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AA	Appropriate Assessment
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ACP	Airspace change process
AD	Air Defence
ADS	Archaeology Data Service
AIS	Automatic Identification System
AGDS	Acoustic Ground Discrimination System
AHD	Acoustic Harassment Device
AIL	Abnormal Indivisible Loads
AIS	Automatic Identification System
ALARP	As low as reasonably practical
ALB	All Weather Lifeboat
AMSL	Above Mean Sea Level
ANSP	Air Navigation Service Providers
AON	Apparently Occupied Nests
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
AoS	Area of Search
AOS	Apparently Occupied Sites
AQMA	Air Quality Management Area
ARPA	Automatic Radar Plotting Aid
AST	Atlantic Salmon Trust
ASFB	Association of Salmon Fisheries Board
ATBA	Area to be avoided
ATC	Air Traffic Control
ATCO	Air Traffic Control Officer
AWACs	Acoustic Doppler Wave and Current Profilers
AWACS	Airborne Warning and Control System
BAA	British Airports Authority
BAG	Before-After-Gradient
BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
Bc/s	Blow count per second
BCT	Botney Cut Formation
BDK	Bolders Bank Formation
BERR	Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (now BIS)
BGS	British Geological Survey
BIS	UK Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
BMAPA	British Marine Aggregate Producers Association
BMEWS	Ballistic Missile Early Warning System
BoC	Base of Cover
BODC	British Oceanographic Data Centre
BOP	Balance of plant
BP	Before present
BRE	Buildings Research Establishment
BSF	Below sea floor
BTO	British Trust for Ornithology
BTU	British Thermal Units
BWEA	British Wind Energy Association (now RenewableUK)
CA	Cruising Association
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CAPEX	Capital Expenditure
CBD	Convention on Biodiversity
CCl_4	Chemical symbol for carbon tetrachloride
CCS	Carbon Capture and Storage
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television
CD	Chart Datum
CDM	Construction, Design and Management Regulations
CEC	Crown Estate Commission
Cefas	Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science
CEMP	Construction and Environmental Management Plan
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CERT	Carbon Emissions Reduction Target
CH_4	Chemical symbol for methane
CMACS	Centre for Marine and Coastal Studies
CO_2	Carbon dioxide
CO_2e	Carbon dioxide emissions
COLREGS	Collision Regulations 1972
COWRIE	Collaborative Offshore Wind Research into the Environment
CPA	Coastal Protection Act
CPT	Cone Penetration Test
CREEM	Centre for Research into Ecological and Environmental Modelling
DAB	Digital Audio Broadcasting

DAP	Directorate of Airspace Policy
DASSH	Data Archive for Seabed Species and Habitats
DBA	Desk Based Assessment
dB	Decibel
dB_{ht}	Decibel hearing threshold (a unit for measuring noise responses by marine species)
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government
DCO	Development Consent Order
DECC	Department of Energy and Climate Change
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DF	Direction Finding
DFT	Department for Transport
DGPS	Differential GPS
DME	Distance Measuring Equipment
DMRB	Design Manual for Roads and Bridges
DP	Dynamic positioning
dSAC	Draft Special Area of Conservation
DSC	Digital Selective Calling
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry (now Department for Business Innovation and Skills)
DTLR	Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions (now called Communities and Local Government)
DWR	Deep Water Routes
DWT	Dead Weight Tonnage
EA	Environment Agency
EA 1989	Electricity Act 1989
EC	European Commission
EcIA	Ecological Impact Assessment
ECS	European Cetacean Society
ECU	Energy Consents Unit
EEA	European Environment Agency
EEZ	Economic Exclusion Zone
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ELT	Emergency locator tramitters
EMF	Electromagnetic Fields
EO	Earth Observation
EPIRB	Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon
EPS	European Protected Species
EQRs	Ecological quality ratios
ERCoP	Emergency Response Co-operation Plan
ERMC	Environmental Risk Management Capability
ERP	Emergency Response Procedures
ES	Environmental Statement
ESAS	European Seabirds at Sea
ESRC	Economic and Social Research Centre
EST	Energy Savings Trust
EU	European Union
EUNIS	European Union Nature Information System
FCS	Favourable Conservation Status
FEPA	Food and Environmental Protection Act
FIR	Fishing Industry Representatives
FLOWW	Fishing Liaison with Offshore Wind and Wet renewables group
FM	Frequency Modulation
FMA	Fishermen's Mutual Association
FPSO	Floating Production, Storage and Offloading vessel
FRA	Flood Risk Assessment
FREDS	Forum for Renewable Energy Development in Scotland
FRPB	Forth River Purification Board
FRS	Fisheries Research Service (now Marine Scotland Science)
FSA	Formal Safety Assessment
FT	Full time
FTOWDG	Forth and Tay Offshore Wind Developers Group
G8	Assembly of world leaders who meeat annually to discuss global issues. Also known as the Group of 8
GCR	Geological Conservation Review
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GH	General handling
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
GLOSS	Global Sea Level Observing System
GMDSS	Global Maritimee Distress Safety System
GOOSAG	Global Ocean Observing System Action Group
grt	Gross registered tonnage
GPS	Global Positioning System
GVA	Gross Value Added
GW	Gigawatt
GWRS	Greater Wash Regional Scheme

HAP	Habitat Action Plans
HAT	Highest astronomical tide
HDD	Horizontal directional drilling
HER	Historic Environment Records
HS	Historic Scotland
HGDL	Historic Garden and Designed Landscape
HGV	Heavy Good Vehicle
HMR	Helicopter Main Routes
HRA	Habitat Regulations Assessment
HVAC	High Voltage Alternating Current
HVDC	High Voltage Direct Current
Hz	Hertz
IALA	International Association of Lighthouse Authorities
IAPP	International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate
IBA	Important Bird Area
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
ICOMAS	International Council on Monuments and Sites
ICPC	International Cable Protection Committee
IEEM	Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management
IEMA	Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment
IFA	Institute for Archaeologists
IFR	Instrument flight rules
IFREMER	French institute for exploitation of the sea
IFG	Inshore Fisheries Group
IHO	International Hydrographic Organisation
ILS	Instrument Landing Systems
IMC	Instrument Meterological Conditions
IMO	International Maritime Organisation
INCA	Industry Nature Conservation Association
IODE	International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange
IP	Institute of Petroleum
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IRPCS	International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea
ISQG	Interim Sediment Quality Guidelines
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
IWC	Integrated Water Column
IWEA	Irish Wind Energy Industry
JNAPC	Joint Nautical Archaeology Policy Committee
JNCC	Joint Nature Conservation Committee
JRC	Joint Radio Company
kHz	Kilohertz
kJ	Kilo joule
km	Kilometre
kV	Kilo volt
LA	Local Authority
LBAP	Local Biodiversity Action Plan
LCA	Lifecycle Carbon Analysis
LCES	Low Carbon Economic Strategy
LFA	Low Flying Area
LHA	Local Highways Authority
LI	Landscape Institute
LiDAR	Light Detection and Ranging
LLP	Limited Liability Partnership
LNR	Local Nature Reserve
LOIS	Land-Ocean Interaction Study
LORAN	Long Range Navigation
LoS	Line of Sight
LSE	Likely Significant Effect
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
MAIB	Marine Accident Investigation Branch
MAGIC	Multi-Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside
MAIB	Marine Accident Investigation Branch
MarLIN	United Kingdom Marine Life Information Network
MARPOL	The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
MaRS	Marine Resource System
MCA	Maritime and Coastguard Agency
MCEU	Marine Consents and Environment Unit
MCZ	Marine Conservation Zone
MDA	Managed Danger Area
MEDIN	Marine Environment Data information Network
MEHRA	Marine Environmental High Risk Areas
MESH	Mapping European Seabed Habitats
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs

MFOWDG	Moray Firth Offshore Wind Farm Developers
MGN	Marine Guidance Note
MIPU	Major Infrastructure Planning Unit
MLS	Microwave Landing System
MLWS	Mean Low Water Springs
MMO	Marine Mammal Observer
(MMO	Marine Management Organisation)
MOD	Ministry of Defence
MPA	Marine Protected Area
MPS	Marine Policy Statement
MRCC	Marine Rescue Co-ordination Centre
MRSC	Marine Rescue Sub Centre
MSD	Minimum Separation Distance
MSFD	Marine Strategy Framework Directive
MS-LOT	Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team
MTZ	Mandatory Transponder Zones
MVAC	Median Voltage Alternating Current
MW	Mega Watt
NAEI	National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NATS	National Air Traffic Service
Navaids	Aeronautical Navigation Aids
NBN	National Biodiversity Network
NDB	Non-Directional Beacons
NERL	NATS En Route Plc.
NFFO	National Federation Fishermen's Organisation
NG	National Grid
NGDC	National Geosciences Data Collections
NGET	National Grid Electricity Transmission
NLB	Northern Lighthouse Board
NLH	National Lobster Hatchery
NM	Nautical Mile
NMBAQC	National Marine Biological Analytical Quality Control Scheme
NMRS	National Monuments Record of Scotland
NNR	National Nature Reserve
NO_2	Chemical symbol for nitrogen dioxide
NOx	Chemical symbol for nitrogen oxides
NPF2	National Planning Framework 2
NPS	National Policy Statement
NRA	Navigation Risk Assessment
NRMM	Non Road Mobile Machinery
NSRAC	North Sea Regional Advisory Council
NtM	Notice to Mariners
NTS	Non Technical Summary
NVC	National Vegetation Classification
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
OBS	Optical Backscatter Sensor
ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
OFGEM	Office of Gas and Electricity Markets
OFLR	Onshore Fisheries Liaison Representative
OFTO	Offshore Transmission Owner
OLS	Obstacle Limitation Surfaces
ONS	Office of National Statistics
OPEC	Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries
OREI	Offshore Renewable Energy Installation
OS	Ordnance Survey
OSPAR	The Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic
OWE	Offshore Wind Energy Europe
PACC	Pre-application Consultation with Communities Report
PAD	Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries
PAM	Passive Acoustic Monitoring
PAR	Precision Approach Radar
PBT	Persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic
PEL	Probable effects levels
PEXA	Practice and Exercise Area
PLB	Personal Locator Beacon
PPS	Planning Policy Statement
PROW	Public Rights of Way
PMF	Priority Marine Feature
PSA	Particle size analysis
pSAC	Possible Special Area of Conservation
pSPA	Possible Special Protection Area
PSD	Particle size distribution
PSR	Primary Surveillance Radar

PT	Part time
PTS	Permanent Threshold Shift
PVA	Population Viability Analysis
RAF	Royal Air Force
Ramsar	The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
RAP	Renewables Action Plan
RAP	Recognised Air Picture
RBMP	River Basin Management Plan
RCAHMS	Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland
RCS	Radar Cross Section
RDA	Regional Development Agency
RNLI	Royal National Lifeboat Institution
RO	Renewables Obligation
ROV	Remotely Operated Vehicle
ROW	Receiver of Wreck
Rpm	Revolutions per minute
RSL	Relative Sea Level
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RUK	RenewableUK
RYA	Royal Yachting Association
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SAM	Scheduled Ancient Monument
SAP	Species Action Plans
SAR	Search and Rescue
SART	Search and Rescue Transponders
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
SDME	Spatial Data Management Environment
SDP	Strategic Develoment Plan
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SEL	Sound Exposure Level
SEMP	Site environmental management plan
SEPA	Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
SESplan	South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Authority
SF	Chemical symbol for sulphur hexaflouride
SFF	Scottish Fishermen's Federation
SFPA	Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency (now Marine Scotland Compliance)
SMRU	Sea Mammale Research Unit (Ltd)
SMP	Shoreline Management Plan
SNFAS	Salmon Net Fishing Association of Scotland
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage
SNS	Southern North Sea Sediment Transport Study
SoCC	Species of Conservation Concern
SOCC	Statement of Community Consultation
SOLAS	Safety of Life at Sea
SOV	Service Operations Vessel
SO_x	Sulphur Oxides
SPA	Special Protection Area
SP=EED	Scottish Planning = Effective Engagement and Delivery
SPM	Suspended Particulate Matter
SPP	Scottish Planning Policy
SQW	SQW (Socio-economic consultants)
SRA	Synthetic Radar Aperture
SSC	Suspended sediment concentration
SSR	Secondary Surveillance Radar
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
STW	Scottish Territorial Waters
TACAN	Tactical Air Navigation
TCE	The Crown Estate
TCP	Town and Country Planning Act
TEZ	Temporary Exclusion Zone
TMP	Traffic Management Plan
TMZ	Transponder Mandatory Zone
TSS	Traffic Separation Scheme
TTS	Temporary Threshold Shift
UK	United Kingdom
UKAPP	United Kingdom Air Pollution Prevention Certificate
UKAS	United Kingdom Accreditation Service
UKBAP	United Kingdom Biodiversity Action Plan
UKCS	United Kingdom Continental Shelf
UKHO	United Kingdom Hydrographic Office
ULSD	Ultra low sulphur diesel
UN	United Nations
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme

UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UPS	Uninterruptable Power System
US	United States
USA	United States of America
USAF	United States Air Force
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
VFR	Visual Flight Rules
VHF	Very High Frequency
VMC	Visual Mteorological Conditions
VMS	Vessel Monitoring System
VOR	VHF Omni-directional Radio Range
VRLA	Valve regulated lead acid battery
VTS	Vessel Traffic Services
WEDCA	Wind Energy, Defence & Civil Aviation
WFD	Water Framework Directive
WQTAG	Water Quality Technical Advisory Group
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigations
WWI	First World War
WWII	Second World War
XLPE	Cross linked polyethylene
ZTV	Zone of Theoretical Visibility