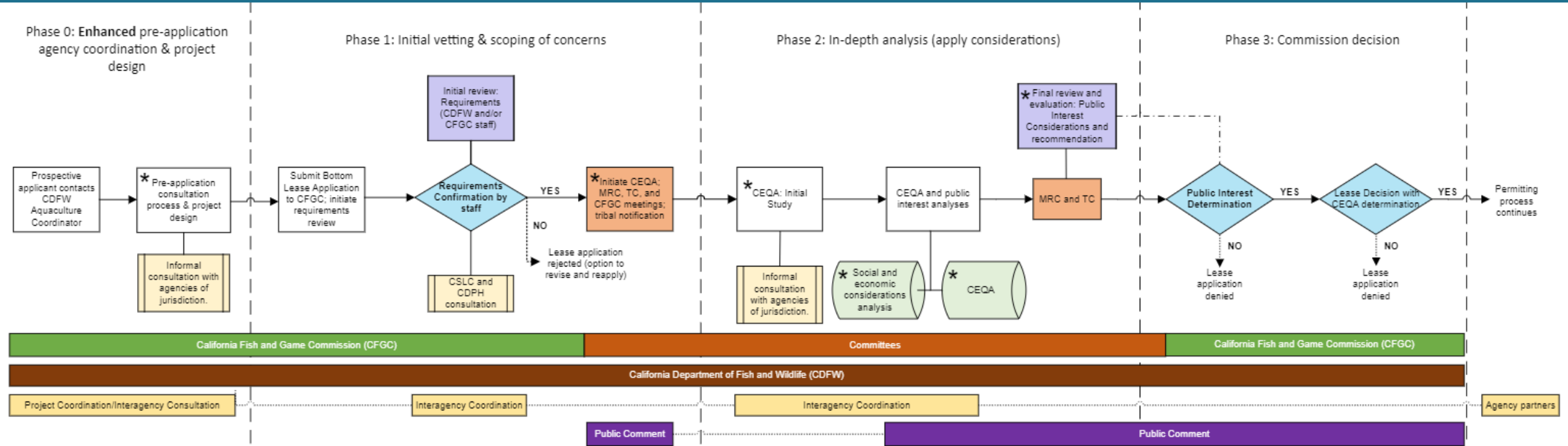
# San Andreas Shellfish Company's (SASC) Application

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- 2017: Submitted application
- 2019, 2021: Resubmitted application twice
- 2022-2023: Application paused during development of public interest evaluation criteria and enhanced leasing process
- 2024: Criteria and enhanced leasing process approved; Application resumed

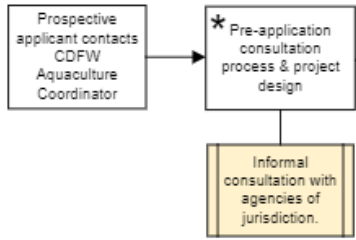
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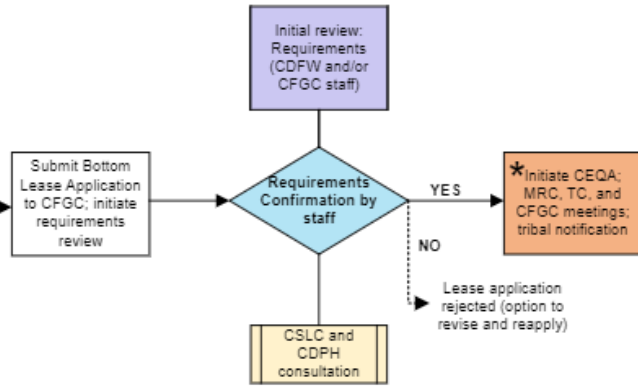
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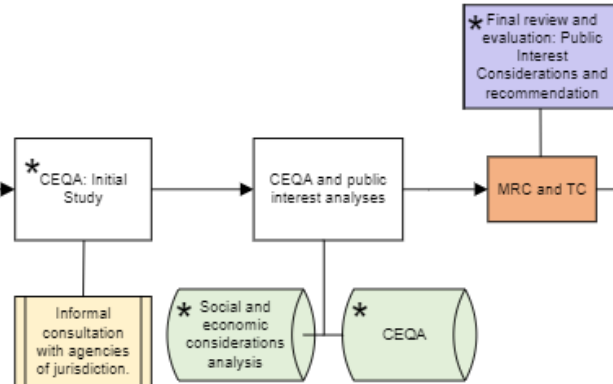
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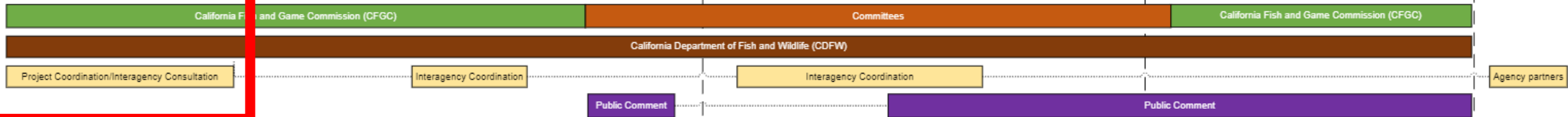
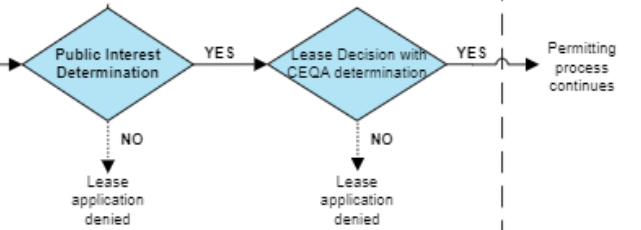
## Phase 1: Initial vetting & scoping of concerns



## Phase 2: In-depth analysis (apply considerations)



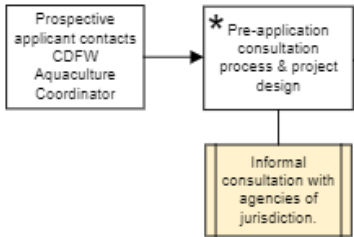
## Phase 3: Commission decision



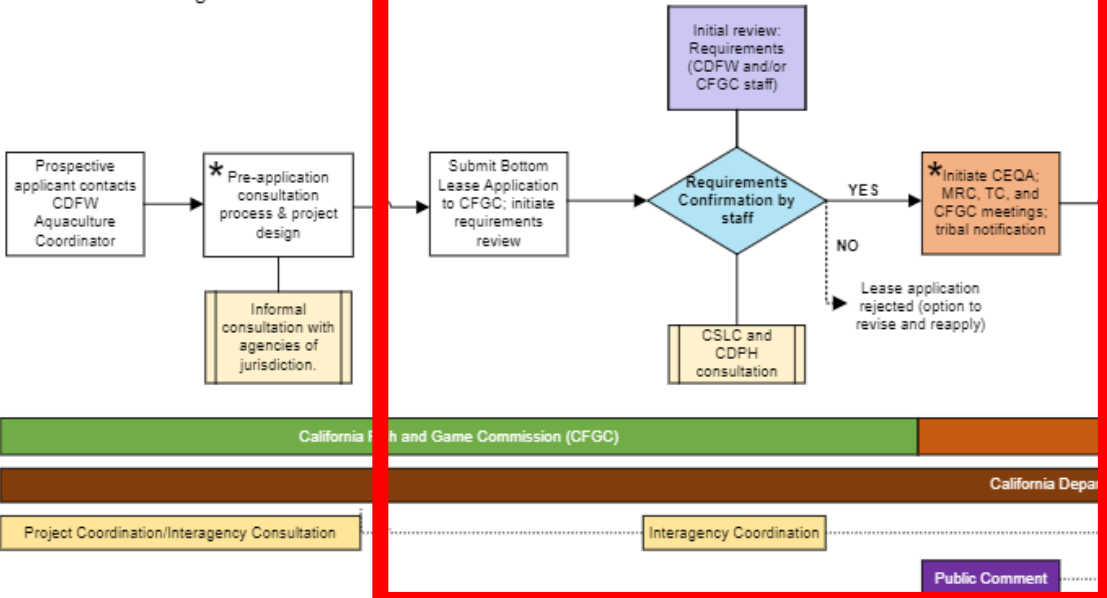
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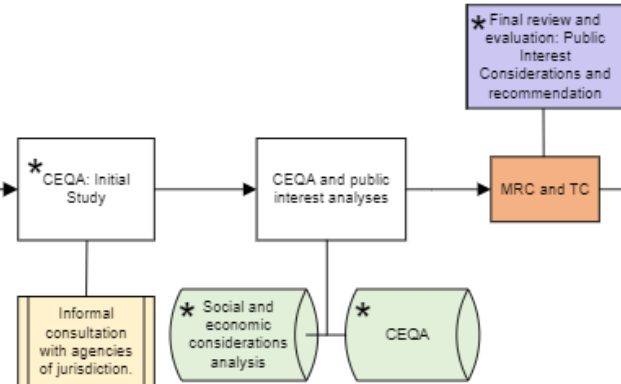
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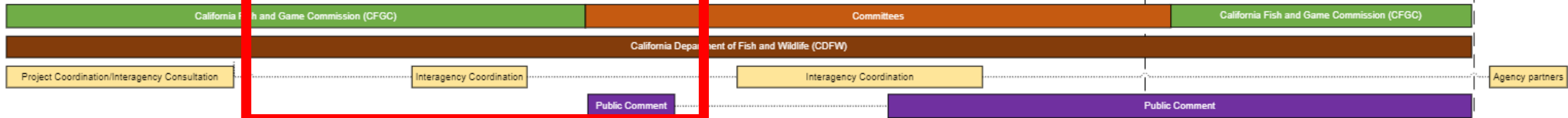
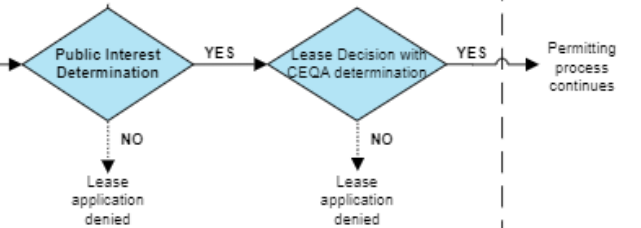
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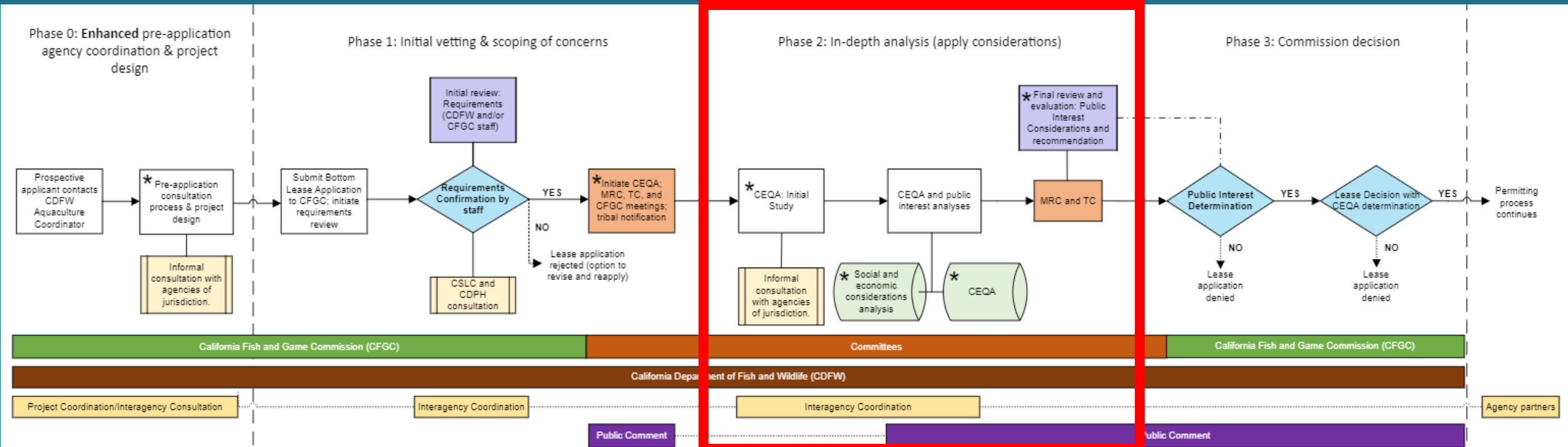
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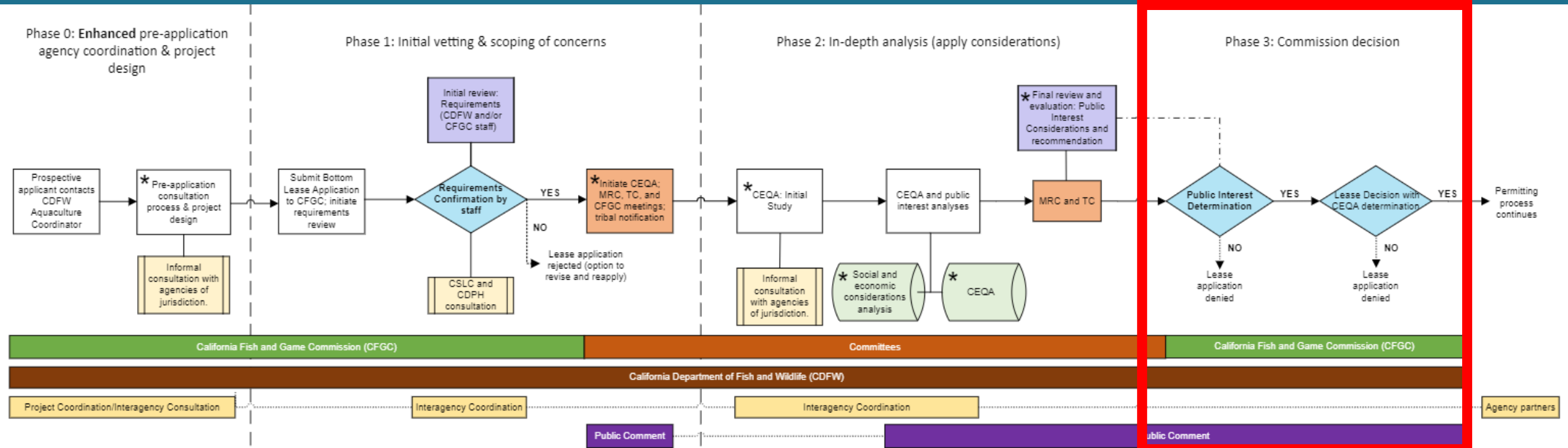
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# Public Interest Evaluation Criteria

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## Requirements

- *Legality under existing laws and regulations related to aquaculture*

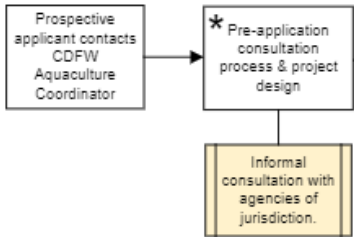
## Considerations

- *Environmental, social, economic and cultural factors that may be reasonably anticipated for consideration during the planning, evaluation, and decision-making process*

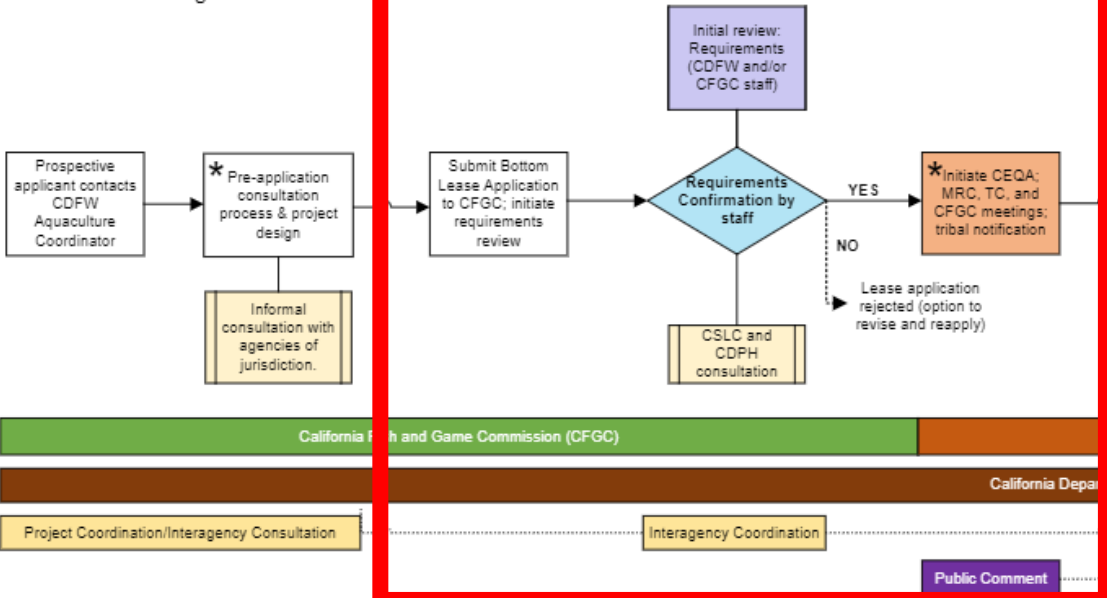
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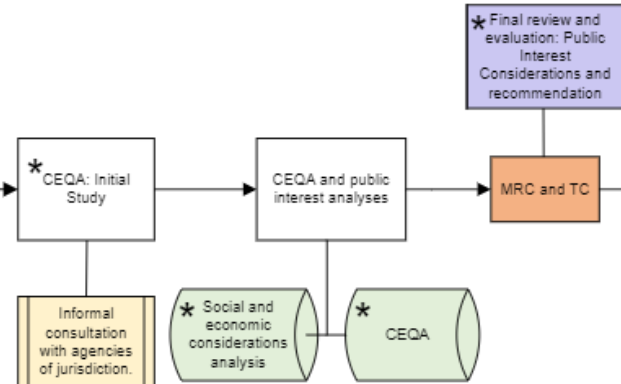
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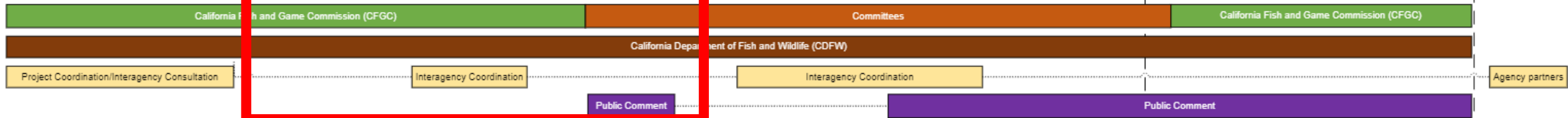
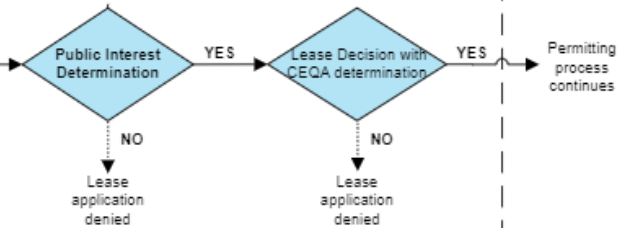
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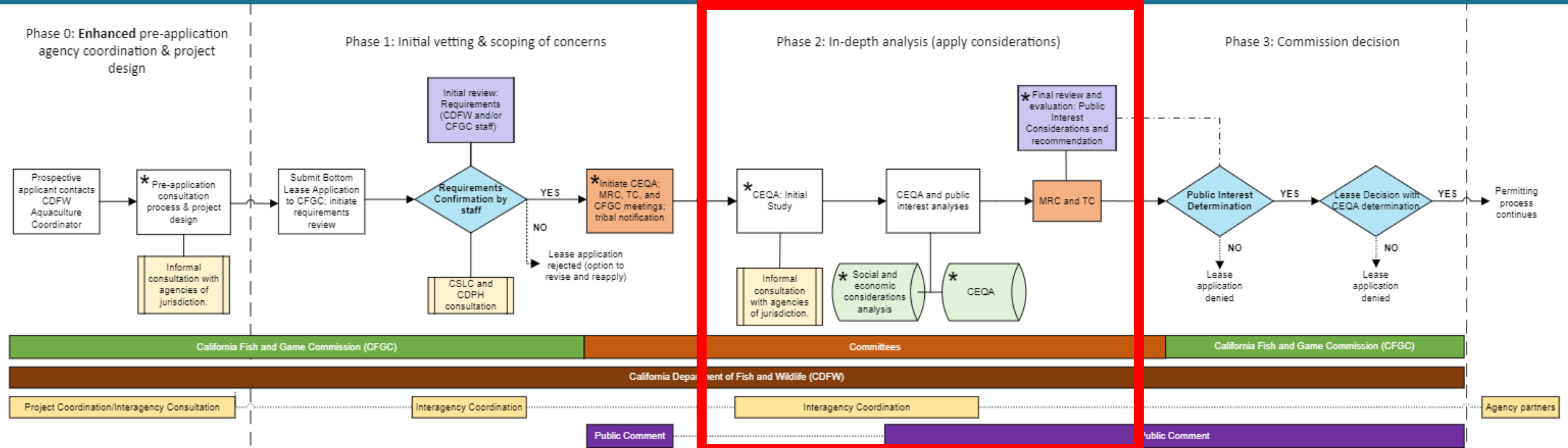
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## Phase 3: Commission decision



# Enhanced Leasing Process





# Integrating SASC's Application into the Enhanced Leasing Process



# Phase 0: Enhanced Pre-Application Agency Coordination & Project Design

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# Interagency Coordination

## Goals



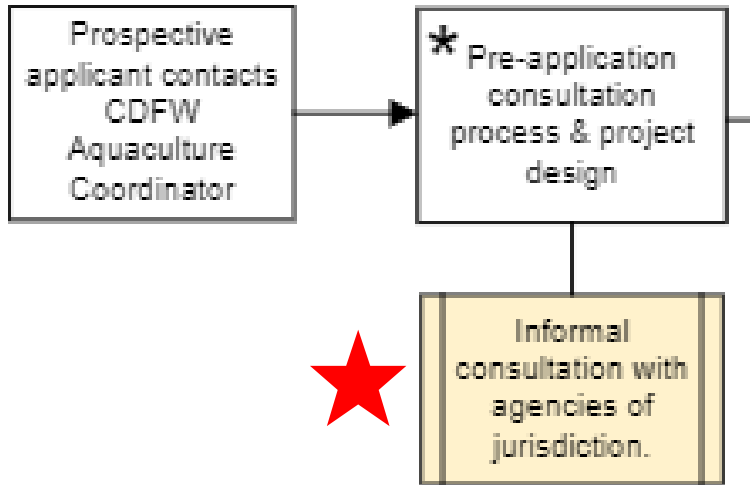
- Providing applicant guidance



- Enhanced governance



- Ensuring adequate CEQA analysis



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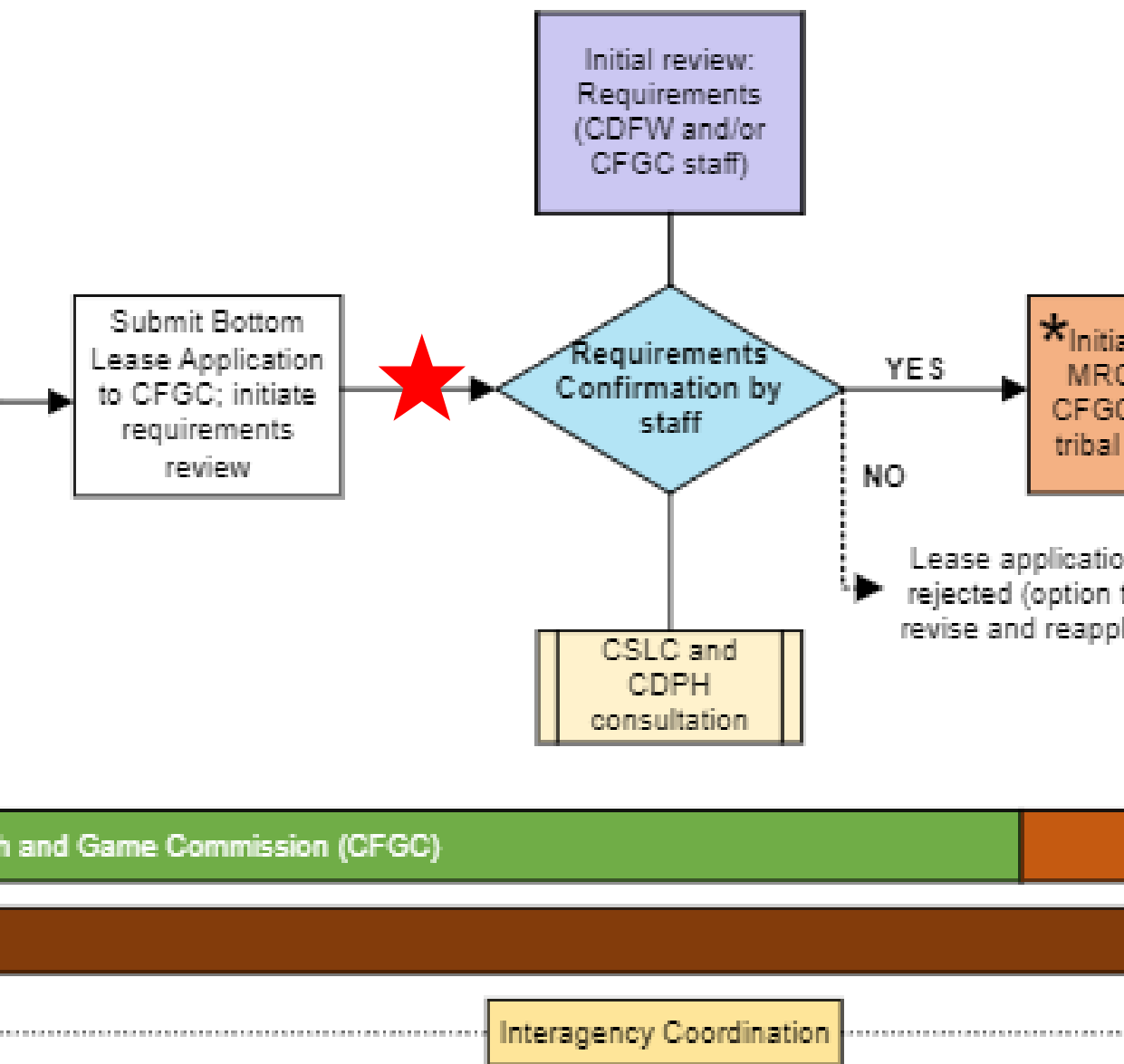
Project Coordination/Interagency Consultation



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# Public Interest Review: Part 1

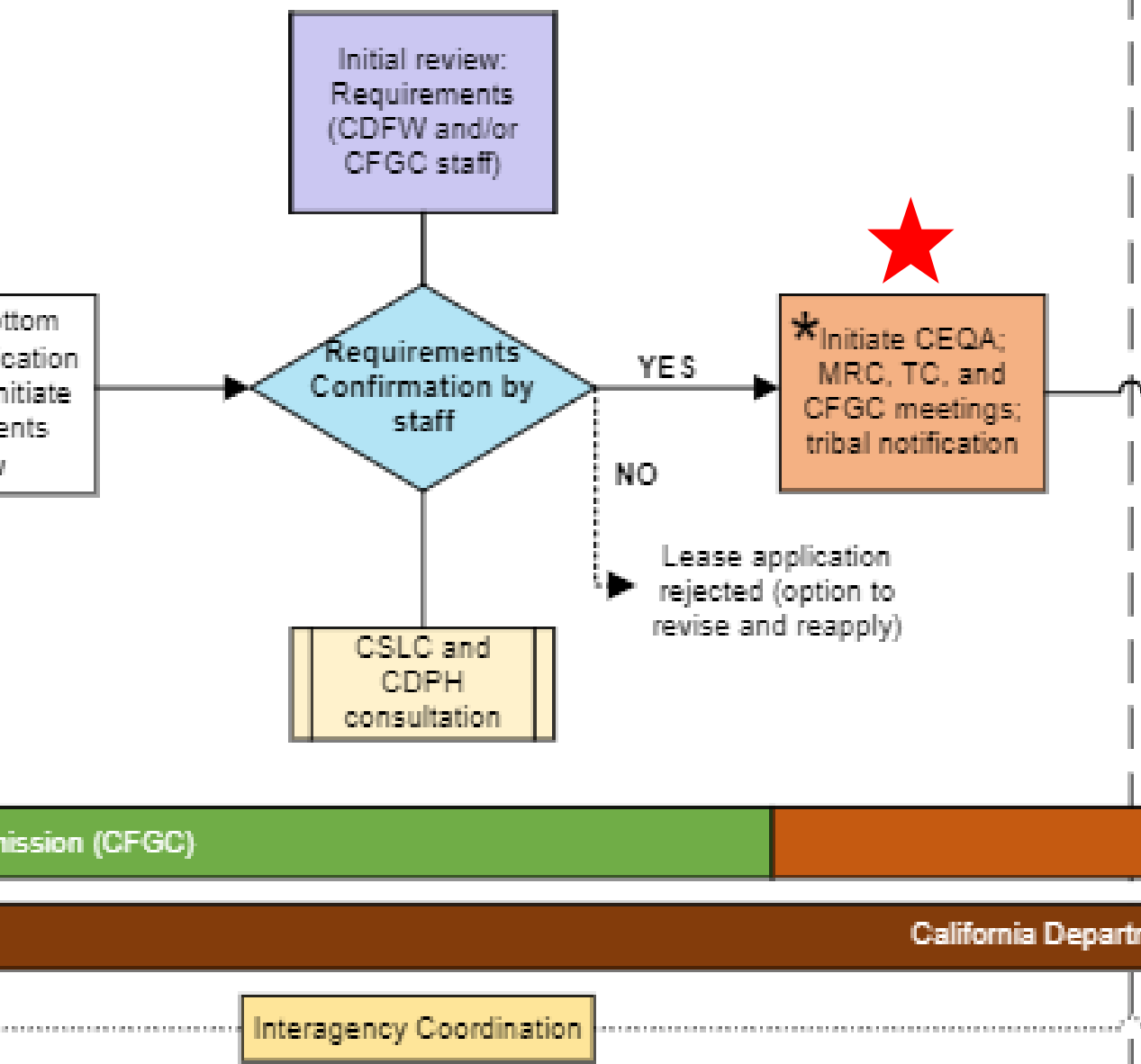
## Requirements

- *Legality under existing laws, regulation or entitlements related to aquaculture*
- Requirements confirmed (Exhibit 3)





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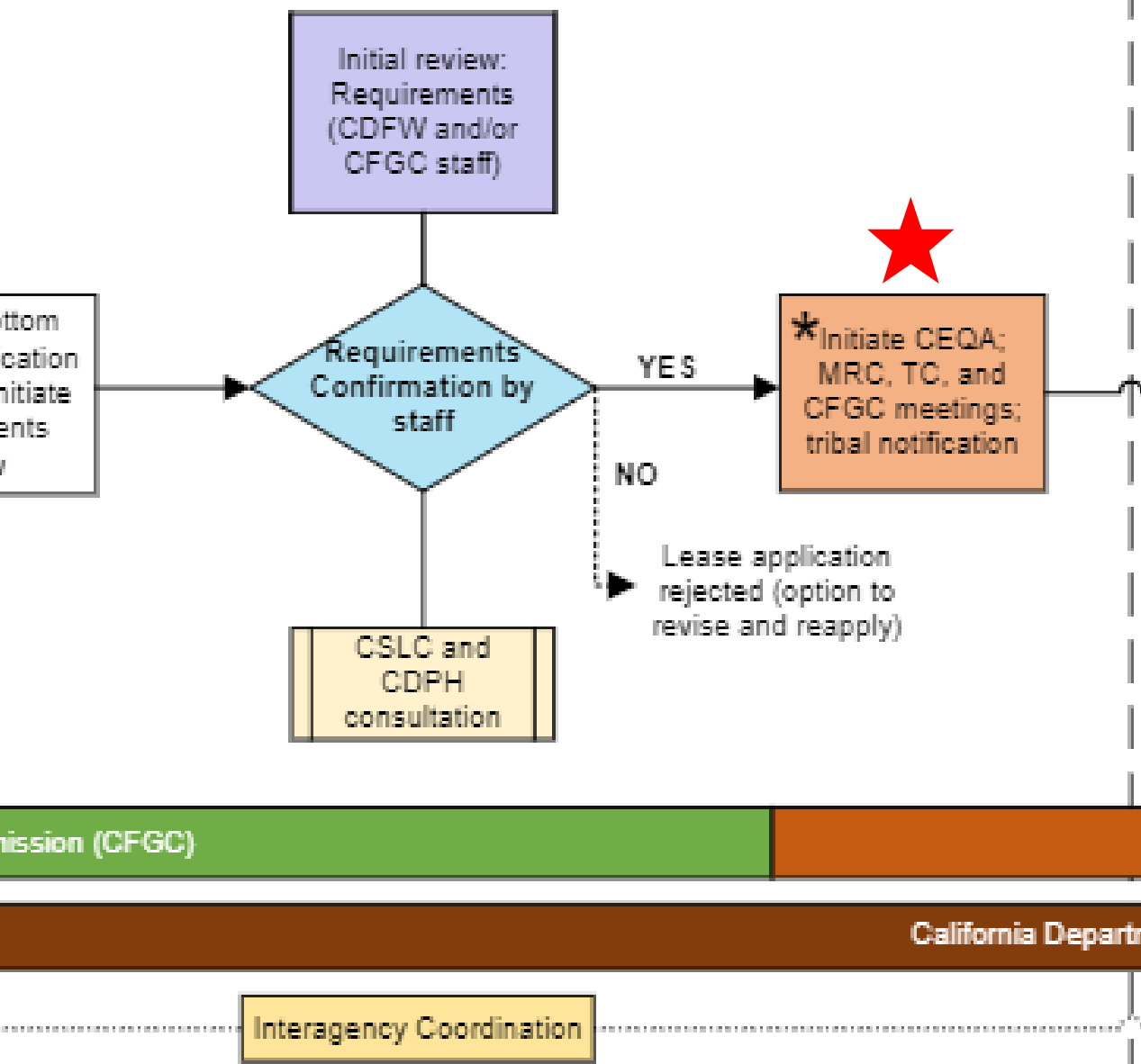


# Tribal Notification and Initiate Public Vetting

- Tribal notification
- Marine Resources Committee vetting
- Tribal Committee vetting



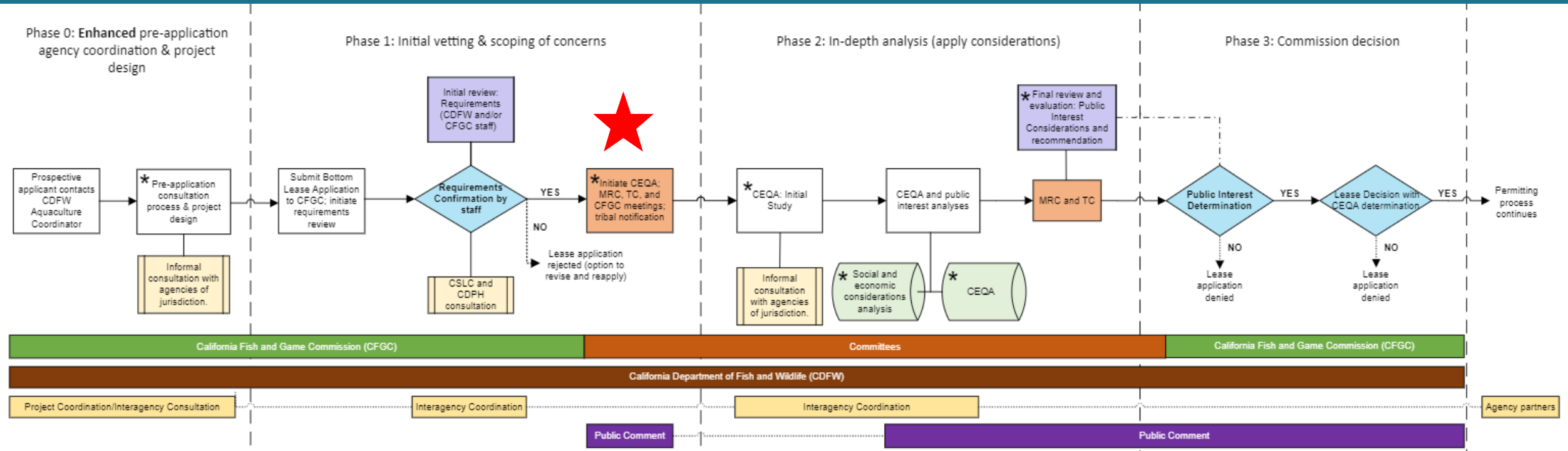
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# Today's Meeting

- Public vetting of application
- Highlight any benefits and concerns related to proposed project
- Inform CEQA initial study
- Inform public interest considerations evaluation

# SASC is Here:





Phase 2: In-depth analysis (apply considerations)

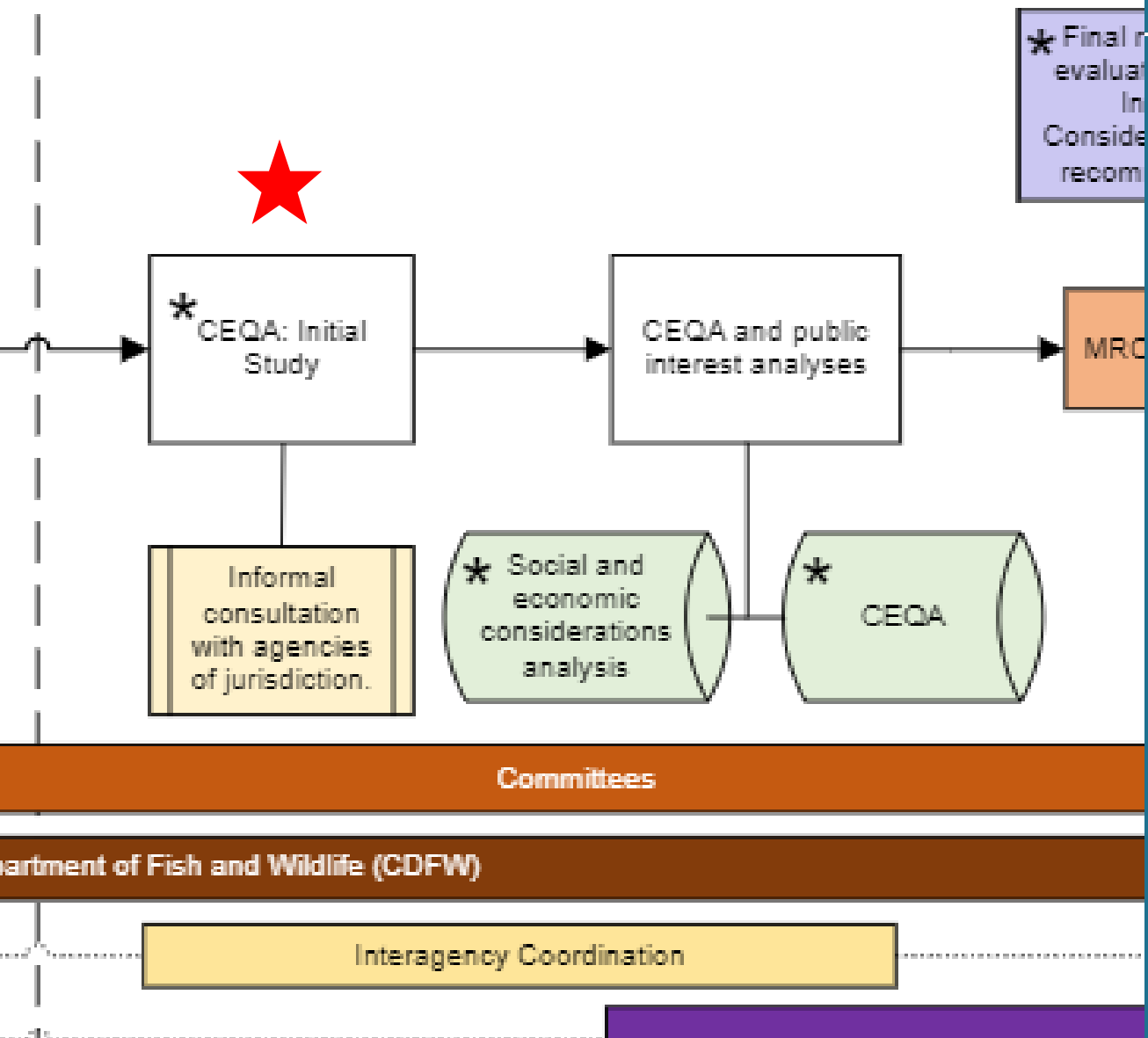
# Next Steps

## Complete Phase 1

- Tribal Committee vetting
- Report out at Commission meeting

## Initiate Phase 2

- CEQA initial study
- CEQA analysis
- Public interest analysis





**Thank you!**

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