

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

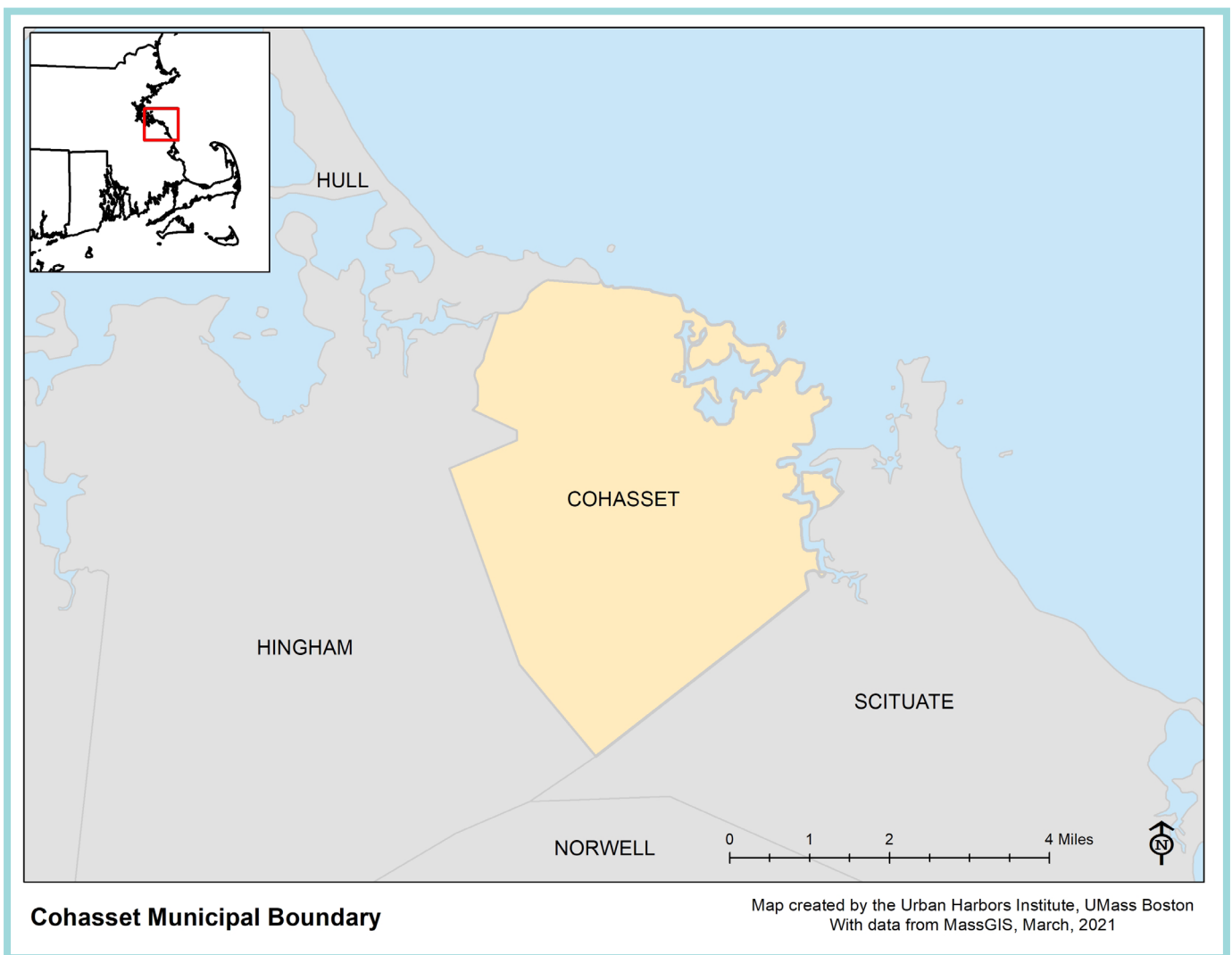
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional 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

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Located on the South Shore, Cohasset has one main harbor named Cohasset Harbor.

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

- Lobster Pot
- Rod & Reel
- Scallop Dredge

2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Cohasset's commercial fishery consisted of:

- 39** permitted harvesters with a Cohasset address
- 41** vessels with a Cohasset homeport
- 1,723** trips landing in Cohasset
- 28** active permitted harvesters landing in Cohasset
- 5** active dealers purchasing in Cohasset



Commercial harvesters landed the following in Cohasset in 2018:

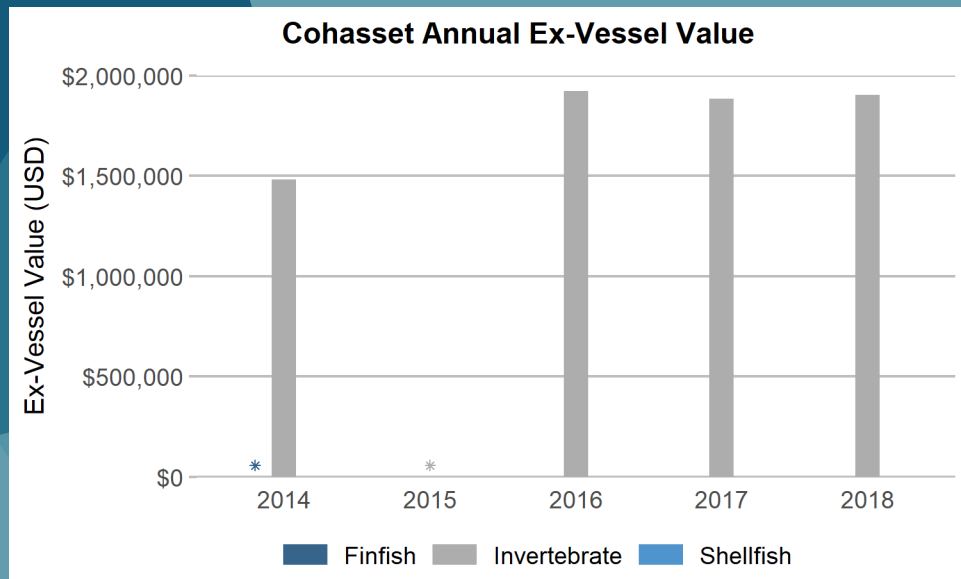
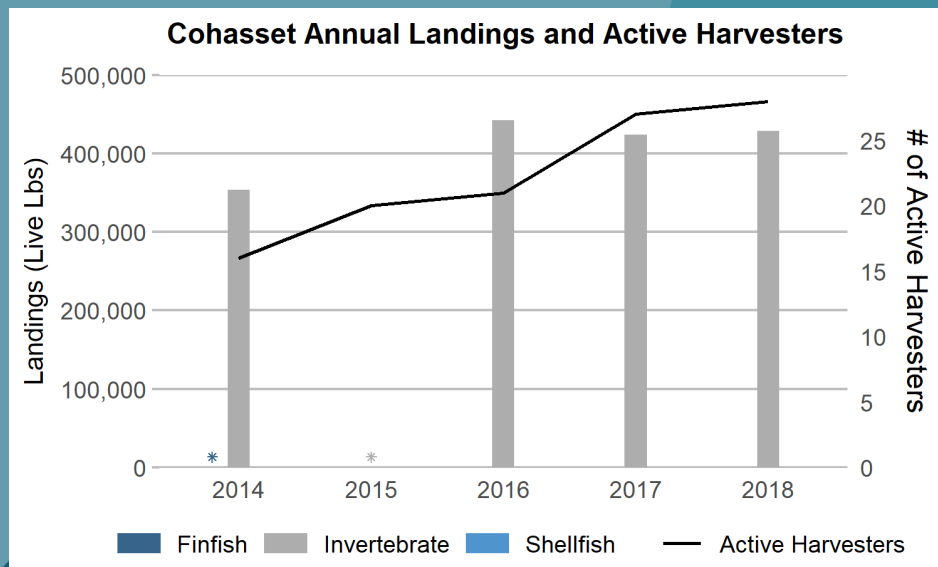
428,694 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$1,903,314**

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

- American Lobster
- Jonah Crab
- 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

Cohasset's commercial fishing fleet consists primarily of non-trailered vessels. In the last 10 years, anecdotal data note that the number of commercial fishing vessels has decreased due to an aging lobstermen population, and limited interest in the industry from the younger generation. That said, one seasonal scalloper began scalloping out of Cohasset a few years ago.

Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Infrastructure upgrades in last ten years:

- Pier expansion



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- Lack of moorings/dock space
- Shallow water/need for dredging
- Limited parking
- Lack of transient port accommodations
- No hoists
- Pier is inadequate

Needs

- Dredging
- Hoist or lift system at two docks
- Additional dinghy dockage and moorings
- Security cameras, bait storage, ice, fuel dock, parking
- Pier upgrades/repair
- Dock space to haul-out



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: 30 moorings in the Cove and Government Island area
- Slips: None
- Broadside berthing: None



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: \$9/foot



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