

COBIA REGULATIONS by state for 2017

Atlantic Cobia (GA-NY) RECREATIONAL
- Federal waters are closed to rec harvest as of Jan 23, 2017. Will re-open Jan 1, 2018.
<u>Virginia</u> state waters- Open June 1 through Sept 15, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 1/person and 3/vessel, whichever is more restrictive➤ Minimum size 40" TL, and only one fish over 50" TL per boat➤ No gaffing➤ Mandatory reporting
<u>North Carolina</u> state waters – Open May 1 through Aug 31, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 1/person and 4/ vessel➤ Minimum size 36" FL➤ All cobia harvested shall be recorded and tagged at a current or future NC Citation Station location
<u>South Carolina</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Recreational harvest of cobia closed for state waters January 23, 2017
<u>Georgia</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Recreational harvest of cobia is open for state waters, but most harvest comes from federal waters
Atlantic Cobia (GA-NY) COMMERCIAL
- Federal waters are OPEN to commercial harvest. 2/person possession limit. 36" FL min size. No <i>federal</i> commercial permit requirement. However, because Atlantic cobia rec is closed, any cobia from federal waters needs to become "cobia that are sold". Because "cobia that are not sold" are technically recreational.
Cobia from South Carolina state waters are not allowed to be sold at any time (designated game fish).
East Coast Florida Cobia (part of Gulf Cobia Stock) REC & COMMERCIAL
- Federal waters are OPEN to rec and commercial harvest. 2/person possession limit. 36" FL min size. No <i>federal</i> commercial permit requirement
Cobia from Florida state waters are limited to 1 per person.