

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

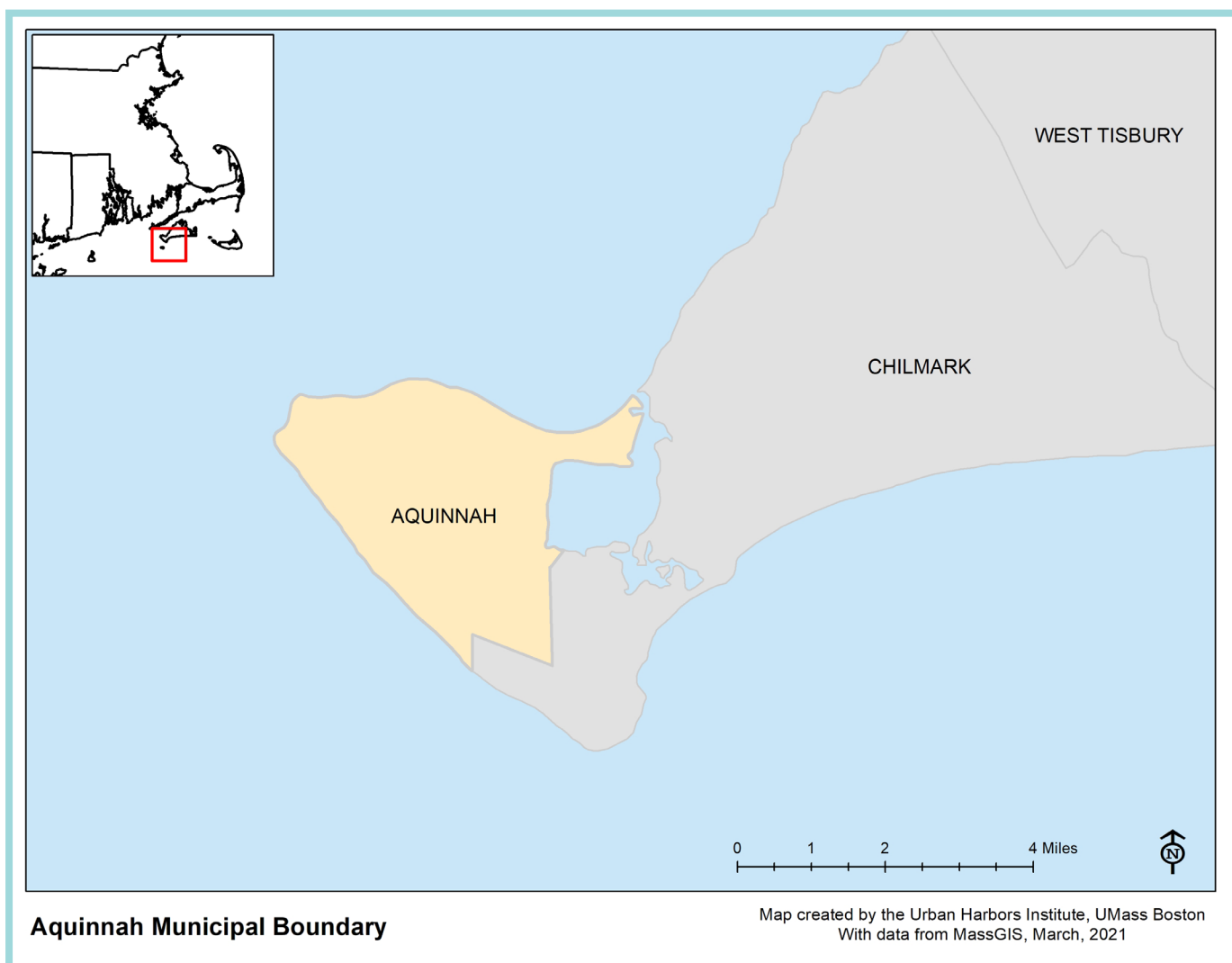
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional permits, the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program's (ACCSP) Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS) Dealer Database, and harbormaster and fishermen surveys, these profiles provide an overview of the commercial fishing activity and infrastructure within each municipality. The Port Profiles are part of a larger report which describes the status of the Commonwealth's commercial fishing and port infrastructure, as well as how profile data can inform policy, programming, funding, infrastructure improvements, and other important industry-related decisions.

For the full report, visit the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries website.



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Key Terms:

Permitted Harvesters: Commercially permitted harvesters residing in the municipality

Vessels: Commercially permitted vessels with the municipality listed as the homeport

Trips: Discrete commercial trips unloading fish or shellfish in this municipality

Active Permitted Harvesters: Commercially permitted harvesters with at least one reported transaction in a given year

Active Dealers: Permitted dealers with at least one reported purchase from a harvester in a given year

Ex-Vessel Value: Total amount (\$) paid directly to permitted harvesters by dealers at the first point of sale

AQUINNAH

Located on Martha's Vineyard, Aquinnah has two main harbors: Menemsha Basin and Menemsha Pond.

Permitted commercial fisheries, which may or may not be active during the survey period, include:

- Shellfish (by hand, non-mechanized)
- Scallop dredge
- Rod & reel
- Aquaculture



2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Aquinnah's commercial fishery consisted of:

- 10** permitted harvesters with an Aquinnah address
- 0** vessels with an Aquinnah homeport
- 164** trips landing in Aquinnah
- 11** active permitted harvesters landing in Aquinnah
- 3** active dealers purchasing in Aquinnah



Commercial fishermen landed the following in Aquinnah in 2018:

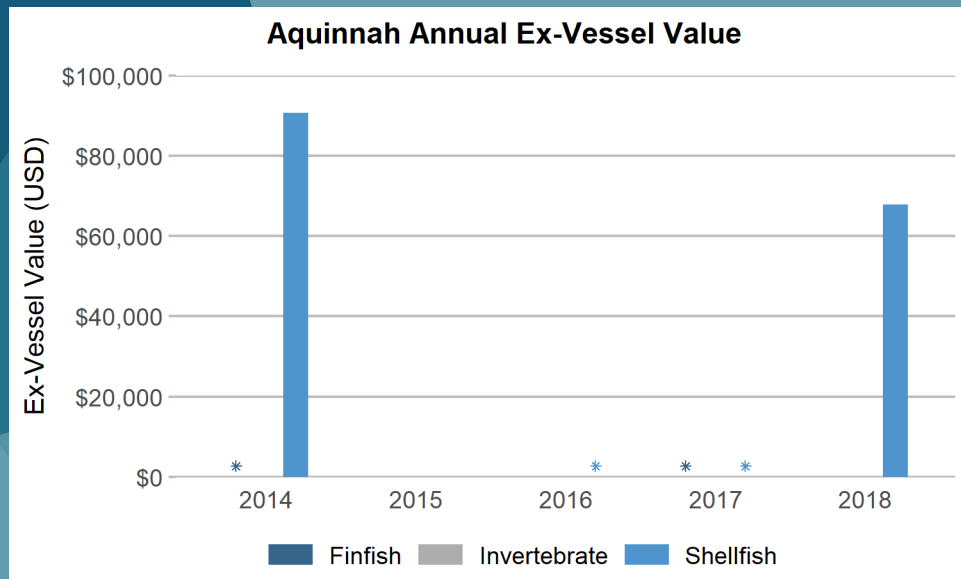
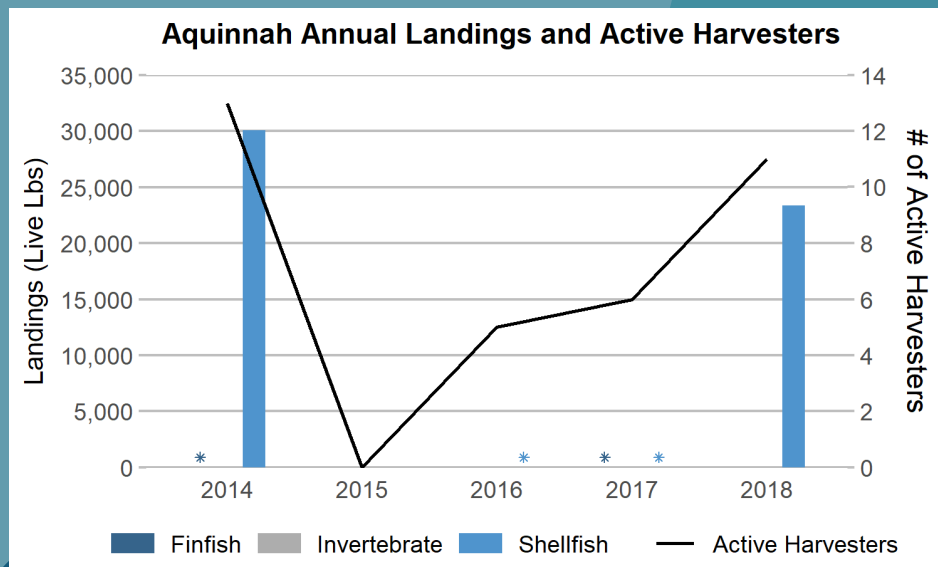
23,345 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$67,828**

The top-ranked species, by dollar value, landed between 2014-2018 included:

- Bay Scallops
- Striped Bass

5 Year Trends in Commercial Landings and Value

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



* = CONFIDENTIAL, as fewer than three harvesters, vessels, and/or dealers reported in this municipality.

Status of the Commercial Fishing Industry

Source: 2019 Harbormaster and Harvester Survey Data

Aquinnah's commercial fishing fleet consists primarily of non-trailerred vessels. In the last 10 years, there has been a decline in the number of non-trailerred vessels operating out of Aquinnah due to the diminishing number of shellfish. That said, anecdotal information reports that there has not been a large change in the amount or type of fishing industries in this harbor.



Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Infrastructure upgrades in the last ten years:

- Channel dredged in 2016-2017 which made the inner harbor more accessible



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- Lack of docking space (only 2 small docks)
- Shallow water/need for dredging (entrance to docks has shoaled)

Needs

- Dredging
- New docks and an area for slips
- Fresh water to wash boats



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial harvesters:

- Moorings: None
- Slips: None
- Broadside berthing: None



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: Variable based on location (\$40 - \$450)

Type of Infrastructure	Available?
Ice	
Bait storage	
Trash disposal	
Commerical offloading	
Hoist	
Dock space	
Gear storage	
Mooring space	
Fueling stations	
Vessel repair	
Launch ramp	
Parking for fishermen	
Parking for seafood trucks	
Other	

= Available