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TO: VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL COBIA INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

**RE: CLOSURE OF THE 2022 COMMERCIAL COBIA FISHERY EFFECTIVE
12:01 A.M., November 28th, 2022.**

Effective 12:01 A.M., Monday, November 28th, 2022, 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 73,116-pound annual catch limit allocated to the commercial sector. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, harvest, land, or possess any cobia for commercial purposes once it has been announced by the commission that the commercial quota has been landed for the current calendar year.

Therefore, after 12:01 A.M., November 28th, 2022, 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 Joshua McGilly at (757) 247-2299.

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