LIST OF ACRONYMS USED IN ENVIRONMENTAL LITERATURE

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(c): copyright

-30-: end of news release

3Ds: deregulation, decentralization and devolution

A.2d: Atlantic Reporter Second Series

A.D.: anno domine (after Christ)

a.m.: ante meridiem (before noon)

ABN: Asian Business News

ACAP: Atlantic Coastal Action Plan

ACAP: Atlantic Coastal Action Programm

ACL: Alternative Concentration Levels

ACP: Agricultural Conservation Program

ADEC: Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (USA)

ADM: Assistant Deputy Minister
ADRs: alternative dispute resolution

AEA: Atomic Energy Act

AEC: Atomic Energy Commission

AECA: Atomic Energy Control Act (Canada)

AECB: Atomic Energy Control Board

AECL: Atomic Energy of Canada, Limited

AES: Arctic Environmental Strategy

AES: Atmospheric Environment Service

AFA: alternative funding arrangements

AFI: Assembly of First Nations

AG: Attorney General

AGA: annual general assembly (Canadian Environmental Network)

AGBC: Attorney General of British Columbia

AGS: Alberta Geological Society

AIA: (Canadian) Access to Information Act

AICBCA: Appraisal Institute of Canada, British Columbia Association

AID: U.S. Agency for International Development

AIF: airport improvement fee

AIS: Artifact Information System (Environment Canada Database)

AKA: also known as

Ala.: Alabama

ALC: Agricultural Land Commission (B.C.)

ALR: Agricultural Land Reserve (B.C.)
AMD: acid mine drainage
Am. Sam.: American Samoa
AMRF: Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund
AMS: Alma Mater Society (UBC)
ANWR: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
ANFOR: Ancient Forests & Wilderness Project
ANILCA: Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act
Ann.: Annotated
ANZECC: Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council
AOSIS: Alliance of Small Island States
APA: Administrative Procedure Act
APEC: Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
App.: Appendix
ARC: Agriculture Resources Conservation
ARD: acid rock drainage
ARET: Accelerated Reduction / Elimination of Toxics
ARETS: Accelerated Reduction / Elimination of Toxics Substances
Ariz.: Arizona
Ark.: Arkansas
ARTES: Accelerated Reducation / Elimination of Toxic Substances
ASCS: Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service
ASGAD: Atlantic Shellfish Growing Area Database (Environment Canada Database)
ATIP: access to information and privacy (Canada, federal)
ATSDR: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
ATC: Alternative Transportation Centre (Vancouver, BC)
ATV: all terrain vehicle
B.C.: Before Christ
BACT: Best Available Control Technology
BACT: best available control technology
BAF: Bioaccumulation Factor
BAPMON: Background Air Pollution Monitoring Network (Environment Canada Database)
BART: Best Available Retrofit Technology
BAT: best available technology
BATEA: Best Available Technology Economically Achievable
BBCS: Burns Bog Conservation Society
BBS: Bulletin Board System
BC: British Columbia
BCAA: British Columbia Assessment Authority
BCAA: British Columbia Automobile Association
BCCA: BC Court of Appeal
BCCCP: BC Communities Connect Program
BCE: BC Environment (Ministry of)
BCEAA: BC Environmental Assessment Act
BCEC: British Columbia Energy Council
BCEN: British Columbia Environmental Network
BCF: Bioconcentration Factor
**BCGEU**: BC Government Employees’ Union

**BCLA**: British Columbia Library Association

**BCLR**: British Columbia Law Reports

**BCMA**: British Columbia Medical Association

**BCOAPO**: B.C. Old Age Pensioners Organization

**BCR**: British Columbia Railway

**BCSC**: British Columbia Supreme Court

**BCT**: Best Conventional Pollutant Control Technology

**BCTF**: BC Teachers’ Federation

**BCUC**: British Columbia Utilities Commission

**BECC**: Border Environment Cooperation Commission

**BIA**: Bureau of Indian Affairs

**BIT**: Business Impact Test

**BIEAP**: Burrard Inlet Environmental Action Plan

**BLCR**: BC Law Reports

**BLM**: Bureau of Land Management

**BMP**: Best Management Practices

**BMP**: best management practices

**BNA**: British North America

**BOD**: Biological Oxygen Demand

**BOD**: board of directors

**BOR**: Bureau of Reclamation

**BPA**: Bonneville Power Administration
**BPT**: Best Practical Control Technology Currently Available

**BCSC**: B.C. Supreme Court

**BTEX**: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes, a group of monocyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

**BTW**: by the way

**C.F.R.**: Code of Federal Regulations

**CA**: Court of Appeal

**CAA**: Clean Air Act

**CAA**: Clean Air Act (Saskatchewan)

**CAC**: Consumers Association of Canada

**CAFE**: Corporate Average Fuel Economy

**CAIR**: Chemical Assessment Information Rule

**Cal.**: California

**CPPA**: Canadian Pulp and Paper Association

**CANARIE**: Canadian Network for the Advancement of Research, Industry and Education

**CAPMON**: Canadian Air and Precipitation Monitoring Network (Environment Canada Database)

**CAPP**: Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

**CBA-BC**: Canadian Bar Association - British Columbia Branch

**CBA**: Canadian Bar Association

**CBD**: Convention on Biodiversity

**CBOT**: Chicago Board of Trade

**CBP**: Clayoquot Biosphere Project (Founded in Tofino, 1991)

**CBR**: Cypress Bowl Recreation
**CBRL**: Cypress Bowl Recreation Ltd.

**CBS**: Canadian Biodiversity Strategy

**CC**: conservation covenant

**CCC**: Commodity Credit Corporation

**CCEC**: Council of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

**CCHW**: Citizens Clearinghouse for Hazardous Wastes (U.S.)

**CESCC**: Canadian Endangered Species Conservation Council

**CCME**: Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment

**CCNT**: Conservation Committee of the Northern Territory (Australia)

**CCOSH**: Canadian Centre for Occupational Health

**CCPA**: Canadian Chemical Producers Association

**CCPA**: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

**CCREM**: Canadian Council of Resource and Environment Ministers

**CD-ROM**: compact disk - read only memory

**CDC**: Conservation Data Centres

**CEA**: Canadian Education Association

**CEA**: cumulative effects assessment

**CEAA**: Canadian Environmental Assessment Act

**CEAC**: Canadian Environmental Advisory Council

**CEARC**: Canadian Environmental Assessment Research Council

**CEC**: Commission for Environmental Cooperation (NAFTA)

**CEDARENA**: Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center (Costa Rica)

**CEDF**: Canadian Environmental Defence Fund
CEEMP: Cowichan Estuary Environmental Management Plan
CEL: Canadian Environmental Law Association
CEN: Canadian Environmental Network
CEO: Chief Executive Officer
CEPA: Canadian Environmental Protection Act
CEPA: Commonwealth Environment Protection Authority (Australia)
CEQ: Council on Environmental Quality
CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980
CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (Also known as The Superfund) - USA
CES: Canadian Earthcare Society
CFC: chlorofluorocarbon
CFCs: Chlorofluorocarbons
CFFA: Canada's Future Forest Alliance
CFL: Canadian Football League
CFL: compact fluorescent lamp
CFS: Canadian Federation of Students
CGCP: Canadian Global Climate Change Program
CGIS: Canada Geographic Information System (Environment Canada Database)
ch.: Chapter
CHEM: Chemical Profiles Database - Schedule II Transportation of Dangerous Goods (Environment Canada Database)
CIDA: Canadian International Development Agency
CIEL: Center for International Environmental Law

CIEL: Center for International Environmental Law

CIELAP: Canadian Institute of Environmental Law and Policy

CIPSI: Canadian Industry Packaging Stewardship Initiative

Cir.: Circuit

CIRL: Canadian Institute of Resources Law

CIS: Canadian Ice Service

CISTI: Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information

CITES: Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

CITES: Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (of Wild Flora and Fauna)

CLA: Canadian Library Association

CLC: Canadian Labour Congress

CLC: Canada Labour Code

CLE: Continuing Legal Education

CLI: Canada Land Inventory (Program)

CLISP: Corporate Land Information Strategic Plan

cm: centimetres

CMA: Canadian Medical Association

CMA: Canadian Manufacturers Association

CMC: Conservation Monitoring Center (of the IUCN)

CMCS: Criteria for Managing Contaminated Sites

CMDA: Centro Mexicano De Derecho Ambiental
CNE: Canadian National Exhibition (Toronto)

CNE: Certified Network Engineer

CNF: Canadian Nature Federation

CNOPB: Canada Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board

CO2: carbon dioxide

COA: Canadian Ontario Agreement

COA: Canadian Ontario Agreement

COA: certificate of approval

COD: chemical oxygen demand

COD: cash on delivery

Colo.: Colorado

COM: Committee of Ministers (CCME)

COMP: Air Pollutants Compendium (Environment Canada Database)

Conn.: Connecticut

COP: council of parties

CORE: Commission on Resources and the Environment (B.C.)

COSEWIC: Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada

CPA: Canadian Petroleum Association (now CAPP)

CPI: Coalition for Public Information (Canada)

CPHA: Canadian Public Health Association

CPU: Canadian Paperworkers' Union

CRASH: Canadians for Responsible and Safe Highways

CRII: Corporate Resources Inventory Initiative
**CRKMA**: Community Right to Know More Act (USA)

**CRP**: Conservation Reserve Program

**CSALE**: Centre for Studies in Agriculture, Law and the Environment (Saskatchewan)

**CSHIB**: Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

**CSPAN**: Cable Satellite Public Affairs Network

**CSR**: Contaminated Sites Regulation

**CTC**: Cornell Theory Center

**Ctl**: Commonwealth (Australia)

**CTS**: Canadian Treaty Series

**CULA**: University of California Los Angeles

**cum**: cubic metres

**CUPE**: Canadian Union of Public Employees

**CVRD**: Cowichan Valley Regional District (BC)

**CWA**: Clean Water Act

**CWWA**: Canadian Water and Waste Association

**CWQG**: Canadian Water Quality Guidelines (CCME)

**CYA**: cover your ass

**CYI**: Council for Yukon Indians

**CZMA**: Coastal Zone Management Act

**D.C.**: District of Columbia

**DAL**: direct access line

**DAR**: Daughters of the American Revolution
**DC**: District of Columbia (U.S.)

**DCA**: detrended correspondence analysis

**DCL**: development cost levy

**DCC**: development cost charge

**DDT**: pesticide

**Del.**: Delaware

**DFO**: Department of Fisheries and Oceans

**DG**: Director General

**DIAND**: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

**DLL**: direct link library

**DLR**: Dominion Law Reports

**DM**: Deputy Minister

**DND**: Department of National Defence

**DOA**: dead on arrival

**DOD**: Department of Defense

**DOE**: Department of Energy

**DOI**: Department of Interior

**DOJ**: Department of Justice

**DOT**: Department of Transportation

**DOTS**: Departmental Office Technology System (Environment Canada)

**DPA**: Development Permit Area

**DU**: Ducks Unlimited

**EA**: environmental assessment
EAB: Environmental Appeal Board
EAO: Environmental Assessment Office (B.C.)
EARP: Environmental Assessment and Review Process
EBR: Environmental Bill of Rights
ECARP: Environmental Conservation Acreage Reserve Program
ECDD: Environment Canada Data Dictionary
ECE: Economic Commission for Europe (UN region including all of Europe, US, Canada, the Central Asian Republics of the former Soviet Union and Israel)
ECO: Environmental Citizens Organization
ECP: enforcement and compliance policy
ECP: Enforcement and Compliance Policy (under CEPA)
ed: edition
ed: editor
ED: Executive Director
EDF: Environmental Defense Fund (US)
EDI: Enviro Desorption Inc.
EDM: electronic distance measurement
EDRF: Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund (WCELA)
EDSP: Environmental and Development Support Program
EEC: European Economic Community
EEM: environmental effects monitoring
EEP: Environmental Easement Program
EEZ: Exclusive Economic Zone
EHC: extended health benefits
**EIA**: Environmental Impact Assessment

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**EIL**: environmental impairment liability

**EIS**: Environmental Impact Statement

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**EKES**: East Kootenay Environmental Society

**ELIAS**: Environment Library Integrated Automated System (Environment Canada)

**ELP**: End Legislated Poverty (B.C.)

**ELU(T)C**: Environment and Land Use (Technical) Committee (Government of B.C.)

**EMA**: Environmental Management Act

**EMCBC**: Environmental Mining Council of British Columbia

**EMEP**: Cooperative Program for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long - Range Transmission of Air Pollution in Europe

**EMF**: Environmental Management Framework (CCME)

**EMPA**: Environmental Management and Protection Act (Saskatchewan)

**ENGO**: Environmental Non-Governmental Organization

**EMS**: environment management system

**EN**: El Nino

**ENSO**: El Nino/Southern Oscillation

**ENT**: ear, nose and throat

**EOPT**: end of pipe treatment

**EP**: Environmental Protection (Canada)

**EPA**: Environmental Protection Agency

**EPA**: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
**EPCRA**: Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

**EPCRKA**: Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (USA)

**EPEA**: Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (Alberta)

**EQO**: environmental quality objectives

**ERC**: Emergency Response Coordinator

**ERDA**: Energy Research and Development Administration

**ESA**: Endangered Species Act

**ESA**: Environmentally Sensitive Area

**ESD**: ecologically sustainable development

**ESM**: environmentally sound management

**ETL**: Envirogreen Technologies Ltd.

**EU**: European Union

**Exec. Order**: Executive Order

**F. Supp.**: Federal Supplement

**F.2d**: Federal Reporter Second Series

**F.3d**: Federal Reporter Third Series

**FA**: Fisheries Act

**FA**: Forest Act

**FA**: federal authority

**FACA**: Federal Advisory Committee Act

**FAO**: Food and Agriculture Organization

**FAPG**: Federation of Anti-Poverty Groups (B.C.)

**FAQ**: frequently asked questions
FBCMC: Federation of BC Mountain Clubs
FBCN: The Federation of British Columbia Naturalists
FBMB: Fraser Basin Management Board
FBMP: Fraser Basin Management Plan
FCA: Federal Court of Appeal
FCC: Farm Credit Corporation (Canada)
FCC: Federal Communications Commission (US)
FCC: Federal Court of Canada
FCC: Fisheries Council of Canada
FCC: Fletcher Challenge Canada
FCC: Fletcher Challenge Canada
FCM: Federation of Canadian Municipalities
FCPP: Friends of Cypress Provincial Park
FCTD: Federal Court Trial Division
FDA: Food and Drug Administration (US)
FDA: Food and Drugs Act (Canada)
FDA: Food and Drugs Administration (USA)
FEARO: Federal Environmental Assessment Review Office
FEARP: Federal Environmental Assessment Review Process
Fed. Reg.: Federal Register
FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Act
FERC: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FIFRA: Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act
FIPA: Freedom of Information and Privacy Association
FIPPA: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Fla.: Florida
FLPMA: Federal Land Policy and Management Act
FLR: Forest Land Reserve (B.C.)
FLUC: Forest Land Use Council (Galiano Island, BC)
FMPs: Fishery Management Plans
FMV: fair market value
FN: First Nations
FN: footnote
FNEA: First Nations Environmental Assessment
FNRA: First Nations Responsible Authority
FOIA: Freedom of Information Act
FONSI: Finding of No Significant Impact
FPA: Federal Power Act
FPAC: Federal-Provincial Advisory Committee (under CEPA)
FPC: Forest Practices Code
FRAP: Fraser River Action Plan
FRAP: Fraser River Action Plan
FRBC: Forest Renewal British Columbia
FRC: Forest Resources Commission (BC)
FSSIM: Forest Service Simulation Model
FSZ: Fisheries Sensitive Zones
ft: feet

FTA: Free Trade Agreement

FTCA: Federal Tort Claims Act

FWPCA: Federal Water Pollution Control Act

FY: fiscal year

FYI: for your information

Ga.: Georgia

GAO: General Accounting Office

GATT: General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

GB: Great Britain

GEA: Greater Ecosystems Alliance

GEF: Global Environment Facility

GEMS: Global Environmental Monitoring System

GFI: ground fault interrupt

GHG: greenhouse gas

GIS: geographic information system

GLCZDB: Canadian Great Lakes Coastal Zone Database (Environment Canada Database)

GLIDE: Government Land Information Data Exchange

GLU: Great Lakes United

GPS: Global Positioning System

GRID: Global Resource Information Database (Established by GEMS)

GLPPC: Great Lakes Pollution Prevention Centre
GSP: gross domestic product
GSR: Geo-Spatial Reference
GST: Goods and Services Tax
Haw.: Hawaii
HBU: highest and best use of land
HCF: Habitat Conservation Fund
HCP: Habitat Conservation Plan
HCS: Hazard Communication Standard
HEls: Highly Erodible Lands
HFC: Heritage Canada Foundation
HIV: human immunodeficiency virus
HL: House of Lords
HOG: Home Owner Grant (British Columbia)
hr: hectare
HSWA: Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984
HTTP: hypertext transfer protocol
HWC: Health and Welfare Canada
IHAC: Information Highway Advisory Council. (Canada)
I.L.M.: International Legal Materials
IAAO: International Association of Assessing Officers
IAEA: International Atomic Energy Agency
IAEA: International Atomic Energy Agency
IAIA: International Association for Impact Assessment
IATA: International Air Transport Association

IATO: Information Access Technology Office (BC)

IBC: Insurance Bureau of Canada (industry association re property and casualty insurance sector)

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IBRD: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

IBWC: International Boundary and Water Commission

ICAPOR: Information Collection and Public Opinion Research (Environment Canada)

ICCC: Inuit Circumpolar Conference Canada

ICEL: International Council on Environmental Law

ICH: interior hemlock/cedar (ecological zone)

ICHR: InterAmerican Commission on Human Rights.

ICLQ: International and Comparative Law Quarterly

ICSU: International Council of Scientific Unions

IDA: International Development Association

IDB: InterAmerican Development Bank

IDERA: International Development Education Resources Association (B.C.)

IEMI: International Environmental Management Initiative

IFC: International Finance Corporation

IFF: if and only if

IGAE: Intergovernmental Agreement on the Environment (Australia)

IFCS: Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety

IIIEC: International Institute for Energy Conservation

IIP: International Ice Patrol
IJC: International Joint Commission (binational commission formed in 1909 to deal with water quality issues along the Canada and U.S. border)

Ill.: Illinois

ILMA: Interior Lumber Manufacturers Association (BC)

IMF: International Monetary Fund

IMHO: in my humble opinion

IMO: International Maritime Organization

IMP: integrated pest management

in: inch

INAC: Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Ind.: Indiana

INE: Instituto Nacional de Ecologia (National Institute of Ecology -- Mexico)

IPAC: Independent Petroleum Association of Canada (now CAPP)

IPAT: impacts (is a function of) population, affluence and technology

IPCC: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

IRC: Internal Revenue Code

IRP: Integrated Resource Planning

IRS: Internal Revenue Service

ISO: International Standards Organization

ISP: independent service provider

ISR: intelligence collection, surveillance, and reconnaissance

IT: information technology

ITC: Inuit Tapirisat Canada

ITQ: Individual Transferable Quota
ITR: International Trade Reporter
ITTO: International Tropical Timber Organization
IUCN: International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
IWA-C: International Woodworkers of America - Canada
IWA: International Woodworkers of America
IWC: International Whaling Commission
IWD: Inland Waters Directorate (of Environment Canada)
IWD: International Women's Day
JBNQ Agreement: James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement
JEA: Jasper Environmental Association
JMP: Joint Monitoring Program
JPAC: Joint Policy Advisory Committee
JRPA: Judicial Review Procedures Act
Kan.: Kansas
Kb: kilobytes
Kbps: kilobytes per seconf
kg: kilogram
Kow: octanol-water partition coefficient
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KTFC: Kwakiut'l Territorial Fisheries Commission
Ky.: Kentucky
L.N.T.S.: League of Nation Treaty Series
La.: Louisiana
LAER: Lowest Achievable Emission Rate

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LC: Library of Congress

LCV: longer combination vehicles (long tracker-trailer trucks)

LEH: limited entry hunt

LEPCs: Local Emergency Planning Committees

LEPS: Langley Environmental Protection Society

LG in C: Lieutenant Governor in Council (cabinet)

LISA: Low-Input, Sustainable Agriculture Program

LM: Lower Mainland (of British Columbia)

LMCS: Local Multipoint Communications Systems

LOC: line of credit

LOD: letters of direction

logKow: octanol-water partition coefficient

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LOS: Law of the Sea

LRMP: Land & Resource Management Plan (BC)

LRSP: Livable Region Strategic Plan (greater Vancouver)

LRTAP: Long Range Transportation of Atmospheric Pollutants

LSUC: Law Society of Upper Canada. (Ontario)

LTAP: longrange transport of airborne pollutants

LUST: leaking underground storage tank

m: metre
MA: Municipal Act
MAB: Man and Biosphere
MAC: Mining Association of Canada
MACT: Maximum Achievable Control Technology
MAFF: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (B.C.)
Man. QB: Manitoba Queen's Bench
MARPOL: International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
Mass.: Massachusetts
MB: MacMillan Bloedel
MC: memo to cabinet
MCLs: Maximum Contaminant Levels
Md.: Maryland
MDBs: Multilateral development banks
MDF: medium density fibreboard
Me.: Maine
MEA: Municipal Environmental Assessment
MEC: Mountain Equipment Co-op (BC)
MET: Meteorological Data System (Environment Canada Database)
MFI: minimum federal involvement
MFI: multilateral financial institution
MGIH: Management of Government Information (Policy)
MHz: megaHertz
mi: miles
**MIACC**: Major Industrial Accidents Council of Canada

**ILO**: International Labour Organization

**Mich.**: Michigan

**MIME**: multimedia

**Minn.**: Minnesota

**MISA**: Municipal / Industrial Strategy for Abatement

**MISA**: Municipal-Industrial Strategy for Abatement (Ontario)

**Miss.**: Mississippi

**MIT**: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**MLA**: Mineral Leasing Act

**MLA**: Member of the Legislative Assembly

**MMA**: Ministry of Municipal Affairs

**MMPA**: Marine Mammal Protection Act

**MMS**: Mineral Management Service

**MMT**: manganese compound, gasoline additive, trade name HiTEC 3000

**Mo.**: Missouri

**mo**: month

**MOA**: Memorandum of Agreement

**MOEE**: Ministry of Environment and Energy (Ontario)

**MOELP (MELP)**: Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks (BC)

**Mont.**: Montana

**MOU**: Memorandum of Understanding
MOU: memorandum of understanding

MP: Member of Parliament

MPA: marine protected area

MPP: Member of Provincial Parliament (Ontario)

MPRSA: Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act

MS: Microsoft

MSAC: Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee (to the federal Minister of Environment on NPRI)

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MSDS: Material Safety Data Sheet

MSDSs: Material Safety Data Sheets

MSWG: Multi-Stakeholder Working Group on Pulp Mill Regulation in BC

MSY: Maximum Sustainable Yield

MUC: Montreal Urban Community

MUSYA: Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act

N.C.: North Carolina

N.D.: North Dakota

N.E.2d: North Eastern Reporter Second Series

N.H.: New Hampshire:

N.J.: New Jersey

N.M.: New Mexico

N.W.2d: Northwest Reporter Second Series

N.Y.: New York
N: North (NE Northeast, NNE North-North east, etc.)

NA: not applicable

NA: not available

NAAEC: North America Agreement on Environmental Cooperation

NAAQS: National Ambient Air Quality Standards

NACE: North American Commission on the Environment (Same as CEC)

NACEC: North American Commission on Environmental Cooperation

NAD27: North American Datum of 1927

NAD83: North American Datum of 1983

NADBank: North American Development Bank

NAFTA: North American Free Trade Agreement

NAG: National Advisory Group on Harmonization (CCME)

NAICC: National Air Issues Coordinating Committee (Canada)

NAP: Northern Affairs Program

NAPAP: National Acid Precipitation Assessment Program

NaPP: National Packaging Protocol (Canada)

NAPS: National Air Pollution Surveillance Network (Environment Canada)

NAQUADAT: National Water Quality Database (Environment Canada Database)

NAS: National Academy of Sciences (US)

NASA: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NATO: North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NCAP: Northwest Coalition for Alternatives and Pesticides

NCC: Nature Conservancy of Canada
NCC: National Capital Commission (Ottawa)
NCHS: National Center for Health Statistics (US)
NCP: National Contingency Plan
NCR: National Capital Region (Ottawa)
NCSA: National Centre for Supercomputing Applications
NCSRP: National Contaminated Sites Remediation Program
NCV: nuclear capable vessel
NDP: New Democratic Party
Neb.: Nebraska
NEDRES: National Environmental Data Referal Service
NEPA: National Environmental Protection Act
NESHAPs: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants
Nev.: Nevada
NEW: Northwest Environmental Watch
NFR: National Science Foundation (US)
NGO: Non-Governmental Organization
NIC: North Island College (BC)
NII: National Information Infrastructure (US)
NIMBY: Not In My Back Yard
NIMTO: Not In My Term of Office
NIRB: Nunavut Impact Review Board
NITEP: Native Indian Teacher Education Program (UBC)
NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOEL: no observable effect level
NOV: Notice of Violation
NPDES: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPL: National Priorities List
NPMS: National Packaging Monitoring System (Canada)
NPRI: Canadian National Pollutant Release Inventory
NPS: National Park Service
NPTF: National Packaging Task Force
NPTN: National Public Telecommunications Network
NPV: nuclear powered vessel
NRBS: Northern River Basins Study
NRC: Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRC: National Research Council (Canada)
NRCan: Natural Resources Canada
NRCC: National Research Council of Canada
NRDC: Natural Resources Defense Council(USA)
NRT: National Response Team
NRTCR: National Registry of Toxic Chemical Residues (Environment Canada Database)
NSA: Nunavut Settlement Agreement
NSC: National Security Council
NSEN: Nova Scotia Environment Network
NSESd: National Strategy for Ecologically Sustainable Development (Australia)
NSF: not sufficient funds

NSF: National Science Foundation (US)

NSPS: New Source Performance Standards

NSPS: New Source Pollution Standards

NUDAT: Nuclear Data System (Environment Canada Database)

NWPA: Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982

NWPA: Navigable Waters Protection Act

O&D: overlap and duplication

OLAP: Ontario Legal Aid Plan

OAS: Organization of American States

OC: Order of Canada

OCP: official community plan

OCR: optical character recognition

OCS: Outer Continental Shelf

OCSLA: Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act

ODA: overseas development assistance

ODC: Ozone Depleting Chemicals

ODSCA: Ozone Depleting Substance Control (Saskatchewan)

ODUMP: Ocean Dumping Permit System (Environment Canada Database)

OECD: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

OES: Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, State Department

OIC: order in council

Okla.: Oklahoma
PAC: Political Action Committee

PAC: Packaging Association of Canada

PACT: Protected Areas Coordinating Team

PAH: polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon

PAL: prime agricultural land

para.: Paragraph

PAS: Protected Areas Strategy (B.C.)

PC: personal computer

PC: politically correct

PC: Privy Council

PC: Progressive Conservative

PCBs: Polychlorinated Biphenyls

PCDD: polychlorinated di-benzo-p dioxins

PCDF: polychlorinated di-benzo-p furans

PCJ: Privy Council - Justice

PCMCIA: Personal Computer Memory Card International Association

PCP: Pentachlorophenol

PCPA: Pest Control Products Act (Canada)

PCR: polymerase chain reaction

PCS: Personal Communications Services

PCSD: President's Council on Sustainable Development

pd: per diem (per day)

PDR: purchase of development rights
PEA: Professional Employees Association

PELs: Permissible Exposure Limits

pH: a measure of alkaline vs. acidity (where 0 is very acidic, 7 is very base, and 3.5 is neutral)

PIRG: Public Interest Research Group

PMAO: Pest Management Alternatives Office

PMN: Premanufacture Notifications

PMO: Prime Minister's Office

POC: Projects Outside Canada

POGG: Peace, Order and Good Government

POP: persistent organic pollutant

POTS: plain old telephone service

POTWs: Publicly Owned Treatment Works

pp: pages

PP: polluter pays

PP: pollution prevention

PPA: Pollution Prevention Act

PPCG: Pollution Prevention and Control Group (OECD)

PPEC: Paper Recycling Mills of Canada

PPER: Pulp and Paper Effluent Regulations (under the Fisheries Act -- Canada)

PPL: Protection of Private Land

PPP: polluter pays principle

PPRC: PacificNorthwest Pollution Prevention Research Center

PPWC: Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada
PRI: Pollutant Release Inventory (US)

PRPs: Potentially Responsible Parties

PS: post script

PSAC: Public Service Alliance of Canada

PSD: Prevention of Significant Deterioration

PSL: Priority Substances List (under CEPA)

PST: Provincial Sales Tax

pt.: Part

PTS: persistent, toxic substance

Pub. L.: Public Law

PUC: public utility commission

PUP: Park Use Permit

PURDS: Park Use Related Data System (Environment Canada Database)

PURPA: Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978

PV: photovoltaic

Q&A: question and answer

QAQC: quality assurance, quality control

QC: Queen's Counsel

QED: quad est demonstratum (it is proven)

QELC: Quebec Environmental Law Centre

QoS: quality of service

QWERTY: conventional keyboard (named after the row of keys above the home row)

R.I.: Rhode Island
R: Regina (The Queen)

RA: responsible authority

RAC: Recycling Advisory Council (USA)

RAC: Regulatory Advisory Committee (Canadian Environmental Assessment Act)

RAI: request for additional information

RAM: random access memory

RAP: Regional Action Plan (CEC)

RARE: Roadless Area Review and Evaluation

RCRA: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Rev.: Revised or Review

RDIS: Residual Discharge Inventory System (Environment Canada Database)

RFI: Resources Futures International (consulting firm)

RFP: request for proposals

RI/FS: Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

RIC: Resource Inventory Committee

RM: Regional Manager

RM: regional municipality

RMI: Rocky Mountain Institute

ROC: Rest of Canada (not Quebec)

ROD: Record of Decision

ROW: right of way

RPAT: Regional Protected Areas Teams

RPM: Remedial Project Manager

RRMS: Regional Resource Management Committees (Government of B.C.)
RRRR: Four R's of waste management (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Recover)

RSA: Revised Statutes of Alberta

RSBC: Revised Statutes of British Columbia

RSC: Revised Statutes of Canada

RSC: Royal Society of Canada

RSI: repetitive strain injury

RSM: Revised Statutes of Manitoba

RSO: Revised Statutes of Ontario

RUST: Register of Underground Storage Tanks and Systems on Federal Property (Environment Canada Database)

S.C.: South Carolina

S.D.: South Dakota

S.E.2d: South Eastern Reporter Second Series

S.W.2d: South Western Reporter Second Series

S: South (SE Southeast, SSE South-Southeast, etc.)

SAGIT: sectoral advisory group on international trade

SAIT: Southern Alberta Institute of Technology

SARA: Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

SARE: Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

SBC: Sport BC

SBC: Statutes of British Columbia

SC: Statutes of Canada

SCAP: sustainable consumption and production (Agenda 21, ch.4)

SCC: Supreme Court of Canada
**SCN**: Sustainable Communications Network

**SCR**: Supreme Court Reports

**SCS**: Soil Conservation Service

**SD**: sustainable development

**SDS**: sustainable development strategy

**SDWA**: Safe Drinking Water Act

**SEATO**: South East Asia Treaty Organization

**sec.**: Section

**SEC**: Securities Exchange Corporation

**SEPA**: State Environmental Policy Act (USA - Washington)

**SERCs**: State Emergency Response Commissions

**SERM**: Saskatchewan Department of Environment and Resource Management

**SFU**: Simon Fraser University

**SIG**: special interest group

**SIM**: Society of Information Management

**SIP**: State Implementation Plan

**SLDF**: Sierra Legal Defence Fund

**SM**: Statutes of Manitoba

**SMCEA**: Senior Managers Committee on Environmental Assessment (Canada, federal government)

**SMCRA**: Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act

**SNAFU**: Situation Normal; All F****d Up

**SNUR**: Significant New Use Regulation

**So. 2d**: Southern Reporter Second Series
**SO**: Statutes of Ontario

**SO**: Southern Oscillation

**SO2**: Sulphur Dioxide

**SOCAN**: Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada

**Socred**: Social Credit Party

**SOERA**: State of the Environment Report Act (Saskatchewan)

**SOP**: Strategic Options Process

**SOPR**: Statement of Political Relationship

**SOR**: Statutes, Orders and Regulations

**SPCC**: Spill Prevention Control Countermeasure

**SPEC**: Society Promoting Environmental Conservation

**sq km**: square kilometres

**sq m**: square metres

**SRMZ**: Special Resource Management Zone (BC)

**SST**: sea surface temperature

**SSTA**: sea surface temperature anomaly

**SSHRC**: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

**STAR**: Great Lakes Water Quality Database (Environment Canada Database)

**Stat.**: United States Statutes at Large or Statutes

**Superfund**: See: CERCLA

**SVE**: soil vapour extraction

**SW**: single window

**SWDA**: Solid Waste Disposal Act
**SWMU**: Solid Waste Management Unit

**TAGS**: The Atlantic Groundfish Strategy

**TCLP**: Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure

**TD**: Trial Division of Federal Court of Canada

**TDGA**: Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act (British Columbia)

**TDGA**: Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act (Canada)

**TDR**: Transferable Development Rights

**TDR**: transfer of development rights

**TED**: toxicity equivalence factor

**TEDs**: Turtle Excluder Devices

**TEF**: toxicity equivalence factor

**TEK**: traditional ecological knowledge

**Tenn.**: Tennessee

**Tex.**: Texas

**TIAS**: Treaties and Other International Acts Series

**TIES**: Turtle Island Earth Stewards

**TMDL**: Total Maximum Daily Load

**TNAC**: Treaty Negotiation Advisory Committee (Canada)

**TNCI**: The Nature Conservancy International

**TQM**: total quality management

**TRI**: Toxic Release Inventory

**TRI**: Toxic Release Inventory (USA)

**TRL**: total rural land
**TSCA**: Toxic Substances Control Act (US)

**TSD**: Treatment, Storage or Disposal

**TSR**: timber supply review

**TUR**: Toxic Use Reduction

**TVA**: Tennesee Valley Authority

**TWU**: Telecommunications Workers Union (Canada)

**U of A**: University of Alberta

**UBC**: University of British Columbia

**UBCM**: Union of British Columbia Municipalities

**UC**: University of California

**UCB**: University of California at Berkeley

**UCD**: University of California at Davis

**UCR**: urban centered region

**UCS**: university computer services

**UDI**: Urban Development Institute (BC)

**UIC**: Underground Injection Control

**UK**: United Kingdom

**UKTS**: United Kingdom Treaty Series

**UMTRCA**: Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978

**UN-ECE**: United Nations - Economic Commission on Europe

**UN**: United Nations

**UN**: United Nations

**UNBC**: University of Northern British Columbia
USGS: U.S. Geological Survey
USLW: United States Law Week
USSR: Union of Soviet Republics
UST: United States Treaties and Other International Agreements
USTs: Underground Storage Tanks
UTM: Universal Transverse Mercator
UV: ultraviolet
UVic: University of Victoria
v.: versus
V.I.: Virgin Islands
Va.: Virginia
VAT: Value Added Tax
VMREU: Vancouver Municipal Employees' Union
VNHS: Vancouver Natural History Society
VOCs: Volatile Organic Compounds
VQO: visual quality objectives
VRFA: Vancouver Regional Freenet Association
Vt.: Vermont
VTRAC: Vancouver Temperate Rainforest Coalition
W. Va.: West Virginia
W: West
WA: Western Australia
Wash.: Washington
**WBCSD**: World Business Council for Sustainable Development

**WCB**: Workers' Compensation Board

**WETG**: Wood Energy Technical Group

**WETT**: Wood Energy Technical Training

**WHMIS**: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

**WHO**: World Health Organization

**Wis.**: Wisconsin

**WMA**: Waste Management Act

**WMI**: Whitehorse Mining Initiative

**WMO**: World Meteorological Organization

**WP**: WordPerfect

**WQO**: water quality objective

**WRAP**: waste reduction and prevention

**WRC**: Waste Reduction Commission (BC)

**WRP**: Wetlands Reserve Program

**WRT**: with respect to

**WTO**: World Trade Organization

**WWF**: World Wildlife Federation

**WWR**: Western Weekly Reports

**WWW**: World Wide Web

**Wyo.**: Wyoming