



# **AP Recommendations on Potential Action to Prohibit Recreational Sale of Gulf Cobia**

**CMP AP Meeting  
December 2022**

# Amendment 32 - 11/21/2022

	Stock ACL (lb)	Gulf Zone (lb)	FLEC Zone (lb)
2022	2,600,000	1,638,000	962,000
2023+	2,760,000	1,738,000	1,021,000

**Size limit:** 36 inch FL

**Bag and possession limit:** 1 fish per person per day, not to exceed 2 fish per vessel per trip.

**Commercial trip limit:** 1 fish per person, not to exceed 2 fish per vessel.



# Background

## **Motion from October 2021**

To direct staff to create a document to prohibit the sale of Gulf cobia caught under the recreational bag limit in or from the EEZ of the Gulf of Mexico or South Atlantic.

The intent of Amendment 32 was to end cobia overfishing.



# Sale and Purchase of Cobia

There is no specific Federal permit for the commercial harvest of Gulf cobia. All cobia harvested in the EEZ that are sold, are considered commercial harvest and count towards the commercial quota. State regulations still apply; the sale of recreational cobia is *currently* prohibited by existing state law in each Gulf state.



# Feedback from the AP

- Is the sale of recreational cobia a practice that takes place?
- If so, is there a need to further restrict the sale or potential sale of cobia harvested by recreational anglers?

