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List of Acronyms

CEQA - California Environmental Quality Act
 CERES - California Environmental Resources Evaluation
 CESA - California Endangered Species Act
 CFIS - Commercial Fisheries Information System
 DFG - Department of Fish and Game
 EFI - Essential Fishery Information
 EIR - Environmental Impact Report
 FGC - Fish and Game Code
 FMP - Fishery Management Plan
 MLMA - Marine Life Management Act
 MLMAEAC - Marine Life Management Act Evaluation Advisory Committee
 MRFSS - Marine Recreational Fishery Statistical Survey
 MSY - Maximum Sustainable Yield
 NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act
 NOP - Notice of Preparation
 OAL - Office of Administrative Law
 OY - Optimum Yield
 PFMC - Pacific Fishery Management Council
 PSMFC - Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
 RecFIN - Recreational Fisheries Information Network
 UC - University of California