Section 3: Acronyms

Acronyms are a concise way to reference agencies, organizations, associations, commissions, and other commonly used words that appear repeatedly in a manuscript or publication. However, it is easy to get carried away; rather than enhancing comprehension, acronym-heavy text can be confusing to your readers. The guidelines listed here will help you decide in which instances your readers are better served by an acronym.

1. Spell out the acronym or abbreviation on first use and follow with the acronym in parentheses to prepare your readers for subsequent use. If the acronym is parenthetically introduced in the abstract, it must be introduced again in the text.

2. For large publications, if an acronym appears fewer than five times in a publication, it should be spelled out each time it is used. An exception to this rule is made for news releases; acronyms can be used without restrictions after first introduction.

3. Be sure to use the correct acronym. It is important to keep acronyms standard between divisional publications to increase their recognition factor, and conform to defined abbreviations. Agencies, businesses, corporations, etc., have defined their own abbreviations or acronyms; under no circumstances is it correct to modify that abbreviation in any way. In other words, upper and lowercase letters, periods, and symbols are used exactly as the agency or business uses them. It is almost always appropriate to define these abbreviations on first use.

4. Do not use acronyms for subsequent references if they appear far later than the initially spelled-out instance. How far is too far? Would readers who are unfamiliar with the topic understand the acronym if they came upon it after the first reference?

5. Avoid alphabet soup. It is more often confusing than impressive. Rewrite copy peppered with acronyms.

6. Generally, do not put the preceding an acronym when it is standing alone. Acronyms are read as words and, except when used adjectivally, are rarely preceded by a, an, or the (CMS 2003).

   Use: New restrictions were announced by ADF&G last year.
   Avoid: The ADF&G announced the new restrictions.
   Use: Member nations of NATO enhanced their counter-piracy mission.

Initialisms are read as a series of letters and are often preceded by an article.

   Use: Member nations of the EU [initialism]
Depending on your audience, particularly if it is scientific, removing periods from most general abbreviations is a recognized standard (e.g., NOAA, VFDA). Once an acronym or abbreviation is established, follow that form exactly throughout the document.

### 3.1 Pluralizing Acronyms

When an acronym denotes a plural (if its spelled-out meaning is plural), the fact that it is an acronym makes it a word in its own right and therefore it is treated as if it were singular.

Acronyms without periods are pluralized by adding an *s*. Although periods in abbreviations should be limited as much as possible, they are sometimes needed to prevent misreading. To create a plural abbreviation, omit the apostrophe when there are no periods in an abbreviation (MDs), but use it when an abbreviation has periods or internal capitalization (Ph.D.’s).

If the abbreviation without periods forms a word that has another meaning and adding *s* alone would create confusion, use an apostrophe and *s* for the plural. An apostrophe and *s* is also used for the possessive.

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### 3.2 Agencies, Organizations, Associations, and Commissions

#### a. ADF&G divisions and sections

- Alaska Board of Fisheries
- Alaska Board of Game
- Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund
- Big Game Commercial Services Board (replaced the Guide Board)
- Boards Support Section (formerly the Division of Boards)
- Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
- Commissioner’s Office
- Division of Commercial Fisheries
- Division of Administrative Services
- Division of Habitat
- Division of Sport Fish
- Division of Subsistence
- Division of Wildlife Conservation (formerly the Division of Game)
- Fisheries Rehabilitation, Enhancement and Development Division
- Joint Board of Fisheries and Game
- Kachemak Bay Research Reserve
- Public Communications Section

1. Duke of Wildlife Conservation
2. Fisheries Rehabilitation, Enhancement and Development Division
b. State of Alaska

Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development  DCCED
Alaska Department of Corrections  DOC
Alaska Department of Education and Early Development  DEED
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  DEC
Alaska Department of Fish and Game  ADF&G
Alaska Department of Health and Social Services  DHSS
  • Division of Public Health  DPH
Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development  DOLWLD
Alaska Department of Law  DOL
Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs  DMVA
Alaska Department of Natural Resources  DNR
  • Division of Forestry  DOF
Alaska Department of Public Safety  DPS
  • Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers  AWT
Alaska Department of Revenue  DOR
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  DOT&PF
Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation  APFC
Alaska Public Offices Commission  APOC
Office of Management and Budget  OMB
University of Alaska Anchorage
  • Institute of Social and Economic Research  ISER–UAA
University of Alaska Fairbanks
  • Institute of Arctic Biology  IAB–UAF
  • Institute of Marine Science  IMS–UAF
  • School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences  SFOS–UAF
University of Alaska Southeast  UAS

c. U.S./Federal

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  AFWA
Bureau of Indian Affairs  BIA
Bureau of Land Management  BLM
  • National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska  NPR-A
Code of Federal Regulations  CFR
Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act  FIFRA
  • Special Local Need  SLN
Federal On-Scene Coordinator  FOSC
National Environmental Policy Act  NEPA
National Marine Fisheries Service  NMFS
  • Restricted Access Management Division  RAM
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  NOAA
National Park Service  NPS
North Pacific Research Board  NPRB
Pacific Salmon Commission  PSC
United States  U.S.
United States of America  USA
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  COE
U.S. Department of Agriculture  USDA
  • Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  APHIS
  • Food Safety and Inspection Service  FSIS
U.S. Department of Commerce  DOC
U.S. Department of Defense  DOD
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  USDHHS
  • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  CDC
  • Division of Global Migration and Quarantine  DGMQ
U.S. Department of Homeland Security USDHS
U.S. Department of the Interior DOI
  • Customs and Border Protection CBP
U.S. Department of Transportation USDOT
  • Federal Aviation Administration FAA
  • Maritime Division MARAD
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency EPA
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service USFWS
  • Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge AMNWR
  • Arctic National Wildlife Refuge ANWR
  • Fisheries Information System FIS
  • Office of Subsistence Management OSM
  • Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge YFNWR
U.S. Forest Service USFS
U.S. Geological Survey USGS
  • Biological Resources Discipline BRD
U.S. National Park Service NPS
  • Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve GAAR
U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA
  • Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response HAZWOPER
U.S. Public Health Service USPHS

d. Other agencies, organizations, associations, and commissions

Ahtna Regional Corporation Spell out
Alaska Aquaculture, Inc. AAI
Alaska Coastal Management Program ACMP
Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission Spell out
Alaska Federation of Natives AFN
Alaska Invasive Species Working Group AISWG
Alaska Native Foundation (The) Spell out
Alaska Outdoor Council AOC
Alaska Professional Hunters Association APHA
Alaska Public Employees Association APEA
Alaska Rodent Action Team ARAT
Alaska Rural Development Council Spell out
Alaska Sea Life Center ASLC
Alaska Sea Otter Commission (The) Spell out
Alaskan Shellfish Grower’s Association ASGA
Alaska State Employees Association ASEA
Alaska Trappers Association ATA
Alaska Village Initiatives Spell out
Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center AWCC
Aleut Regional Corporation Spell out
Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association Spell out
American Fisheries Society AFS
Arctic Slope Regional Corporation ASRC
Armstrong–Keta, Inc. AKI
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies AFWA
Association of Village Council Presidents AVCP
Bering Sea Fishermen’s Association BSFA
Bering Straits Regional Corporation Spell out
Bethel Native Corporation Spell out
Bristol Bay Native Association BBNA
Bristol Bay Native Corporation BBNC
Burro Creek Farms BCF
Calista Regional Corporation Spell out
Canada Department of Fisheries and Oceans | DFO
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Central Council—Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska | Spell out
Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association | CRAA
Chugach Regional Corporation | Spell out
Chugachmiut | Spell out
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association | CIAA
Cook Inlet Regional, Inc. | CIRI
Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy | CWCS
Copper River Native Association | Spell out
Council for Yukon First Nations | CYFN or (First Nations)
Dingell–Johnson | D–J
Doyon Regional Corporation | Spell out
Douglas Island Pink and Chum, Inc. | DIPAC
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trust Council | EVOSTC
Eskimo Walrus Commission | Spell out
Hunter Heritage Foundation of Alaska | HHFA
Independent Science Advisory Board | ISAB
Indigenous People’s Council for Marine Mammals | Spell out
International Bowhunter Education Program | IBEP
International Pacific Halibut Commission | IPHC
Inuit Circumpolar Conference | ICC
Joint Technical Committee | JTC
Kake Nonprofit Fisheries Corporation | KNFC
Kawerak, Inc. | Spell out
Ketchikan Tribal Hatchery Corporation | KTHC
Klawock River Hatchery, Inc. | KRHI
Kodiak Area Native Association | Spell out
Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association | KRAA
Koniaq Regional Corporation | Spell out
Kusksokwim Native Association | Spell out
Maniilaq Association | Spell out
Marine Mammal Commission | MMC
Medvejie Creek Hatchery | Spell out
Mietakatla Indian Community | MIC
NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. | Spell out
National Academy of Sciences | NAS
National Science Foundation | NSF
Nongovernmental organization | NGO
North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission | NPAFC
North Pacific Fishery Management Council | NPFMC
Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association | NSRAA
Public Broadcasting System | PBS
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission | PSMFC
Port Graham Hatchery Corporation | PGHC
Prince of Wales Hatchery Association | POWHA
Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation | PWSAC
Quteckcak Shellfish Hatchery | Spell out
Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. | RurAL CAP
Sealaska Regional Corporation | Spell out
Sitka Sound Science Center | SSSC
Sikusuiq Hatchery | Spell out
Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium | SEARHC
Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association | SSRAA
Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. | TCC
The Nature Conservancy | TNC
Trans-Alaska Pipeline System | TAPS
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<td>Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies</td>
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<td>Yukon Department of Environment</td>
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<td>Yukon–Kuskokwim Health Corporation</td>
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<td>Yukon Territorial Government</td>
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Note: For a list of village councils and corporations not listed in this section, contact RurAL CAP, 731 E 8th Avenue, PO Box 200908, Anchorage, AK 99520; phone 907-279-2511. Their Rural Directory can be purchased or accessed online.

1. No official abbreviation, but short form is acceptable for informal use.
2. Now merged into other divisions.
3. Do not delete the ampersand (&) from ADF&G, as it is an integral part of our agency abbreviation. Manuscripts submitted for publication outside the department should also use ADF&G (most editors do not know the correct abbreviation and will assume you do).
4. Following the signing of the Umbrella Final Agreement, Council for Yukon Indians (CYI) became CYFN.

### 3.3 Alaska Caribou Herds

The words *caribou* and *herd* are not capitalized.

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3.4 Miscellaneous Abbreviations and Acronyms

All of the following miscellaneous abbreviations and acronyms except those with a footnote should be spelled out in full on first use, and followed by the abbreviation or acronym in parentheses. In many cases, it may be better to avoid using the abbreviation, especially if the word is infrequently used in the document.

Above Ground Level, or above ground level
Advisory Committee (state)
age-weight-length (adj)
Alaska Family Leave Act
Alaska Juneau Mine
Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
Alaska Subsistence Salmon Database
amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence
approved leave without pay
Arctic–Yukon–Kuskokwim
as soon as possible
bacterial kidney disease
biological escapement goal
brood year
capital improvement project
capture–mark–resight
carapace width/length
catch per unit effort
Clean Water Act
coded wire tag
Community Development Quota
compare
compass directions (maps and coordinates):
  • east
  • north
  • south
  • west
Community Subsistence Information System
Comprehensive Conservation Plan
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act
controlled use area
cub(s) of the year
customary and traditional
days of week (first three letters in tables, figures, or parenthetical use only, no period; otherwise spell out)
defense of life or property
Deoxyribonucleic acid
Doctor of Philosophy degree

AGL
AC
AWL
AFLA
AJ Mine
ANILCA
ANCSA
ASSDB
ANS
ALWOP
AYK
ASAP
BKD
BEG
BY
CIP
CMR
CW/CL
CPUE
CWA
CWT
CDQ
cf.
E
N
S
W
CSIS
CCP
CERCLA
CUA
COY
C&T (use finding, by board)
Sun, Mon, etc.
DLP
DNA
Ph.D.
emergency order
Endangered Species Act
Environmental Assessment
Environmental Impact Statement
Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action
essential fish habitat
et alii (and others)
et cetera (and so forth)
Evolutionarily Significant Unit
Exclusive Economic Zone
exempli gratia (for example)
Exxon Valdez oil spill
Federal Family and Medical Leave Act
federal fiscal year
field purchase order
file transfer protocol (Internet)
fiscal year (State of Alaska FY10 is from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010)
fishery management plan
fish resource permit
fish transport permit
fork length
free on board (do not spell out)
Game Management Unit
general fund
geographic information system
Geospatial Population Estimator
Global Positioning System
Great Circle Route
Guide Use Area
Gulf of Alaska
guideline harvest level
harvest per unit effort
Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points
hypertext markup language
id est (that is)
Individual Fishing Quota
individual transfer quota
infectious hematopoietic necrosis virus
International Health Regulation
Integrated Pest Management
International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
joint venture
latitude/longitude
leave without pay
local area network
local ecological knowledge
Magnuson–Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
Marine Mammal Protection Act
Matanuska Valley/Matanuska-Susitna Borough/region
maximum sustained yield
memorandum of agreement
memorandum of understanding
merit anniversary date
months (first 3 letters in tables, figures only, otherwise spell out)
National Environmental Protection Act
news release
EO
ESA
EA
EIS
EEO/AA
EFH
et al.¹
etc.¹
ESU
EEZ
EEOS
FMLA
FFY
FPO
FTP
FY
FMP
FRP
FTP
FL
FOB or f.o.b.¹
GMU
GF
GIS
GSPE
GPS
GCR
GUA
GOA
GHL
HPUE
HACCP
HTML
i.e.,¹
IFQ
ITQ
IHNV
IHR
IPM
IUCN
JV
lat/long¹
LWOP
LAN
LEK
Magnuson–Stevens Act²
MMPA
Do not abbeviate to Mat-Su
MSY
MOA
MOU
MAD
Feb, Jun, etc., no period
NEPA
NR
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1. Because this acronym is commonly used and widely recognized, it may be used as is on first reference with no introduction.
2. Magnuson–Stevens Act is a shortened version of the Magnuson–Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. We expect it will be abbreviated sometime soon.
3. For more information, see Section 8.4 Time of Day.