

CHAPTER 9 **ACRONYMS AND GLOSSARY**

Acronym	Definition
ABC	allowable biological catch. The ABC is a scientific calculation of the sustainable harvest level of a fishery and is used to set the upper limit of the annual TAC. It is calculated by applying the estimated (or proxy) harvest rate that produces maximum sustainable yield to the estimated exploitable stock biomass (the portion of the fish population that can be harvested).
ACL	annual catch limit
AFA	1998 American Fisheries Act
AMP	Adaptive Management Program
BCC	Bird of Conservation Concern
B _{MSY}	the biomass that allows maximum sustainable yield to be taken
BRD	bycatch reduction device
BSAI	Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands
Bycatch EIS	The Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Bycatch Mitigation Program Final Environmental Impact Statement
CCA	Cowcod Conservation Area(s)
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
CDQ	community development quotas
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFA	Community Fishing Association
CFGC	California Fish and Game Commission
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
Council	Pacific Fishery Management Council
CPS	coastal pelagic species
CPUE	catch per unit of effort
CV	coefficient of variation

Acronym	Definition
CZMA	Federal Coastal Zone Management Act
DAP	dedicated access privilege
DEIS	draft environmental impact statement
DSL	Division of State Lands
DTS	Dover sole, thornyhead, and trawl-caught sablefish complex
EA	environmental assessment
EBFM	ecosystem-based fishery management
EC	Enforcement Consultants
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EFH	essential fish habitat
EFHRC	Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee
EFP	exempted fishing permit
EIS	environmental impact statement
EMS	electronic monitoring system
ENSO	<i>El Niño</i> Southern Oscillation
EO	Executive Order
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	Endangered Species Act
F	The instantaneous rate of fishing mortality. The term “fishing mortality rate” is a technical fishery science term that is often misunderstood. It refers to the rate at which animals are removed from the stock by fishing. The fishing mortality rate can be confusing because it is an “instantaneous” rate that is useful in mathematical calculations, but is not easily translated into the more easily understood concept of “percent annual removal.”
FCZ	Fisheries Conservation Zone
FEAM	Fishery Economic Assessment Model
FEIS	final environmental impact statement
FEP	Fishery Ecosystem Plan
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FMA	Fishermen’s Marketing Association
FMP	fishery management plan
F _{MSY}	the fishing mortality rate that maximizes catch biomass in the long term
FMU	fishery management unit
FR	Federal Register

Acronym	Definition
GAC	Groundfish Allocation Committee
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GAP	Groundfish Advisory Subpanel
GCA	groundfish conservation area
GMT	Groundfish Management Team
GOA	Gulf of Alaska
GPS	global positioning system
HAPC	habitat areas of particular concern
HG	harvest guideline(s)
HMS	highly migratory species
IBQ	Individual bycatch quota
IEP	Independent Experts Panel
IFQ	individual fishing quota
IMPLAN	Impact Analysis for Planning - a regional economic impact model
INPFC	International North Pacific Fishery Commission
IPHC	International Pacific Halibut Commission
IRFA	initial regulatory flexibility analysis
LAP	limited access privilege
LAPP	limited access privilege program
LE	LE fishery
LEP	Limited Entry Permits
LO	lack of objection
M	instantaneous rate of natural mortality (as opposed to F, fishing mortality)
MAFMC	Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
MBNMS	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
MFMT	maximum fishing mortality threshold
MLPA	Marine Life Protection Act
MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act
MPA	marine protected areas
MSA	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
MSC	Marine Stewardship Council

Acronym	Definition
MSST	minimum stock size threshold
MSY	maximum sustainable yield
mt	metric ton
NAO	NOAA Administrative Order
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – the parent agency of National Marine Fisheries Service
NOI	notice of intent
NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
NPOA	National Plan of Action
NRC	National Research Council
NTEP	National Type Evaluation Program
NWFSC	Northwest Fisheries Science Center
NWR	National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Region
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
OFWC	Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
OLE	Office of Law Enforcement
OPAC	Ocean Policy Advisory Council
OSCZ	Ocean Salmon Conservation Zone
OSHUA	Optimum Species Harvesting Unified Allocation
OTC	Oregon Trawl Commission
OY	optimum yield
PacFIN	Pacific Coast Fisheries Information Network. Provides commercial fishery information for Washington, Oregon, and California. Maintained by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.
PBR	potential biological removal
PDO	Pacific decadal oscillation
POP	Pacific ocean perch – a rockfish species that was declared overfished in 1999
PRA	Paperwork Reduction Act
PSMFC	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

Acronym	Definition
QP	quota pound
QS	quota share
QSM	quota species monitoring
RCA	Rockfish Conservation Area
RCW	Revised Code of Washington
RFA	Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, or Regulatory Flexibility Act
RFFA	reasonably foreseeable future action
RIR	Regulatory Impact Review
ROD	Record of Decision
RPC	raw product costs
SAC	Sanctuary Advisory Council
SAFE	stock assessment and fishery evaluation
SAFMC	South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
SAR	stock assessment reports
SFA	Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 – amended the MSFCMA
SFT	selective flatfish trawl
SHOP	Shoreside Hake Observation Program
SPR	spawning potential ratio
SRP	Scientific Research Permits
SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
TAC	total allowable catch
TIQC	Trawl Individual Quota Committee
TISEC	tital in-stream energy conversion
T_{MAX}	the maximum time to rebuild an overfished stock, according to National Standard Guidelines. Depends on biological, environmental, and legal/policy factors
T_{MEDIAN}	median year
T_{MIN}	The minimum time to rebuild an overfished stock, according to National Standard Guidelines. Technically, this is the minimum amount of time in which a fish stock will have a 50 percent chance of rebuilding if no fishing occurs (depends on biological and environmental factors).
T_{TARGET}	the target year, set by policy, for a fish stock to be completely rebuilt
U&A	usual and accustomed (usually used when referring to tribal fishing, hunting or gathering areas)

Acronym	Definition
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – a representative of USFWS is a nonvoting member of the Council
VMS	vessel monitoring system
WCGOP	West Coast Groundfish Observer Program
WCN	World Conservation Union
WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife – a representative of WDFW sits on the Council
WFWC	Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission
WPFMC	Western Pacific Fishery Management Council
YRCA	Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area
