

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
2026 Recreational Cobia Fishery — Effective 1/1/2026

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the season, catch limit, and minimum size for the recreational cobia fishery for 2026. Effective 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2026:

- The season is open June 15, 2026, through September 20, 2026. It is closed all other dates.
- Recreational anglers may keep:
 - 1 cobia per person per day; or
 - Up to 2 cobia per vessel per day if there are 2 or more individuals on the vessel.
- The recreational minimum size for cobia is 43 inches total length.

WHY THIS IS NECESSARY

This action is necessary to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for the Atlantic Migratory Group of Cobia.

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

This applies to all individuals who catch cobia recreationally.

AUTHORITY

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