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September 27, 2018

Dear New Jersey Commercial Fisherman:
New Jersey Commercial Dealer:

As determined by Federal landings data, NOAA Fisheries has determined that the 2018 cobia annual catch limit for the commercial sector has been reached based on reported landings. In accordance with this determination and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(o)3., **the New Jersey 2018 commercial cobia fishery will be closed as of 11:59 PM Saturday, September 29, 2018.** Effective 12:00 AM, September 30, 2018 no commercial vessel or fisherman shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any cobia. The commercial cobia season will reopen at 12:00 AM on January 1, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph A. Cimino".

Joseph A. Cimino
Marine Fisheries Administrator