



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL COBIA STAKEHOLDERS

**FROM:** VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

**SUBJECT:** ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON ATLANTIC COBIA PUBLIC INFORMATION DOCUMENT

On August 28, 2018, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) announced the schedule for state public hearings to discuss the Atlantic Cobia Public Information Document (PID). The ASMFC wishes to gather input from stakeholders about changes observed in the fishery/resource and potential management measures that should be considered for inclusion in Draft Amendment 1. The PID seeks input on three main issues: recommended management for federal waters, a harvest specification process, and biological monitoring requirements.

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission will be holding a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 6pm on the Fourth Floor.**

<http://www.asmfc.org/calendar/9/2018/VA-Public-Hearing-on-Atlantic-Cobia-PID/1276>

Please see attached memo for further information:

<http://www.asmfc.org/uploads/file/5b85ad80pr26CobiaPIDHearings.pdf>.

To view the Draft Amendment, follow the link:

[http://www.asmfc.org/files/PublicInput/CobiaDraftAmd1PID\\_PublicComment.pdf](http://www.asmfc.org/files/PublicInput/CobiaDraftAmd1PID_PublicComment.pdf)

Public Comments will be accepted until **5PM (EST) on October 4, 2018** and should be forwarded to Dr. Michael Schmidtke, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, 1050 N. Highland St, Suite A-N, Arlington, VA 22201; 703.842.0741 (FAX) or at [comments@asmfc.org](mailto:comments@asmfc.org) (Subject line: Cobia PID).

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