

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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Brewster Municipal Boundary

Map created by the Urban Harbors Institute, UMass Boston
With data from MassGIS, March, 2021

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

BREWSTER

Located on Cape Cod, Brewster has flats and beaches for shellfishing on Brewster Waters of Cape Cod Bay.

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

- Shellfishing (by hand)
- Aquaculture

2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Brewster's commercial fishery consisted of:

110 permitted harvesters with a Brewster address

0 vessels with a Brewster homeport

734 trips landing in Brewster

36 active permitted harvesters landing in Brewster

11 active dealers purchasing in Brewster



Commercial harvesters landed the following catch in Brewster in 2018:

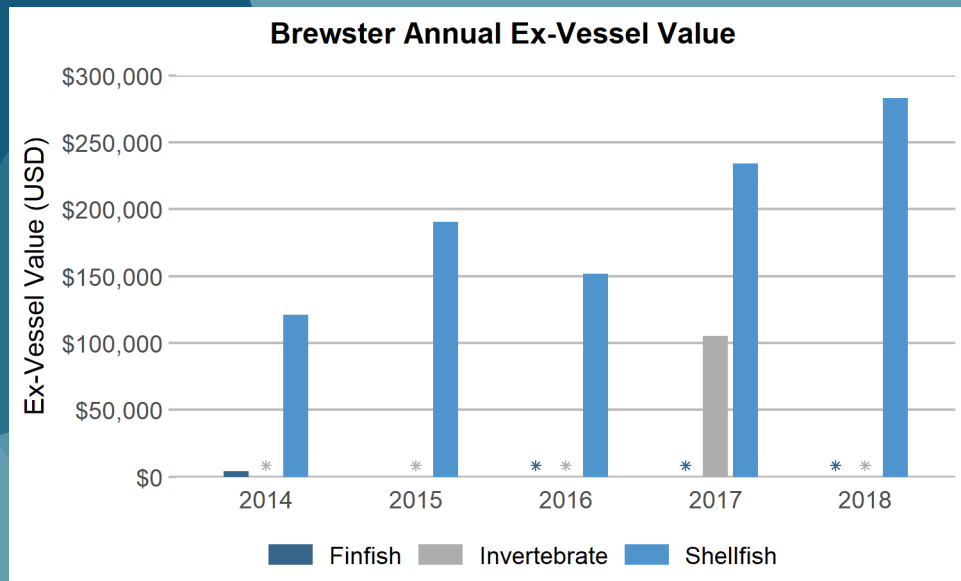
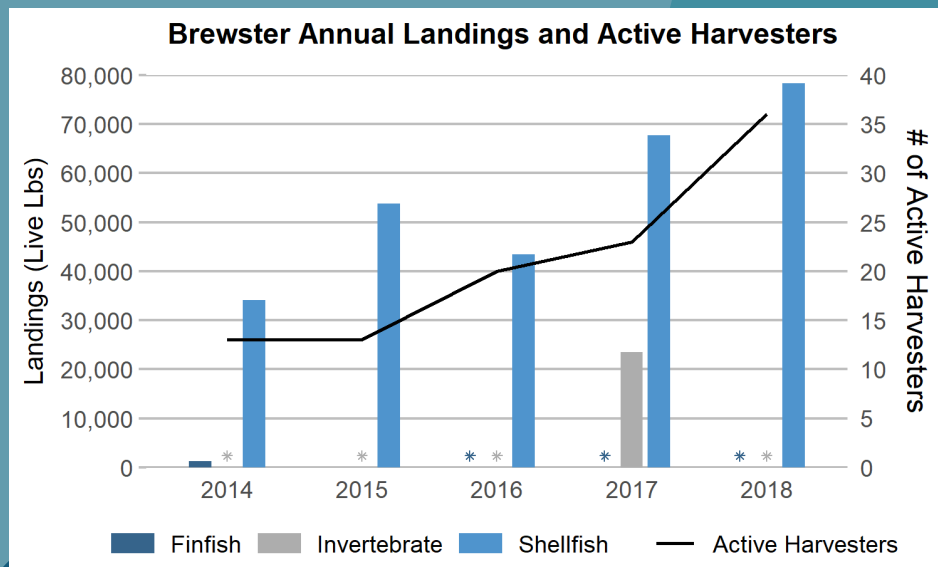
145,783 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$671,026**

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

- Eastern Oyster
- American Lobster
- Atlantic Razor Clam

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

Brewster’s commercial fishing industry consists primarily of shellfishing by hand and aquaculture. Brewster does not have a harbor, and all shellfishing and aquaculture occurs on the flats and beaches. Because of this, Brewster does not have infrastructure for commercial fishing, and does not have infrastructure needs.



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