

## TITLE 4. CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

### MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

#### Emergency Regulation

Title of Regulation: **4VAC20-510. Pertaining to Amberjack and Cobia (amending 4VAC20-510-25).**

Statutory Authority: §§ 28.2-201 and 28.2-210 of the Code of Virginia.

Effective Dates: September 26, 2017, through October 25, 2017.

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Preamble:

*The amendment establishes the closure of the commercial cobia season as September 30, 2017.*

**4VAC20-510-25. Commercial fishery possession limits and season closure.**

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 4VAC20-510-33. 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 persons on board legally eligible to fish multiplied by two. The captain or operator of the boat or vessel shall be responsible for any boat or vessel possession limit.

B. In 2017 it shall be unlawful for any person, fishing commercially, to harvest or possess any cobia after September 30.