**Dr. Olaf Jensen – Fisheries Acronyms**

Entering the world of fisheries means diving into a soup of acronyms. We have compiled a list of acronyms you might come across when learning about fisheries.

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| **ACRONYM** | **TERM** |
| ABC | Acceptable Biological Catch |
| ACL | Annual Catch Limits |
| ACT | Annual Catch Targets |
| AM | Accountability Measure |
| ASFMC | Atlantic States Fisheries Commission |
| BAS | Best Available Science |
| BO | Biological Opinion |
| BRD | Bycatch Reduction Device |
| BSB | Black Sea Bass |
| CDQ | Community Development Quota |
| CITES | Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species |
| CPS | Coastal Pelagic Species |
| CPUE | Catch per Unit of Effort |
| CRR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| CWA | Clean Water Act |
| CZMA | Coastal Zone Management Act |
| DAH | Domestic Annual Harvest |
| DAP | Domestic Annual Processing |
| DAPP | Dedicated Access Privilege Program |
| DOC | Department of Commerce |
| DOI | Department of Interior |
| DOJ | Department of Justice |
| DOS | Department of State |
| EA | Environmental Assessment |
| EBFM | Ecosystem-based Fishery Management |
| EEZ | Exclusive Economic Zone |
| EFH | Essential Fish Habitat |
| EIA | Economic Impact Analysis |
| EIS | Environmental Impact Statement |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency |
| ESA | Endangered Species Act |
| FAO | Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations |
| FEAM | Fishery Economic Assessment Model |
| FEP | Fishery Ecosystem Plan |
| FERC | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission |
| FMA | Fishery Management Area |
| FMC | Fishery Management Council |
| FMP | Fishery Management Plan |
| FR | Federal Register |
| FWS (USFWS) | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| GIS | Geographic Information System |
| GRA | Gear Restriction Areas |
| HAPC | Habitat Areas of Particular Concern |
| HG | Harvest Guidelines |
| HMS | Highly Migratory Species |
| IFQ | Individual Fishing Quota |
| IOY | Initial Optimum Yield |
| IQ | Individual Quota |
| ITQ | Individual Transferable Quota |
| JVP | Joint Venture Processing |
| LAPP | Limited Access Privilege Program |
| LE | Limited Entry Fishery |
| LOS | Law of the Sea of the United Nations |
| MAFMC | Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council |
| MAX OY | Maximum Optimal Yield |
| MBTA | Migratory Bird Treaty Act |
| MMPA | Marine Mammal Protection Act |
| MPA | Marine Protected Area |
| MSA | Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act |
| MSE | Mixed Stock Exception |
| MSP | Marine Spatial Planning |
| MSY | Maximum Sustainable Yield |
| NEFSC | Northeast Fishery Science Center |
| NEPA | National Environmental Protection Act |
| NJDFW | New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife |
| NMFS | NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (also NOAA Fisheries) |
| NOAA | National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration |
| NOS | National Ocean Service |
| NRC | National Research Council |
| NS | Nearshore |
| NSF | National Science Foundation |
| NSG | National Standard Guidelines |
| OA | Open Access Fishery |
| OFL | Overfishing Limit |
| OLE | Office of Law Enforcement (NOAA Fisheries) |
| OMB | Office of Management and Budget (NOAA) |
| OY | Optimum Yield |
| PBR | Potential Biological Removal |
| RPA | Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives |
| RSA | Research Set-Aside |
| SA | Stock Assessment |
| SAFE | Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation |
| SCALE | Statistical Catch at Length Model |
| SIA | Social Impact Analysis |
| SSB | Spawning Stock Biomass |
| SSC | Scientific and Statistical Committee |
| STAR | Stock Assessment Review |
| TAL | Total Allowable Landings |
| TALFF | Total Allowable Level of Foreign Fishing |
| TED | Turtle Excluder Device |
| TES | Threatened and Endangered Species |
| TRAC | Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee |
| USCG | U.S. Coast Guard |
| VMS | Vessel Monitoring System |
| YOY | Young of the Year |
| YPR | Yield per Recruit |