

"PERTAINING TO AMBERJACK AND COBIA"

EMERGENCY CHAPTER 4 VAC 20-510-10 ET SEQ.

PREAMBLE

This emergency chapter establishes possession limits, season, and minimum size limits for cobia and amberjack in Virginia waters.

This emergency chapter is promulgated pursuant to authority contained in §§28.2-201 and 28.2-210 of the Code of Virginia. This emergency chapter amends and re-adopts previous Chapter 4 VAC 20-510-10 et seq. which was adopted on March 27, 2018 and effective on April 1, 2018. The effective date of this emergency chapter, as amended, is September 1, 2018.

4VAC20-510-25. COMMERCIAL FISHERY POSSESSION LIMITS AND SEASON.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person fishing commercially to possess more than two amberjack or more than two cobia at any time, except as described in 4VAC 20-510-33. Any amberjack or cobia caught after the possession limit has been reached shall be returned to the water immediately. When fishing from any boat or vessel where the entire catch is held in a common hold or container, the possession limit shall be for the boat or vessel and shall be equal to the number of valid commercial fisherman registration licensees on board multiplied by two, except there is a maximum vessel limit of six cobia per vessel per day. The captain or operator of the boat or vessel shall be responsible for any boat or vessel possession limit.
- B. In 2018 it shall be unlawful for any person, fishing commercially, to harvest or possess any cobia after September 30.


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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the emergency chapter passed by the Marine Resources Commission, pursuant to authority vested in the Commission by §§28.2-201 and 28.2-210 of the Code of Virginia, duly advertised according to statute, and recorded in the Commission's minute book, at meeting held in Newport News, Virginia on August 28, 2018.

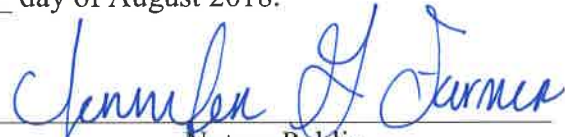
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BY: 
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Commissioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of August 2018.


Notary Public

