



Marine Protected Area Petition Evaluation Status and Next Steps

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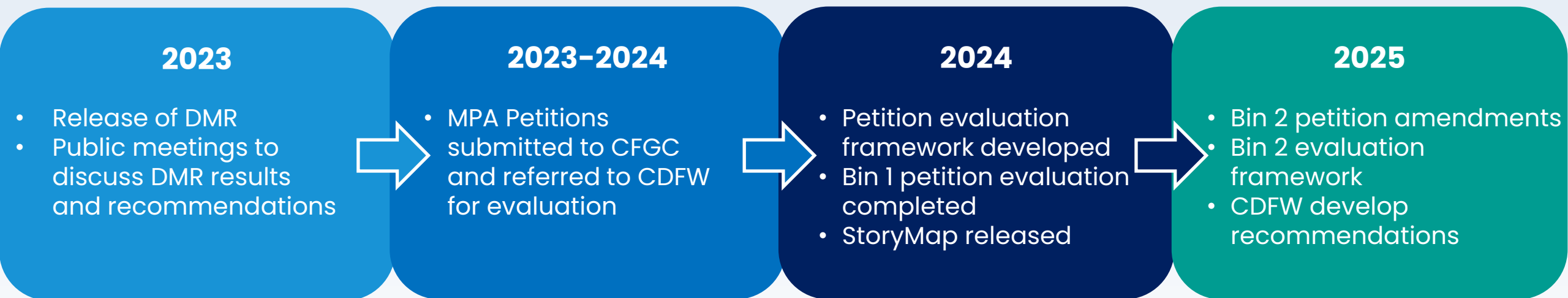
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Recap: Decadal Management Review and Petition Timeline



Common acronyms:

CFGC=California Fish and Game Commission

CDFW=California Department of Fish and Wildlife

DMR=Decadal Management Review

MRC=Marine Resources Committee

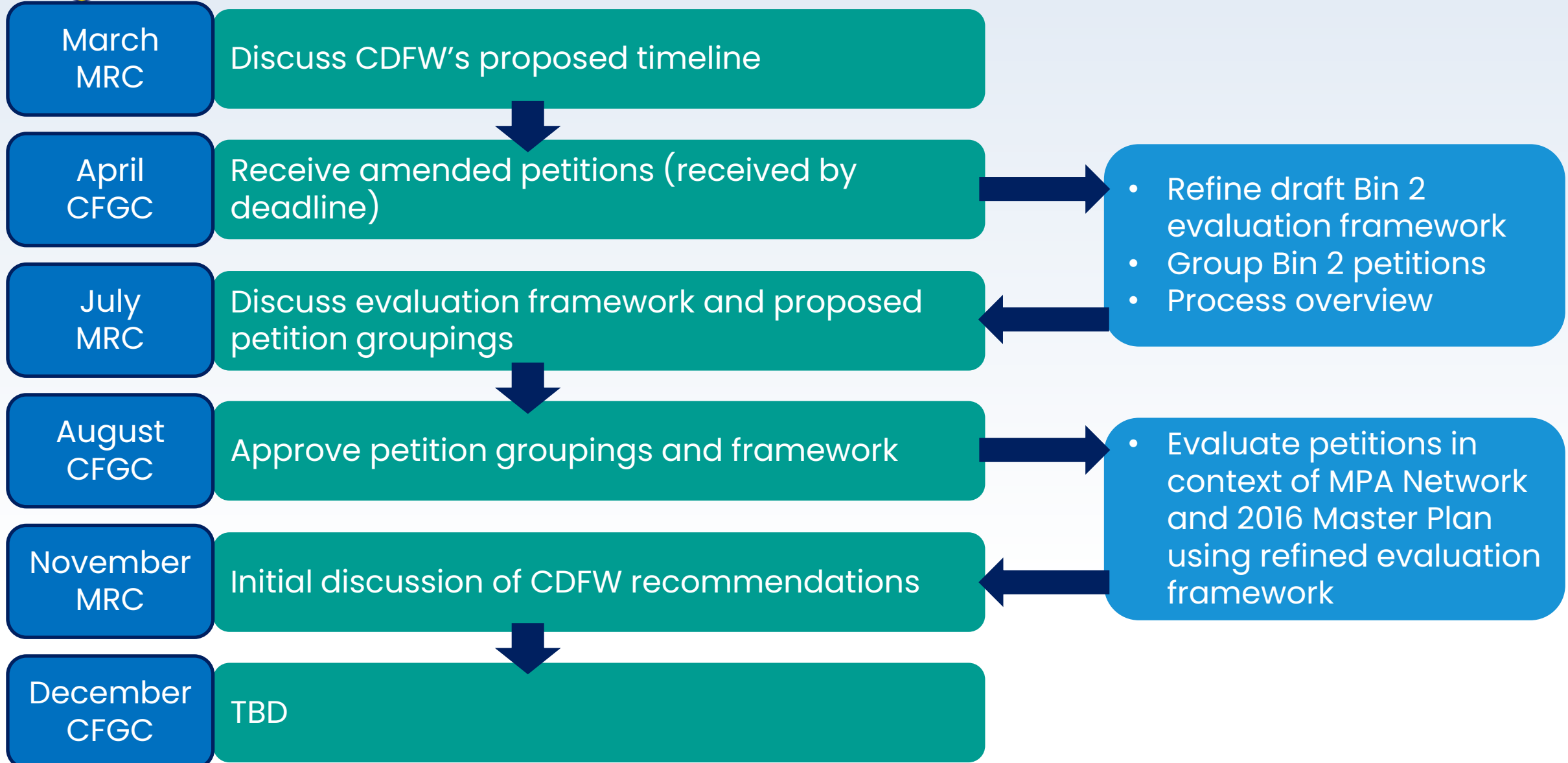


Petition Evaluation Framework: Status





Proposed Bin 2 Petition Milestones and Timeline





MPA Petition Updates: StoryMap



Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Petition Process

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Click through the collection to:

→ See an **overview** of the petition process, petition evaluation framework, and anticipated timeline

→ Dive into an **interactive map** to visualize proposed changes

→ Explore **petitions sorted** by numerical order, change category, or county, and click the links to learn more about each petition. Any petition proposing a change that can be visualized on a map (e.g., boundary or designation change) will have an image with a slider to swipe between the existing network and the proposed change. Any petition proposing a non-spatial change (e.g., take allowance or regulatory language change) will have a static image showing the location of the affected MPA(s).



Current status:

- CDFW is in Phase 2 of its 3-phased petition evaluation framework and splitting each petition into individual action items
- At the December Commission meeting, CDFW provided its annual report on MPA Management Program accomplishments for 2024; next steps for Bin 2 petition evaluation were discussed, including setting a timeline for accepting amendments to Bin 2 petitions; and, as recommended by the MRC, the Commission adopted a slightly modified version of CDFW's [draft recommendations](#) for Bin 1 petitions

Up next:

- For Bin 2 petitioners who submitted a notice to amend their petition, the full amendment package is due March 14, 2025



Stay up to date!





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





Thank You

Questions?

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