Acronym buster

AC	Advisory Councils – stakeholder lead organisations that provide the Commission and EU countries with recommendations on fisheries management matters
ANNEX 1 Reef	A designated feature of SACs, there are three subtypes (Bedrock, Stony and biogenic)
ARM	Adaptive Risk Management
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs - government department responsible for marine environmental protection, and fisheries in the UK
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessments
EMS	European Marine Site – term used to refer to MPAs designated under European legislation
IFCA	Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority - lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries, by successfully securing the right balance between social, environmental and economic benefits to ensure healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and a viable industry
JNCC	Joint Nature Conservation Committee - statutory adviser on nature conservation in the offshore area
MCZ	Marine Conservation Zone – An MPA designated under national legislation
MMO	Marine Management Organisation - competent marine planning authority on behalf of UK Government
MPA	Marine Protected Area
NE	Natural England - statutory adviser on nature conservation out to 12nm in English waters
NFFO	National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations – a representative body for fishermen in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
OSPAR	The unified Oslo and Paris Conventions
RBS	Relative Benthic Status
SAC	Special Area of Conservation – An MPA designated under European legislation
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessments
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest – a type of MPA designated under national legislation
SAR	Swept Area Ratio
VMS	Vessel Monitoring System – a technology used to provide data on the location, course and speed of vessels