



Inshore Fisheries and
Conservation Authority

Useful Acronyms

Abbreviation	In Full
AIFCA	Association of Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities
AIS	Automatic Identification System
AO	Administration Officer
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle (quad bike)
BWG	Byelaw Working Group
CARF	Capital Asset Replacement Fund
CDEL	Capital Departmental Expenditure Limit
Cefas	Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
COG	Chief Officer Group (of IFCAs)
COP	Code of Practice
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
EA	Environment Agency
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EH	Environmental Health
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMS	European Marine Site
F&P	Finance and Personnel Sub-Committee
FAP	Fixed Administrative Penalty

FMP	Fisheries Management Plan
FoI	Freedom of Information
FPC	Flexible Permit Condition
FPV	Fisheries Patrol Vessel
FSA	Food Standards Agency
FV	Fishing Vessel
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulations
GLAA	Gangmasters and Labor Abuse Authority
GPS	Global Positioning System; or General Purposes and Standards Sub-Committee
H&S	Health and Safety
HoA	Head of Administration
HoE	Head of Enforcement
HoS	Head of Science
HPMA	Highly Protected Marine Area
HRA	Habitat Regulations Assessment
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
IFCA	Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
IFCO	Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Officer
INNS	Invasive Non-Native Species
IR	Intelligence Report
IVMS	Inshore Vessel Monitoring System
JNCC	Joint Nature Conservation Committee; or Joint Negotiating and Consultation Committee
MaFCO	Marine and Fisheries Chief Officer Group (of IFCAs and Defra)

MCA	Maritime and Coastguard Agency
MaCAA	Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009
MCRS	Minimum Conservation Reference Size
MCZ	Marine Conservation Zone
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
ML	Marine Licence
MLS	Minimum Landing Size
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPA	Marine Protected Area
MSC	Marine Stewardship Council
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
NE	Natural England
NIMEG	National Inshore Marine Enforcement Group
NNR	National Nature Reserve
NRW	Natural Resources Wales
NWCF	North West Coastal Forum
NWIFCA	North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
NWME	North West Marine Ecosystems Group
NWP	North Western Protector
OWW	Official Written Warning
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
RA	Risk Assessment
RDEL	Resource Departmental Expenditure Limit
REM	Remote Electronic Monitoring

RFG	Regional Fisheries Group
RFO	Responsible Finance Officer
RIB	Rigid Inflatable Boat
RIPA	Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SFC	Sea Fisheries Committee
SIFCO	Senior Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Officer
SMT	Senior Management Team
SO	Science Officer
SOP	Standard Operation Procedure
SoS	Secretary of State
SPA	Special Protection Area
SSO	Senior Science Officer
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
TAC	Total Allowable Catch
TAG	Technical Advisory Group (of IFCAs)
TCG	Tactical Coordination Group
TSB	Technical, Science and Byelaw Sub-Committee
UKHO	UK Hydrographic Office
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on Laws of the Sea
VCP	Voluntary Code of Practice
VMS	Vessel Monitoring System
WG	Welsh Government