

Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronyms and Abbreviations—Government Entities

ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
ASFMC	Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
BSEE	Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DOD	Department of Defense
DOE	Department of Energy
DOI	Department of the Interior
DOT	Department of Transportation
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GARFO	Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (NOAA)
IMO	International Maritime Organization
MARAD	Maritime Administration (DOT)
MDMF	Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries
MMP	Marine Minerals Program (BOEM)
NAE	New England District (USACE)
NAVCEN	Navigation Center (USCG)
NCCOS	National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NOAA)
NEFMC	New England Fishery Management Council
NEFSC	Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NOAA)
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA)
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOPP	National Oceanographic Partnership Program

NPS	National Park Service
NRAC	Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center
NRCS	National Resources Conservation Service (USDA)
NREL	National Renewable Energy Laboratory (DOE)
NROC	Northeast Regional Ocean Council
NSCPO	Naval Seafloor Cable Protection Office
NUWC DIVNPT	Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport
OLE	Office of Law Enforcement (NMFS)
RPB	Regional Planning Body
RTOC	Regional Tribal Operations Committee
SOST	Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology
USACE	US Army Corps of Engineers
USAF	US Air Force
USCG	US Coast Guard
USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	US Geological Survey

Acronyms and Abbreviations—Acts, Laws

AIRFA	American Indian Religious Freedom Act
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CWA	Clean Water Act
CZMA	Coastal Zone Management Act
DWPA	Deepwater Port Act
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FWCA	Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
FWPCA	Federal Water Pollution Control Act
ICOOS	Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act

MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act
MPRSA	Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act
MSA	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
NAGPRA	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
NEPA	National Environmental Protection Act
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NMSA	National Marine Sanctuaries Act
OCSLA	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
OPA	Oil Pollution Act
PWSA	Ports and Waterways Safety Act
RHA	Rivers and Harbors Act
WRDA	Water Resources Development Act

Other Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACFHP	Atlantic Coast Fish Habitat Partnership
ACJV	Atlantic Coast Joint Venture
ACPARS	Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study
AFSI	Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Initiative
AFTT	Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing
AIS	Automatic Identification System
AMAPPS	Atlantic Marine Assessment Program for Protected Species
AMBCC	Atlantic Marine Bird Conservation Cooperative
ASAP	Atlantic Sand Assessment Project
ATON	Aids to Navigation
AWOIS	Automated Wreck and Obstruction Information System
BCR-30	New England/Mid Atlantic Coast Bird Conservation Region
BO	biological opinion
CAP	Continuing Authorities Program
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations

CMECS	Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard	NERACOOS	Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal and Ocean Observing Systems	TEU	twenty-foot equivalent unit
COTP	Captain of the Port	NERRS	National Estuarine Research Reserve System	THPO	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
DWP	deepwater port	NFHAP	National Fish Habitat Action Plan	TNC	The Nature Conservancy
EEZ	exclusive economic zone	NGDA	National Geospatial Data Asset	TSS	Traffic Separation Scheme
EFH	essential fish habitat	NNA	negotiated noncompetitive agreement	VACAPES	Virginia Capes
ESI	Environmental Sensitivity Index	NOC ESG	National Ocean Council Executive Steering Group	VIMS	Virginia Institute of Marine Science
ESPIS	Environmental Studies Program Information System (BOEM)	NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System	VMS	Vessel Monitoring System
FMP	fishery management plan	NS	Naval Station	VTS	Vessel Traffic System
FNP	federal navigation project	NSB	Naval Submarine Base	WAMS	Waterways Analysis and Management System
GDP	gross domestic product	NSSP	National Shellfish Sanitation Program	WEA	Wind Energy Area
GIS	geographic information systems	NWR	National Wildlife Refuge		
GLD	geographic location description	O&M	operations and maintenance		
HAPC	Habitat Area of Particular Concern	OBIS-SEAMAP	Ocean Biogeographic Information System Spatial Ecological Analysis of Megavertebrate Populations		
HSC	harbor safety committee	OCS	Outer Continental Shelf		
IEA	important ecological area	OHI	Ocean Health Index		
ISMN	Integrated Sentinel Monitoring Network	OOS	ocean observing systems		
ISSC	Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference	OOSSG	Ocean Observing System Security Group		
JB MDL	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst	OPAREA	operating area		
LIDAR	light detection and ranging	OPARS	Port Access Route Study		
LNG	liquefied natural gas	PNSY	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard		
LOA	letter of authorization	PSP	paralytic shellfish poisoning		
MDAT	Marine-life Data and Analysis Team	RCT	regional coordination team		
META	Maritime Environmental and Technical Assistance	ROD	Record of Decision		
MOA	memorandum of agreement	SDJV	Sea Duck Joint Venture		
MOU	memorandum of understanding	SHARP	Saltmarsh Habitat and Avian Research Program		
MTS	Marine Transportation System	SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer		
NALCC	North Atlantic Land Conservation Cooperative	SINKEX	sink at-sea live-fire training exercise		
NAM ERA	Northwest Atlantic Marine Ecoregional Assessment	SMAST	School of Marine Science and Technology, University of Massachusetts		
NEAMAP	Northeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program				
NEP	National Estuary Program				