

Glossary of Terms / List of Abbreviations

ANS	Aquatic nuisance species
Aroclor	Trade name for a particular PCB product
ASP	Amnesic shellfish poisoning
BEACH	Beach Environmental Assessment Communication and Health Program
Benthic	Living on or near the ocean floor substrate
CBC	Christmas Bird Count, National Audubon Society
CMP	Citizen Monitoring Program
Congener	Specific compound defined by the number and organization of chlorine (PCBs) or bromine (PBDEs) linked to a dual benzene ring core
CPS	Central Puget Sound
CSL	Cleanup Screening Level
CSO	Combined sewer overflow
DDT	dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane (pesticide)
Demersal	Associated with the coast or sea floor
DIN	Dissolved inorganic nitrogen
DO	Dissolved oxygen
Domoic Acid	Toxic substance released by <i>Pseudo-nitzschia</i> phytoplankton
DPS	Distinct population segment
dw	Dry weight
EDC	Endocrine disrupting compound
ENSO	El Niño Southern Oscillation
ESA	Endangered Species Act
ESU	Evolutionarily Significant Unit
FCB	Fecal coliform bacteria
FOE	Frequency of exceeding
FPI	Fecal Pollution Index
HAB	Harmful algal bloom
HCDOF	Hood Canal Dissolved Oxygen Program
Infauna	Marine organisms that live within the bottom substrate rather than on its surface
JEMS	Joint Effort to Monitor the Straits
LOTT	LOTT Alliance (Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Thurston County)
MESA	Marine Ecosystems Analysis
NH ⁴	Ammonium
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NWSC	Northwest Straits Commission
PAH	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
PBDE	Polybrominated biphenyl ethers, also called flame retardants
PBT	Persistent bioaccumulative toxic
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyls

PDO.....	Pacific decadal oscillation
Pelagic	Associated with the open ocean or sea; water column
ppb.....	Parts per billion
ppm	Parts per million
PRISM.....	Puget Sound Regional Synthesis Model
PSAMP.....	Puget Sound Assessment and Monitoring Program
PSM	Prespawn mortality
PSP.....	Paralytic shellfish poisoning
SASSI.....	Salmon and Steelhead Stock Inventory
SPS-MEM.....	South Puget Sound Marine Environmental Modeling
SQS	Sediment Quality Standard
Substratum	Sea floor including sediments, rocky habitat or mud flats
SVMP	Submerged Vegetation Monitoring Program
TMDL	Total maximum daily load
TOC.....	Total organic carbon
WQI.....	Water quality index
WWU	Western Washington University
Xenoestrogens	Estrogen-mimicking compounds