



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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TO: VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL COBIA INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

**RE: CLOSURE OF THE 2018 COMMERCIAL COBIA FISHERY EFFECTIVE
11:59 P.M., SEPTEMBER 30th, 2018.**

Effective 11:59 P.M., Sunday, September 30th, 2018, the Virginia commercial cobia fishery will close. Based upon landing reports of cobia from both the state and federal level, it is projected that the states belonging to the Atlantic Migratory Group of cobia (Georgia-New York) have caught the 50,000-pound annual catch limit allocated to the commercial sector.

Therefore, after 11:59 P.M., September 30th, 2018, the possession or landing of any cobia in Virginia shall be prohibited (Chapter 4 VAC 20-510-10 et seq.).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Patrick Geer at (757) 247-2236.

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