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ASMFC Coastal Pelagics Board Sets Atlantic Cobia Total Harvest Quota for 2023 Fishing Season

Arlington, VA – The Commission's Coastal Pelagics Management Board approved a total harvest quota for the Atlantic migratory group of cobia of 80,112 fish for the 2023 fishing season. This total quota results in a coastwide recreational quota of 76,908 fish and commercial quota of 73,116 pounds.

The total quota level of 80,112 fish was first approved in February 2020 for the 2020-2022 fishing seasons. In 2021, the allocation of that total quota changed through Addendum I, and some states implemented new recreational cobia measures in 2021. Based on a recommendation from the Technical Committee, the Board changed the cobia quota timeframe from 2020-2022 to 2021-2023, thereby, maintaining the previous year's harvest quota of 80,112 fish for the 2023 fishing season. This change to the quota timeframe aligns with the timing of new measures implemented in 2021.

The Board will meet in 2023 to consider setting new specifications for the 2024-2026 fishing seasons. For more information, please contact Emilie Franke, FMP Coordinator, at efranke@asmfc.org.

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