

Abbreviations Used in MFish

Abbreviation	Expanded Name
AAC	Annual Allowable Catch
ACE	Annual Catch Entitlement allocated under any of sections 67, 67A, 68, 340, and 340A of the Fisheries Act 1996.
ACE Register	The relevant Annual Catch Entitlement Register kept under section 124(1)(b) of the Fisheries Act 1996.
ALC	Automatic Location Communicator satellite position transceiver or transponder carried on vessels.
ARGOS	A satellite communications company based in France.
ASDO	Approved Service Delivery Organisation (deliverer of devolved and contracted services).
Bycatch trade-off (BCTO)	An agreement between the Fisher and the Crown for the fisher to lease the Crown quota in one species (target), to cover overcatch in a different species (by-catch).
Count Against Another's Quota (CAAQ) Agreement	A registered agreement between two Fishers to count catch by one party against quota held by the other. This agreement is entered into after fish have been taken, valid under the 1983 Fisheries Act only.
CAMS	Compliance Activity Monitoring System
Chief Executive (CE)	The Chief Executive of the Ministry, or Approved Service Delivery Organisation (ASDO) exercising powers under section 296C of the Fisheries Act 1996.
CE	Catch Effort
CELRs	Catch Effort and Landing Returns
CFL	Controlled Fishery License
CLRs	Catch Landing Returns
COR	Certificate of Registry (vessel registration)
DCM	District Compliance Manager
DQSS	Data Quality Specifications and Standards
DV	Deemed Values
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EUE	Established Underfishing Entitlement, a quota right available under the Fisheries Act 1983 only.
FA	Fisheries Act
Fishing Against Another's Quota (FAAQ) Agreement	A registered agreement between two Fishers' for catch by one party to be recorded against quota held by the other. This agreement is entered into prior to the fish being taken, valid under the 1983 Fisheries Act only.
FCC	Fisheries Communication Centre, monitors, tracks and communicates with industry fishing vessels
FCF	Federation of Commercial Fishermen
FFA	Forum Fisheries Association

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FIA	Fishing Industry Association
FIB	Fishing Industry Board
FIN	Fisher Identification Number, also referred to as a QRN (quota Registration Number) these are both defunct terms and are referred to as Client Numbers under the Fisheries Act 1996.
FIN	Fisheries Intelligence Network. The MFish intelligence database.
FMA	Fishery Management Areas
FMPs	Fishery Management Plans
FMS	Fisheries Management System operated by FishServe. This replaces the QMS from 1 October 2001 and operates under the Fisheries Act 1996.
FO	Fisheries Officer
FOTFAV	Fishing Otherwise Than From A Vessel
Functions	Functions, duties and powers (as referred to in section 296B of the Fisheries Act 1996).
GCSB	Government Communications Security Bureau
GIS	Geographical Information System
GMITQ	Guaranteed Minimum Individual Transferable Quota
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time
GMTTQ	Guaranteed Minimum Term Transferable Quota
GPS	Global Positioning System
I2	Enforcement Intelligence Visualisation Tool
IAS	ITQ Allocation System
IMG	Information Management Group – the MFish internal IT Group prior to renaming as ITC in October 2000.
INMARSAT-C	International Maritime Satellite Organisation
IQ	Individual Quota
ITC	Information Technology and Communications group within MFish
ITQ	Individual Transferable Quota
LES	Land Earth Station as used by Inmarsat-C service
LFR	Licensed Fish Receiver
LFRR	Licensed Fish Receiver Return
LFRIRs	Licensed Fish Receiver Inventory Returns
LIS	Legal Information System
MBS	Monthly Balancing System applicable under the Fisheries Act 1983 and replaced by ACE balancing from October 2001.
MHR	Monthly Harvest Return. A monthly return furnished by fishers recording catch in all fishstocks during the month. This replaces QMR returns from October 2001.
Minister	the Minister of Fisheries
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MOV	Memorandum of Variation used to change quota transactions under the Fisheries Act 1983.

Abbreviation	Expanded Name
NCU	National Compliance Unit
NOR	Notice of Registration
NZDT	New Zealand Daylight Time, this takes account of daylight saving.
NZST	New Zealand Standard Time, this ignores daylight saving.
OFR	Overfishing Rights, a quota right available under the Fisheries Act 1983 only.
OOF	Ownership of Fish (Agreement)
PCH	Provisional Catch History
PITQ	Provisional Individual Transferable Quota
PMITQ	Provisional Maximum Individual Transferable Quota
PMTTQ	Provisional Maximum Term Transferable Quota
QAA	Quota Appeal Authority
QAS	Quota Allocation System
QMA	Quota Management Area
QMR	Quota Management Report, a return required monthly by quota holders under the 1983 Fisheries Act, replaced by Monthly Harvest Returns under the Fisheries Act 1996.
QMS	Quota Management System.
QRN	Quota Registration Number.
QTS	Quota Trading System.
Quota	Individual Transferable Quota.
RAM	Regional Administration Manager.
REM	Regional Enforcement Manager.
S.61	A section of The Fisheries Act 1983 under which foreign unlicensed vessel may catch fish outside the EEZ and land in a New Zealand port, but may not fish in the EEZ on the way.
S.100	A section of The Fisheries Act 1983 under which domestic vessels may catch fish outside the EEZ and land in a New Zealand port, but may not fish in the EEZ on the way.
SDA	Service Delivery Agency (deliverer of contracted services).
SSP	Satellite Service Provider.
SID	Security Intelligence Database replaced by FIN (Fisheries Intelligence Network).
SJCERs	Squid Jigging Catch Effort Returns.
Specifications	Specifications and standards.
TAC	Total Allowable Catch.
TACC	Total Allowable Commercial Catch.
TCEPRs	Trawl Catch Effort and Processing Returns.
The Act	Fisheries Act 1996.
TLCERs	Tuna Longlining Catch Effort Returns.
TOWFC	Treaty of Waitangi Fisheries Commission.
TTQ	Transferable Term Quota (historical).
UTC	Universal Co-ordinated Time. This is the same as GMT
VMDS	Vessel Monitoring Data Dissemination System

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VMS	Vessel Monitoring System involves the continuous monitoring of fishing vessel positions by satellite transmitters (ALCs). The VPS is a component of the VMS.
VIS	Vessel Information System, a copy of Vessel And Vessel Registration data from QMS system.
VPS	Vessel Position System
VTs	Vessel Tracking System