

Fish to Plate Pilot Program

FUNDING	<i>\$300,000 MEFAP</i>
FOOD PANTRY	<i>Open Door</i>
PRODUCT	<i>One-pound frozen filets</i>
SPECIES	<i>Grey sole, white hake, pollock</i>
VESSELS	<i>Miss Trish, Avery Louise</i>
PROCESSORS	<i>Fisherman's Wharf Gloucester, Boston Sword and Tuna</i>
PRICE PER POUND	<i>\$8.40</i>
MEALS	<i>143,000</i>



Feasibility Study commissioned
by DMF

Meetings with GBFB, UMass,
Gloucester Marine Station, Open
Door Food Pantry & industry

\$300,000 seafood
purchased and distributed
since January 2026

2024

2025

2026

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Flounder Focus Group Update

UPDATE	Details
TIMEFRAME	<i>June 15 - September 15, 2026</i>
STATE CONTRACTOR	<i>44 Communications Public Relations Firm</i>
TEAM	<i>Wendy Wills (DMF Seafood Marketing), Story Reed, Laura Foley Ramsden</i>
GOAL	<i>Increase price of local flounder</i>
OBJECTIVE	<i>Equip chefs with knowledge to drive consumer demand through media and chef/restaurant engagement</i>
SPECIES	<i>Witch flounder (grey sole), yellowtail flounder (yellowtail sole), winter flounder, American plaice (dabs), summer flounder (fluke)</i>
DELIVERABLES	<i>10-member Massachusetts Chef Council + September showcase media event</i>
DETAILS	<i>Statewide council to feature flounder on menus, post on social media, attend a DMF webinar, showcase dish on the Boston Fish Pier at the Exchange Center 9/14 attended by media</i>

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Port Profile Background

First Port Profile report was released in April 2021

- Overview of commercial fishing statewide and at the municipal level
- Describes available commercial fishing infrastructure at the port level as well as challenges to access and infrastructure
- Provides recommendations for future infrastructure improvements

Data sources

- Harbormaster Survey
- Commercial Fisher Survey
- Commercial Fisheries Statistics data

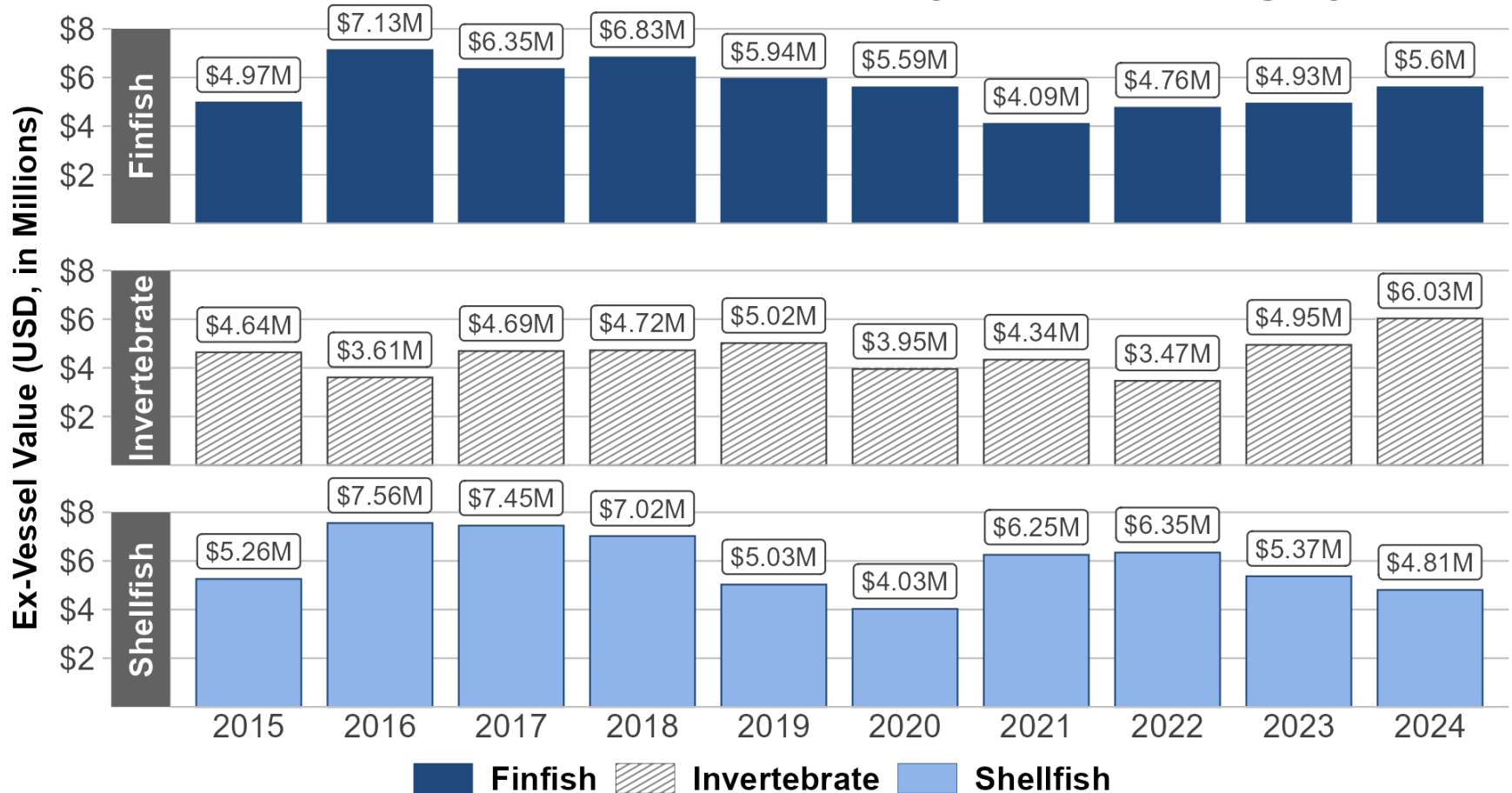
Five-Year Update Underway

- Release scheduled for August 2026



Chatham Commercial Value

Chatham Annual Ex-Vessel Value by Species Category



■ Finfish ▨ Invertebrate ■ Shellfish

Data Source: ACCSP Data Warehouse, as of September 2025

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Infrastructure Survey Results

• Aunt Lydia's Cove

Infrastructure/Service	Yes/No
Mooring space	Yes
Trash disposal	Yes
Commercial offloading	Yes
Hoist	Yes
Ice	Yes
Dock space	Yes
Fueling stations	Yes
Vessel repair	Yes
Parking for fishermen	Yes
Parking for seafood trucks	Yes
Launch ramp	Yes
Gear storage	Yes
Broadside berthing	No

• Stage Harbor

Infrastructure/Service	Yes/No
Mooring space	Yes
Trash disposal	Yes
Commercial offloading	Yes
Hoist	Yes
Ice	Yes
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Bait storage	Yes
Broadside berthing	No

Data Source: Fisherman & Harbormaster Surveys conducted by Urban Harbors Institute, Winter 2026

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Infrastructure Survey Results Continued

- **Aunt Lydia's Cove**

- Highlights

- Space reserved for commercial fishing
 - Bulkhead/Pier Upgrades

- Challenges

- Shoaling of Chatham Bar
 - Long mooring waitlist

- Improvements Needed

- Parking issues
 - Dredging

- **Stage Harbor**

- Highlights

- New docks
 - New ice machine

- Challenges

- Congestion
 - Parking

- Improvements Needed

- Dredging
 - Parking for commercial fishers

Data Source: Fisherman & Harbormaster Surveys conducted by Urban Harbors Institute, Winter 2026



Report Recommendations

- Increased funding for municipal infrastructure and access projects
 - State should play a larger role in funding commercial infrastructure
- Dredging – Funding, investigate public dredging program, research Time of Year restrictions
- Dedicated mooring and dockage for commercial fishing vessels
- Increased parking, enhanced launching ramps, resilience, etc.



OCEAN MANAGEMENT PLAN FISHERIES UPDATE

Commercial Fisheries Commission July 16 2026



MASSACHUSETTS OCEAN MANAGEMENT PLAN

Sets siting and performance standards for ocean development to protect sensitive habitats and human use areas

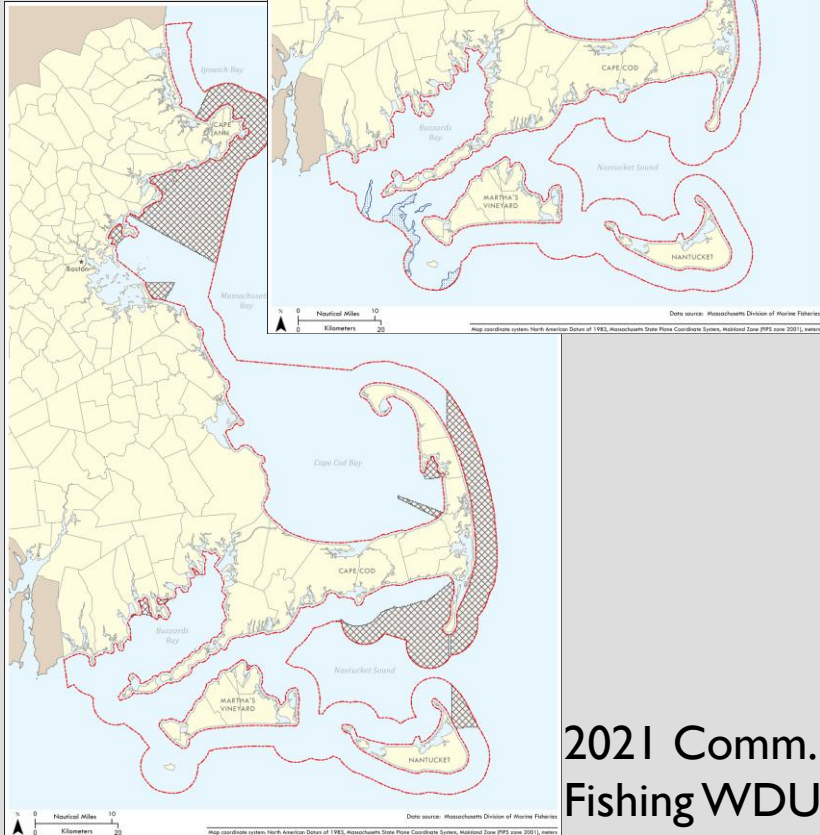
Applies in the Ocean Planning Area:

- Defined in Oceans Act of 2008
- 0.3 nautical mile from shore to state/federal boundary
- Does not include harbors, rivers, inlets

Applies to large projects:

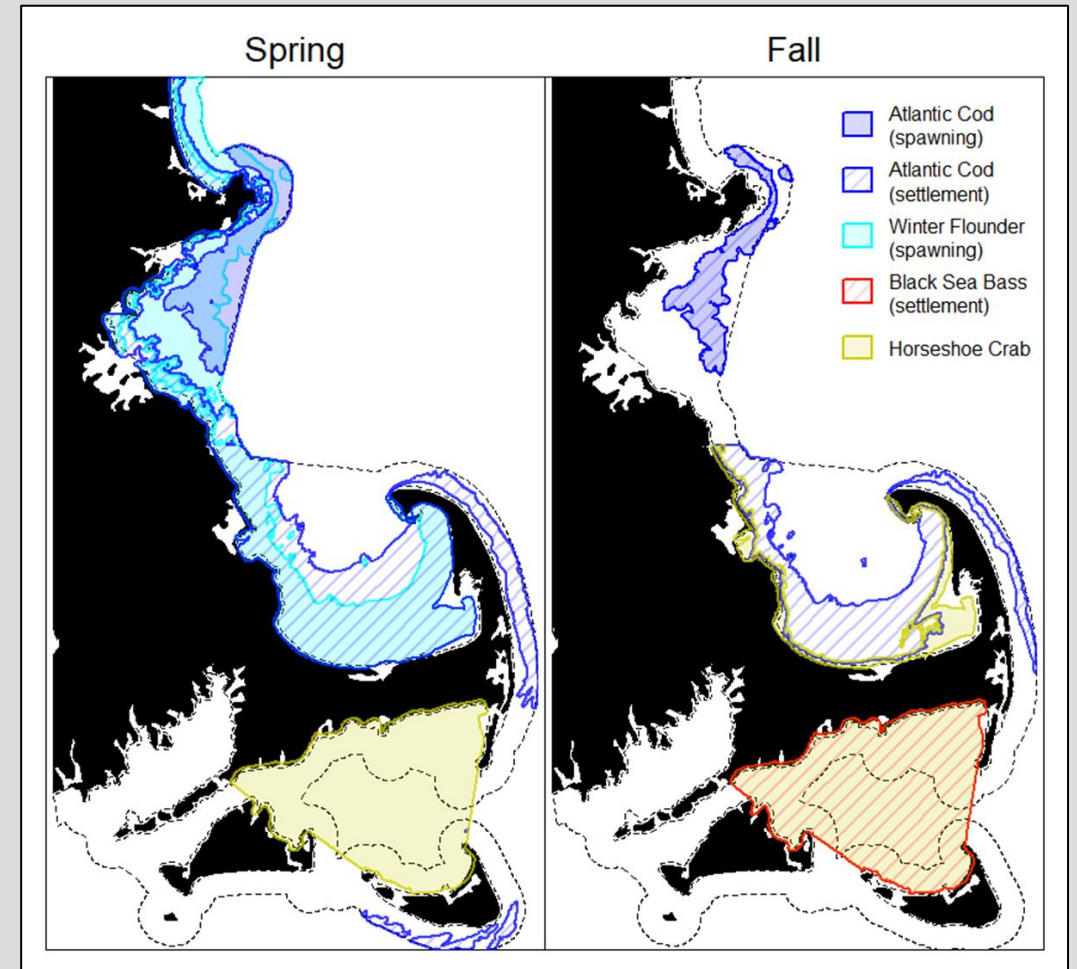
- Project size/impact threshold: MEPA EIR triggers Ocean Plan standards
- Fisheries management is explicitly reserved for DMF

2021 Fish Habitat SSU

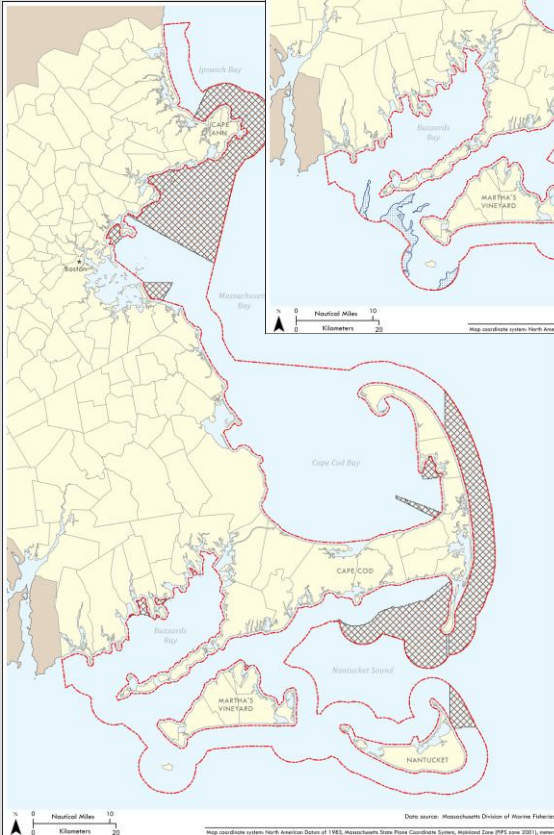
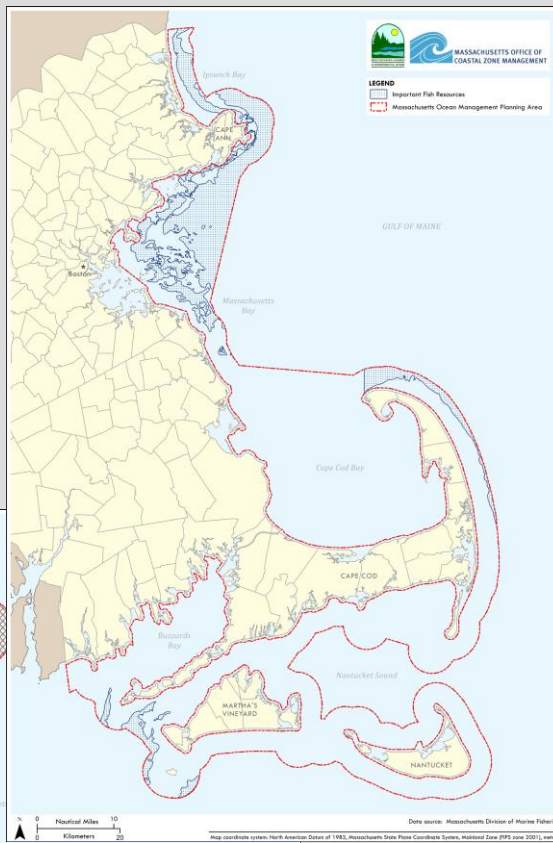


OCEAN PLAN FISHERIES PROTECTIONS

Proposed
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focus on key
species, vary by
time of year:



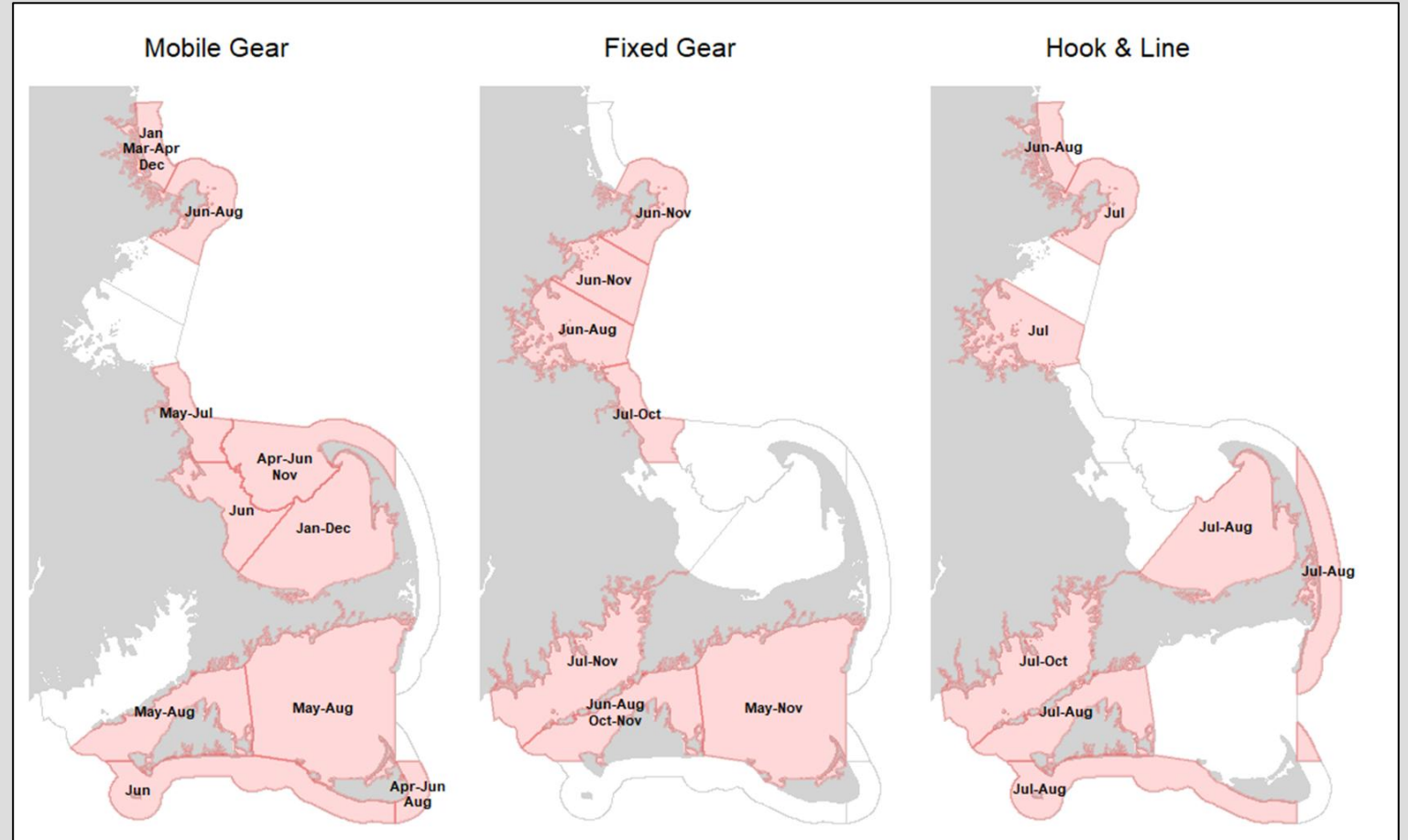
2021 Fish Habitat SSU



2021 Comm.
Fishing WDU

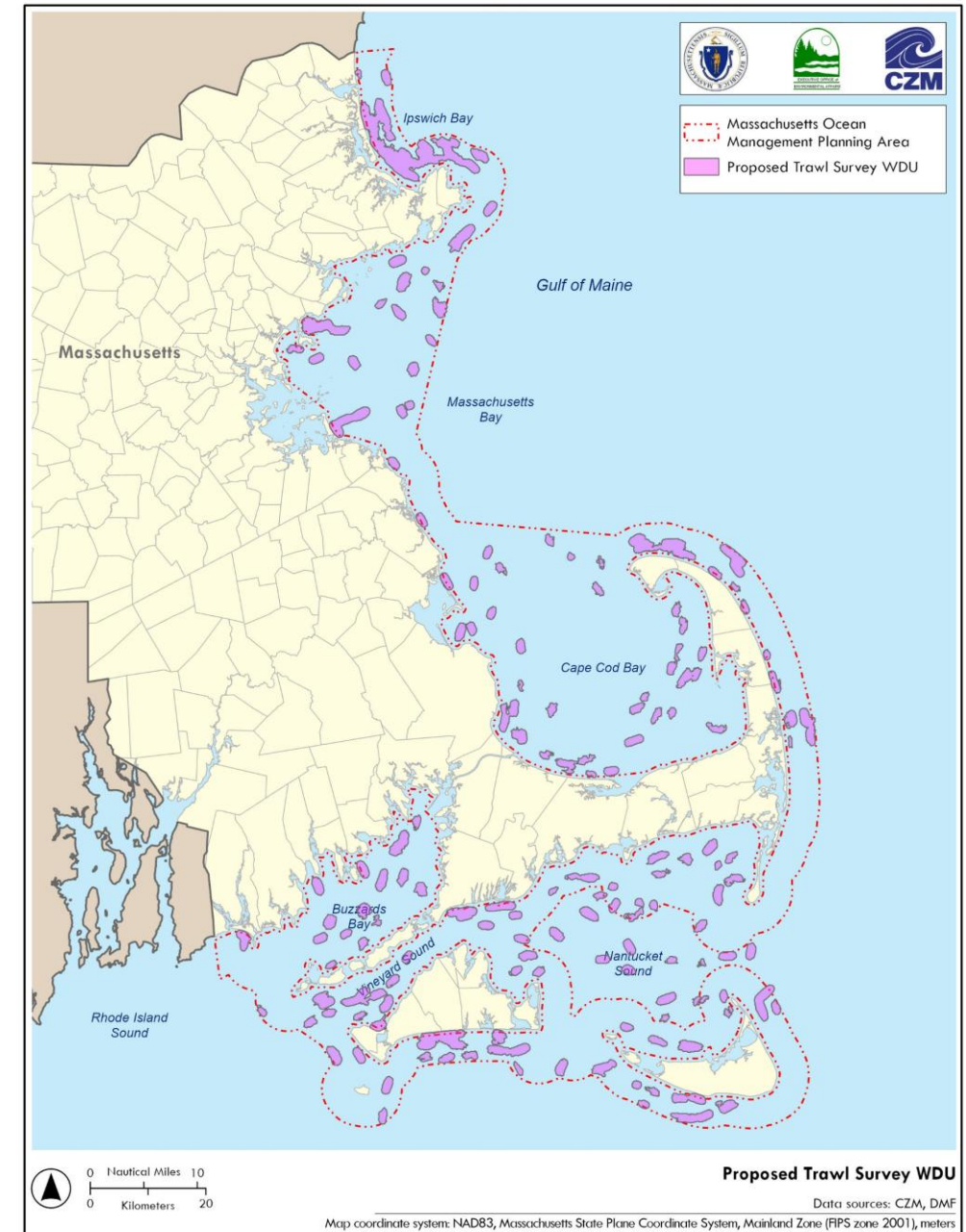
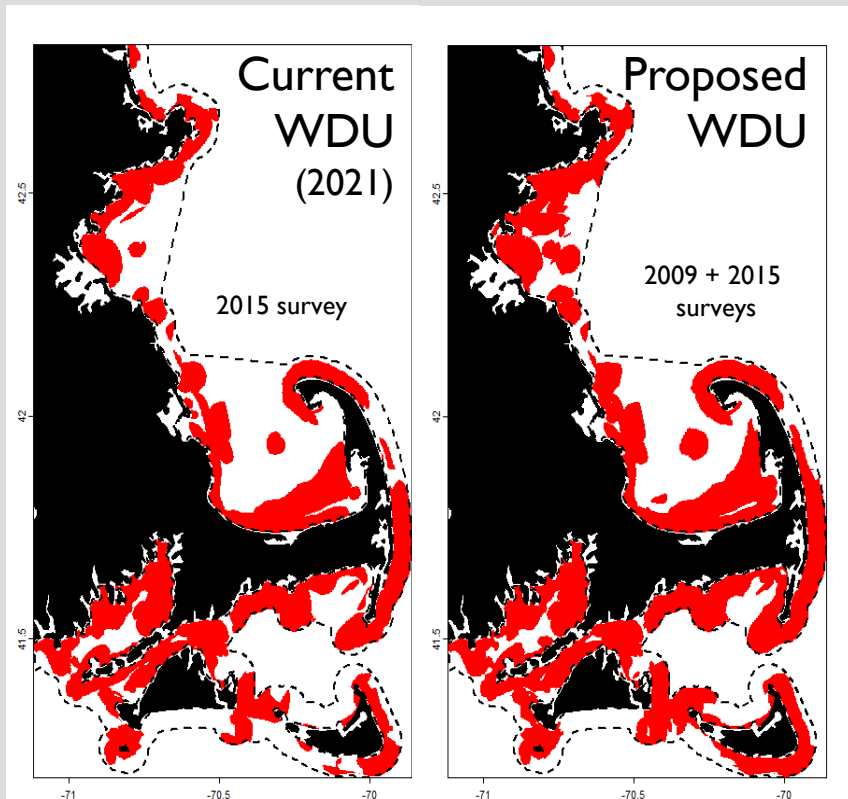
OCEAN PLAN FISHERIES PROTECTIONS

Proposed updated fishing areas differentiate by gear, time of year:



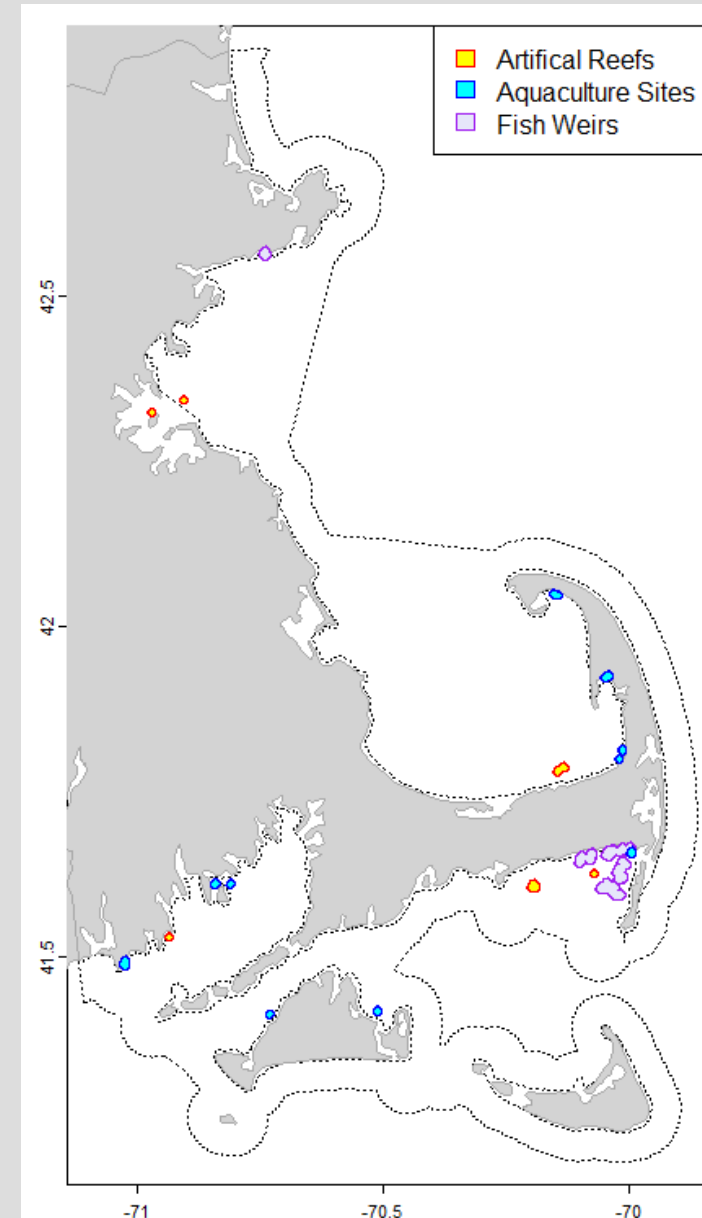
OTHER PROTECTED AREAS

- New area for DMF's trawl survey – protect long term dataset
- Updated WDU for recreational fishing
- Aquaculture areas / weirs / artificial reefs



OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE

- Currently **protected** via Fixed Fishing Facilities map (at right)
- Also a candidate for being a “managed use” with **siting standards**
 - Allowed use in M.G.L. ch. 132A §15-16
- Ocean Plan siting standards would:
 - **Only apply** to projects that a) are in the ocean planning area and b) are already required to prepare an EIR for MEPA
 - **Not increase or decrease state authority or local authority** over permitting aquaculture
 - Provide DMF and other reviewing agencies with a **siting guidelines** to point to in MEPA or other project reviews



QUESTIONS OR MORE INFO?

- Hollie.E.Emery@mass.gov
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- [Review and Update of the Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan](#)

Massachusetts Commercial Fisheries Commission

Offshore Wind Updates
Brad Schondelmeier

July 16, 2026

CFC – July 2026

Offshore Wind

State Update

- Status of Current Projects
- Federal Offshore Wind Actions
- Recent OSW/Energy Milestones
- Mitigation/Compensation Fund Updates
- ROSA FINsights

Focus Group Update

- July2 meeting
- 2026 Work Items modified and prioritized
 1. Navigation
 2. Monitoring
 3. Mitigation
 4. Floating OSW

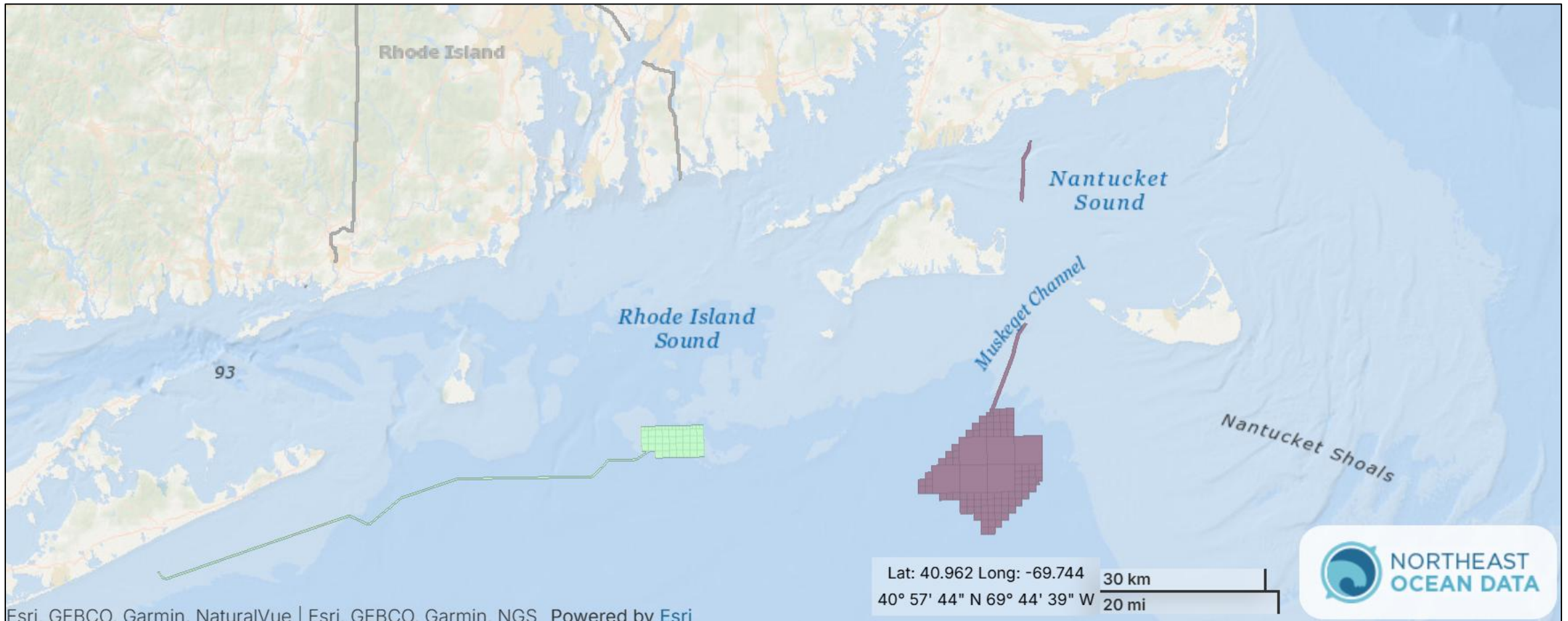


Offshore Wind Project Status

Complete &
Operational

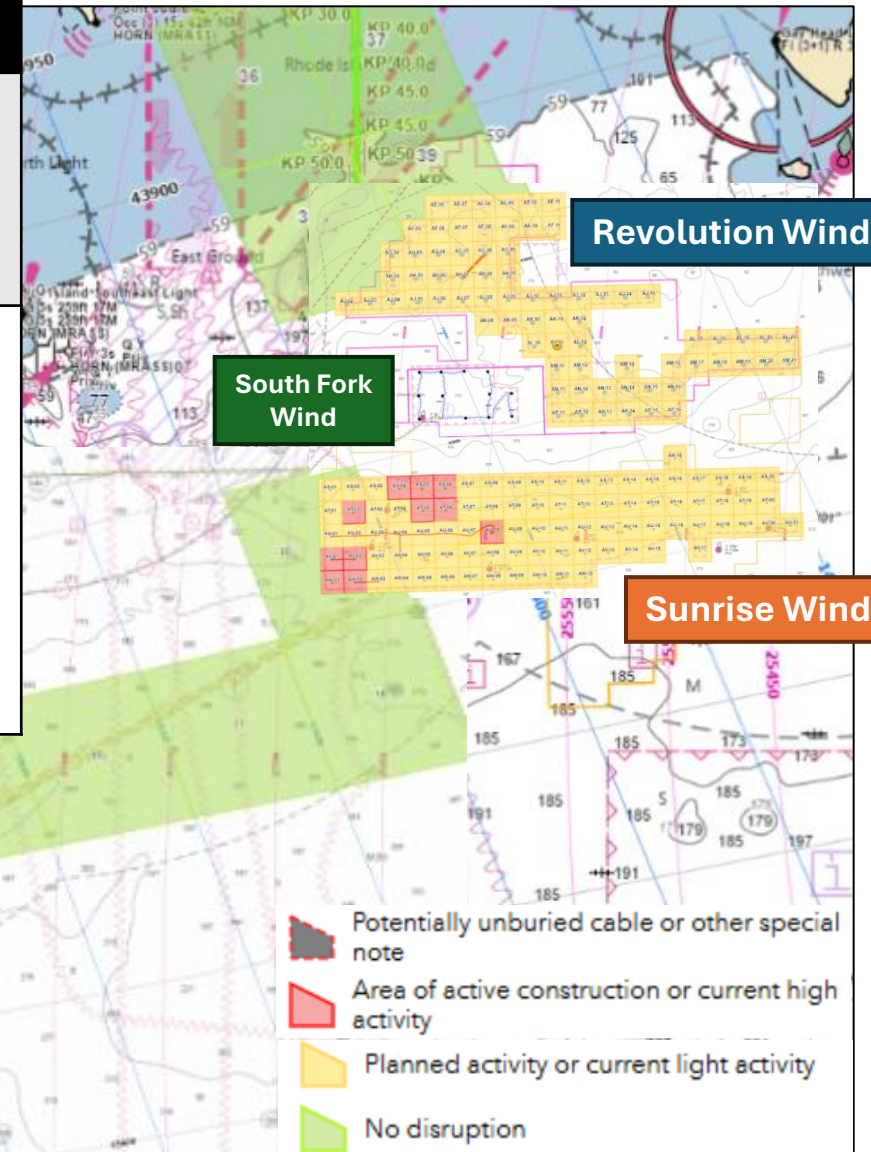
South Fork Wind (Ørsted)
Operating since mid-2024, delivering up
to 132MW to Long Island, NY

Vineyard Wind 1 (Avangrid/CIP)
Operating since spring 2026, delivering
up to 800MW to Massachusetts



Under Construction

Project	Most recent update	Specific Activities on the water (lease area and cable routes)
Revolution Wind (REV)	July 13, 2026	- Commissioning of turbines - Limited inter-array cable work - Operations & Maintenance - Fisheries and Monitoring Surveys
Sunrise Wind (SRW)	July 13, 2026	- Commissioning of Offshore Converter Station - Export cable installation COMPLETE <i>Update plotter files with new cable protections</i> - Monopile foundation installation (Bokalift 2) - Wind turbine construction (Wind Scylla) - Inter-array cable installation (Boka Ocean, Ndeavor) <i>* CONTACT SAFETY VESSELS BEFORE BOTTOM-CONTACTING FISHING ACTIVITIES*</i>



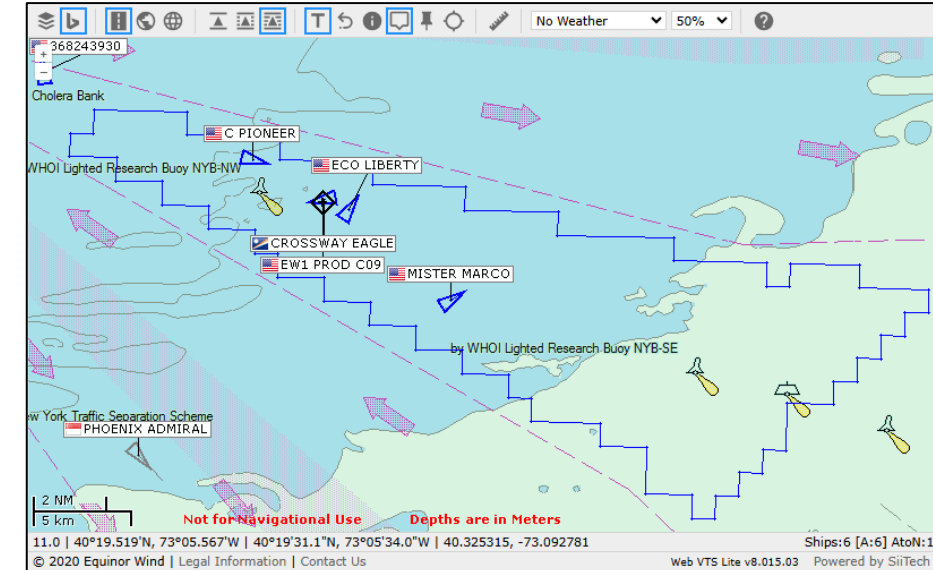
Also Under Construction

Project	Most recent update	Specific Activities on the water (lease area and cable routes)
Empire Wind	July 8, 2026	- Cable work (export and inter-array) COMPLETE - Commissioning of OSS - Installation of WTGs to begin later in 2026 500m safety zones around all turbine sites
Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW)	July 1, 2026	- WTG installation (176 total) - OSS Commissioning (3 total) - Export cable laying and burial - Inter-array cable laying and burial - Scour protection installation

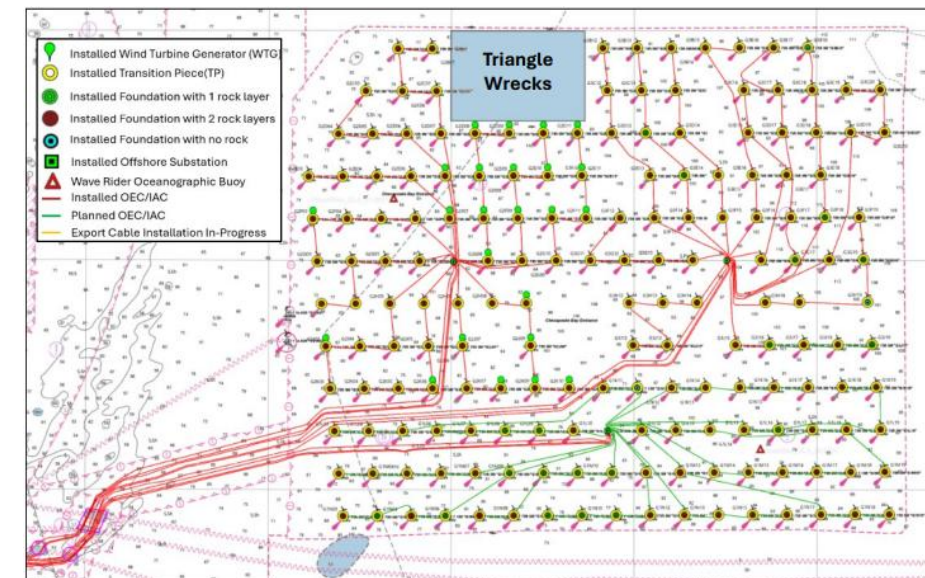


Credit: Matthew Brooks

WTIV Charybdis



<https://www.empirewind.com/environment-and-sustainability/mariners-and-fisheries/>



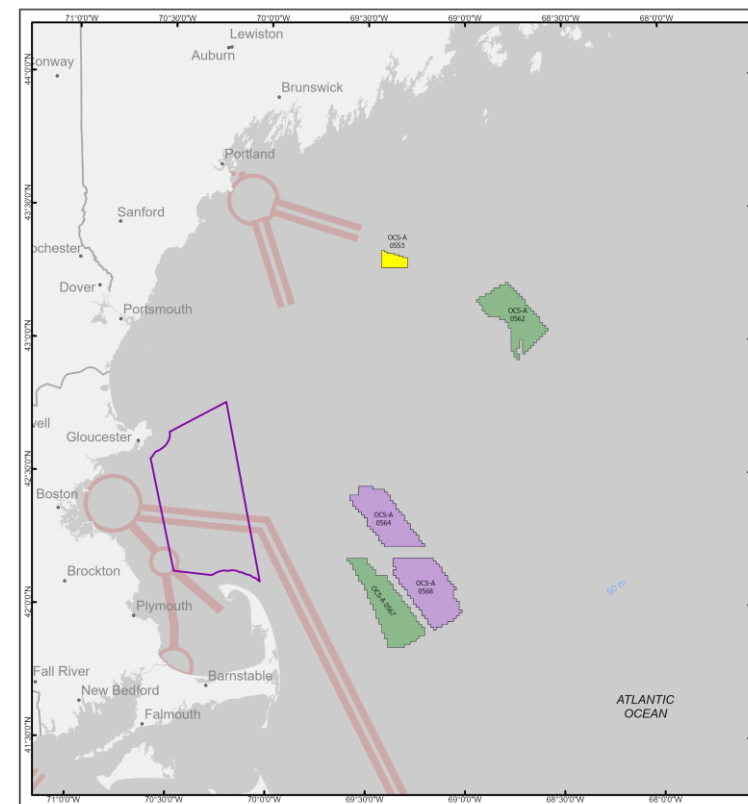
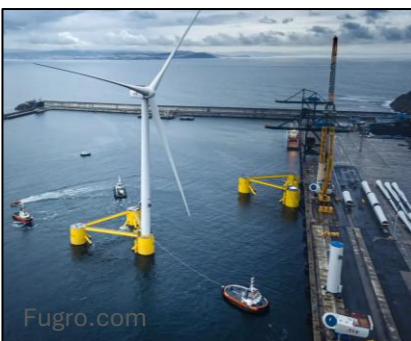
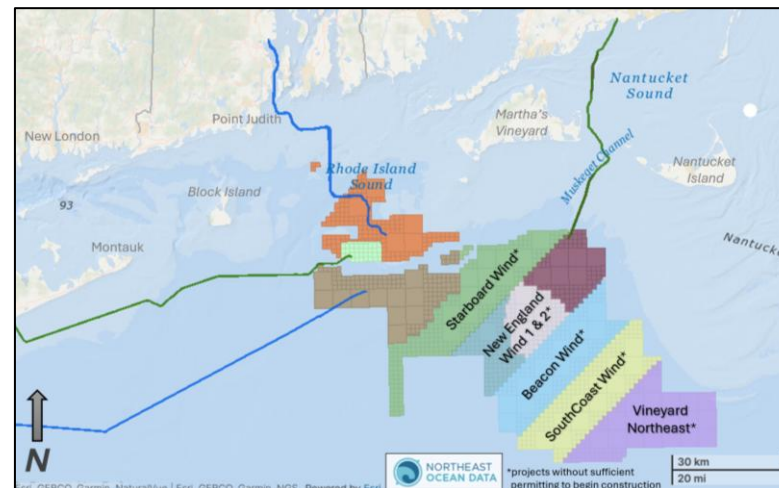
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Permitting & Planning

Southern New England

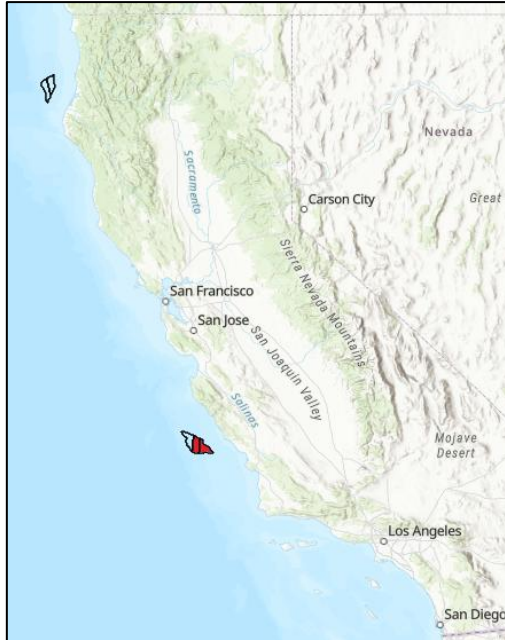
Gulf of Maine

Project	Specific Activities
Southern New England New England 1 & 2 SouthCoast Beacon Starboard Vineyard Northeast Vineyard Mid-Atlantic	May see occasional: - habitat/fisheries surveys - geophysical surveys - metocean buoys - new communications plans
Gulf of Maine Avangrid OCS-A 0564 OCS-A 0568	<u>Communications Plans</u> • Agency • Native American Tribal • Fisheries <u>Project Websites</u> • www.ocs-a0564.com • www.ocs-a0568.com
Gulf of Maine Invenergy OCS-A 0562 OCS-A 0567	Leases abandoned
Gulf of Maine Maine Research Array OCS-A 0553	Conducting survey and monitoring work

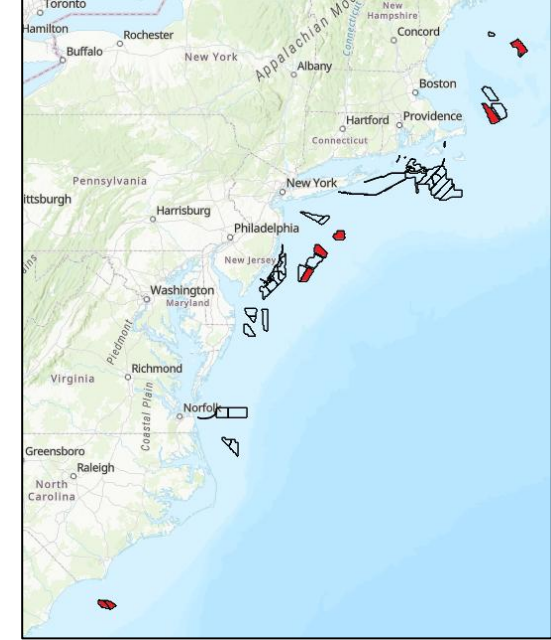


Federal Offshore Wind Actions – Lease “Buyback”

US Department of Interior – Nine lease recissions totaling \$2.7bn and 14GW



Developer	Name	OCS #	Region	Potential Output	Value (\$mil.)
TotalEnergies	Attentive Energy	538	NY Bight	1.4 GW	\$759m
TotalEnergies	Carolina Long Bay	535/545	North Carolina	0.9 GW	\$160m
Ocean Winds	Bluepoint Wind	537	NY Bight	1.7 GW	\$765m
Ocean Winds	Golden State Wind	564	California	2 GW	\$120m
Duke Energy	Duke Energy Carolinas	546	North Carolina	0.9 GW	\$129m
Invenergy	Invenergy NE	562	GOM	1.4 GW	\$4.892m
Invenergy	Invenergy NE	567	GOM	1.4 GW	\$5.889m
Invenergy	Even Keel Wind	565	California	2 GW	\$145.3m
Invenergy	Leading Light Wind	542	NY Bight	2.4 GW	\$645m



These energy companies will:

- Reinvest in domestic oil, Natural Gas and LNG projects
- Pledge no new OSW projects in the US
- Be reimbursed for development costs up to lease value from the DOJ Judgement Fund

State Responses:

- Early June - Seven states file lawsuit challenging March TotalEnergies-DOI agreement
 - No hearings/findings under OCS Lands Act
 - No imminent litigation → violates Judgement Fund Act

Recent Offshore Wind Actions and Milestones

Friday
March 13

OFFSHORE WIND

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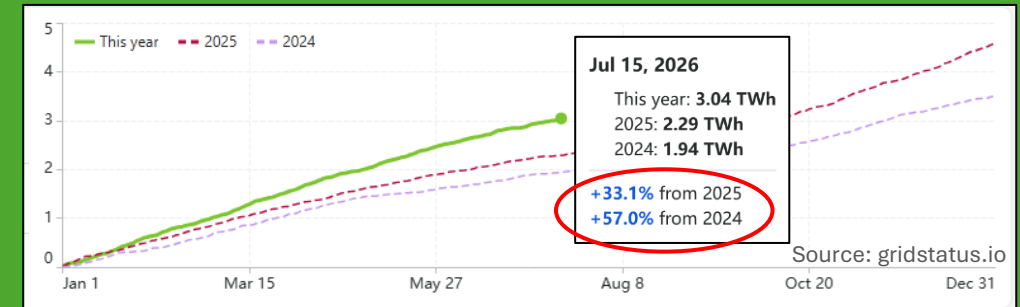
With the wind at its back, Vineyard Wind crosses the finish line

A crew installed blades on the offshore wind farm's 62nd and final turbine on Friday.

By **Anastasia E. Lennon**
March 13, 2026

<https://newbedfordlight.org/wind/>

Year to Date – mid-July



Friday
April 24

OFFSHORE WIND

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Vineyard Wind's power contracts switch on, stabilizing electricity prices

The state says the offshore wind farm's agreements will save ratepayers \$1.4 billion over 20 years. But that depends on an always-changing energy market.

By **Anastasia E. Lennon**
April 28, 2026

<https://newbedfordlight.org/wind/>

Monday
June 1

OFFSHORE WIND

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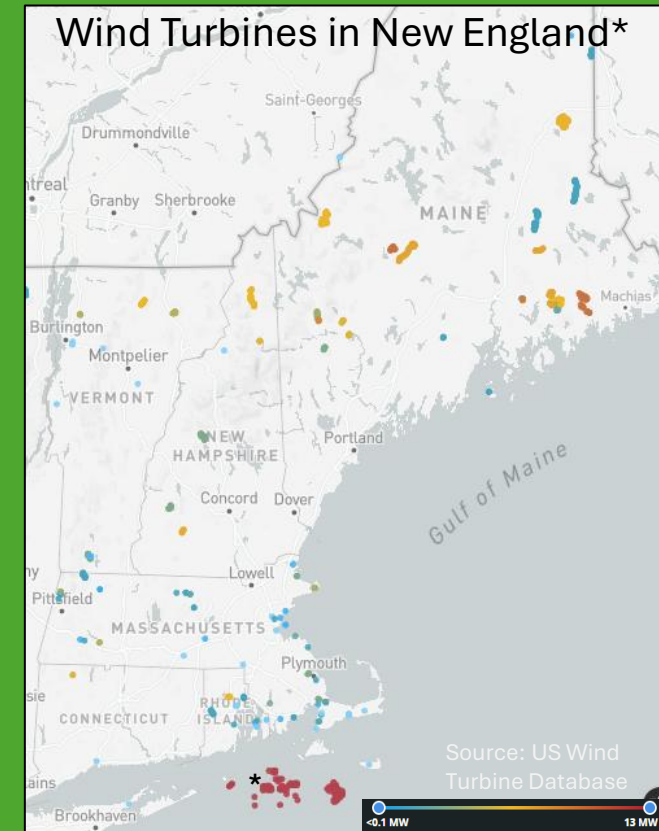
Judge rules again for Vineyard Wind in its dispute with GE Vernova

The turbine supplier remains barred from exiting its contract with the wind project.

By **Anastasia E. Lennon**
June 1, 2026

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Wind Turbines in New England*



Source: US Wind
Turbine Database

* SFW delivers
power to NY

Mitigation and Compensation Fund Updates



Fisheries Innovation Fund

- Projects underway
- First seafood marketing video released (longfin squid)
- Advisory Panel meeting this fall



Coastal Community Fund

- Explore aggregating 3 Funds
- Appoint 9-member Advisory Council
- Discuss timing/scope of first RFP



Orsted Direct Compensation

- TAP presented to May FWG
- Follow up conversations
 - Impediments
 - Reasonable next steps



Regional Compensation Fund

- DOC meeting early August
- Caucuses finalizing positions and recommendations
- Draft FW and public comment period expected this fall



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Responsible Offshore
Science Alliance

FINsights

Fishing Industry Insights

You're on the water.

You see things researchers don't.

ROSA's FINsights is an open channel for the fishing industry to share observations, concerns, and knowledge about offshore development and its interactions with fisheries.

Submit anytime.
Your contact
information will
only be used to
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Whether you've **noticed changes in where** you're catching specific species, **encountered new behavior** near infrastructure, or **have ideas** about what research questions most need answering, we want to hear from you.

What happens with your input:

- Summarized for readouts quarterly.
- Identifies topics for research projects.
- Ensures your expertise is part of the conversation.

Share your
insights here



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Offshore Wind Focus Group Update
Brad Schondelmeier

July 16, 2026

Commercial Fisheries Commission

Offshore Wind Focus Group

July 2 Meeting (virtual)

1. Discuss updated 2026 Work Plan (see meeting docs) → Refine and prioritize four items
2. Learn about GARFO/NEFSC Socioeconomic Impacts Analysis → Provide feedback & plan for future CFC input

Work Item 4 - Support regional studies to build a better early understanding of (1) fishing vessel behavior in and around the Gulf of Maine leases, and (2) floating offshore wind development and potential impacts

- What projects or analysis would provide a better understanding of potential FOSW impacts?
- What partnerships (state, federal, fisheries, ENGO, academia, etc.) can be created to ensure an effective process?
- How can we plan for effective GOM/FOSW engagement with the fishing industry at the appropriate time? E.g., identify potentially impacted user groups, fisheries, and ports; provide resources and information for fisheries stakeholders and public

Work Item 3 - Develop recommendations to improve economic and compensatory mitigation analyses and administration

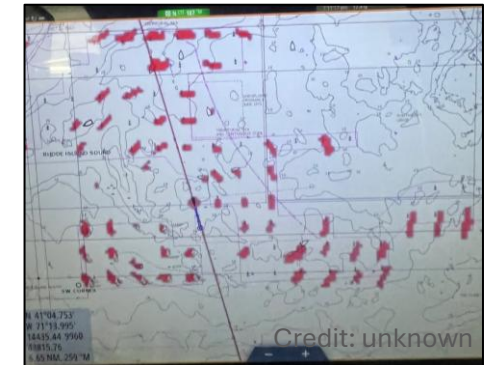
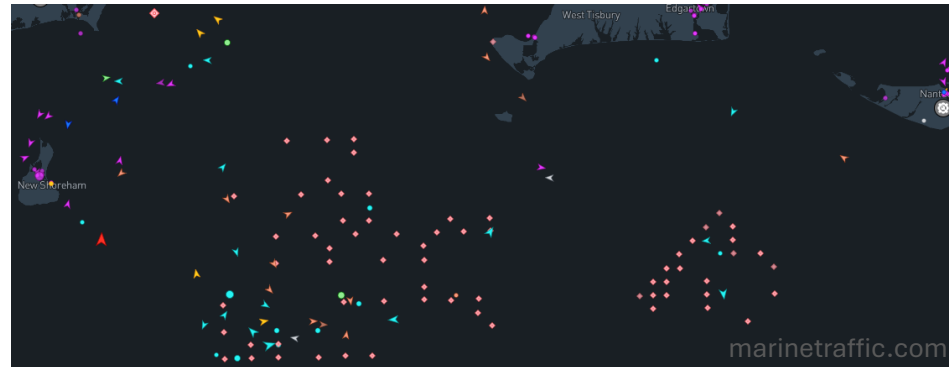
- What are the concerns with “money in” analyses? Did they:
 - Not fully incorporate specific fisheries?
 - Make incorrect assumptions?
 - Not foresee something specific about OSW construction/operation?

Commercial Fisheries Commission

Offshore Wind Focus Group

Work Item 2 - Monitor and learn from ongoing research and studies on constructed projects in the Southern New England Wind Energy Area

- Which specific topics from the research and monitoring projects are important for the CFC to learn about?
- What is the goal for learning from the research monitoring projects?
- What can be aggregated and learned from developer-led fisheries and habitat monitoring programs?

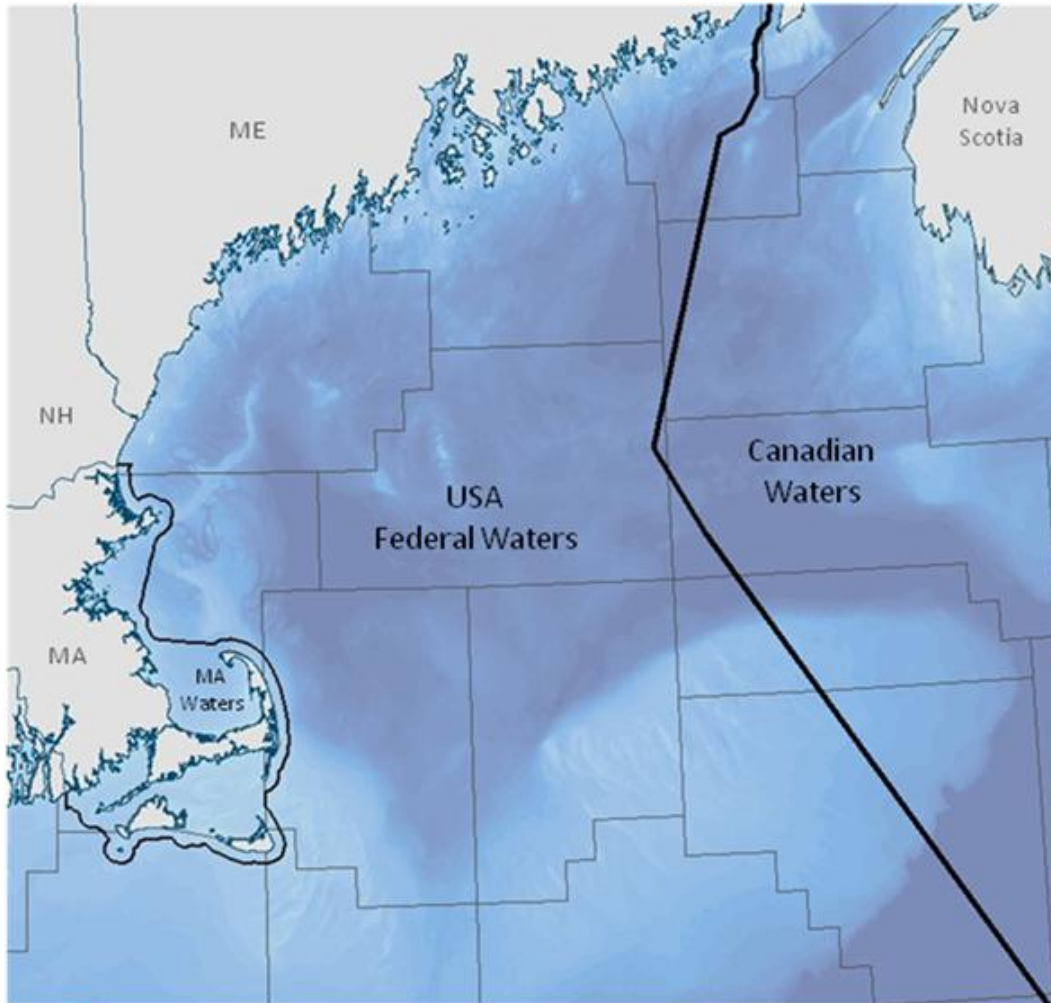


Work Item 1 - Promote safe navigation and operation within OSW arrays using existing and upgraded technologies and experiences of mariners within wind farms

- What would scope of this program look like?
- What partners should be engaged?
- What would be most useful output/product?



Massachusetts Seafood Industry



- Unique geographic location contributes to productive fishing grounds for a variety of species
- Massachusetts is a seafood processing and shipping hub
- Historic industry with a tourism component



2023 Seafood Industry Economic Impact

Employment

Massachusetts seafood industry

- 172,826 jobs
- 1st in the country

Sales

first sale through final sale

- \$17.4 billion
- 3rd in the country

Income

wages, salaries, earnings of all related sectors

- \$4.2 billion
- 3rd in the country

Value-Added

new economic value created at each state of the supply chain

- \$6.6 billion
- 3rd in the country

Source: Fisheries Economics of the United States 2023



2023 Ex-Vessel Landings & Value

Value Highlights

- \$574 million ex-vessel value
- 3rd in total value behind Alaska and Maine
- New Bedford is the highest valued port in the U.S. at \$363 million, driven by sea scallops
- Top 3 valued species are sea scallop, lobster, and oyster



Landings Highlights

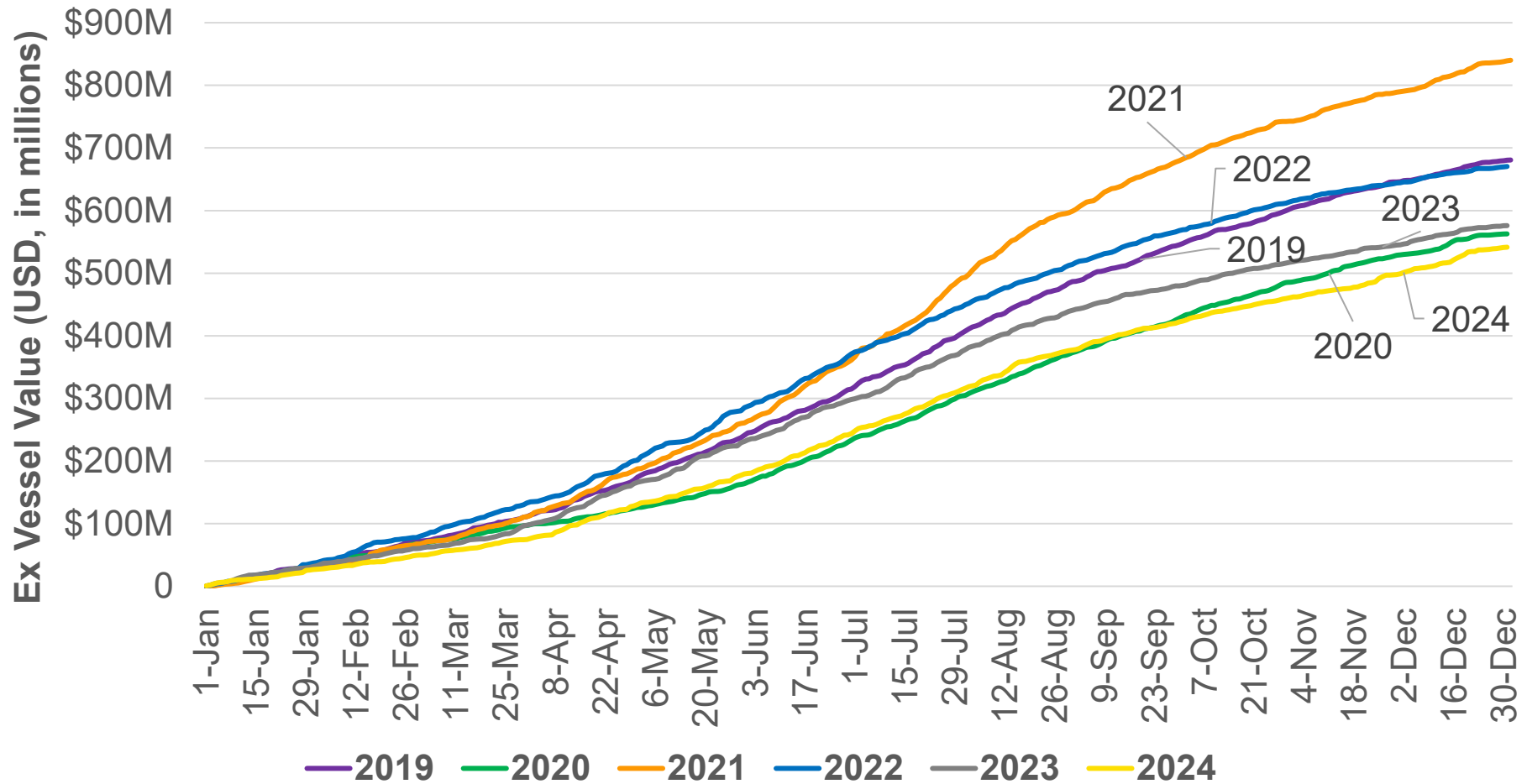
- Massachusetts landed 156 million pounds of seafood
- New Bedford is 16th ranked port in the country at 76.9 million pounds combined

Source: Fisheries of the United States 2023



Ex-Vessel Value

Running Total of Ex-Vessel Value Across All Species



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Top 10 Ports by Ex-Vessel Value in 2024



Port	Ex-Vessel Value
New Bedford	\$305M
Gloucester	\$66M
Boston	\$16.7M
Chatham	\$16.4M
Barnstable	\$15M
Marshfield	\$12.9M
Wellfleet	\$10.2M
Provincetown	\$9.7M
Rockport	\$9M
Duxbury	\$7.5M

Spotlight on Lobster Fishery

2024

Statewide

- 16.5M pounds landed
- Ex-vessel value of \$115.3M
- ~600 active fishers
- Landing ports spread throughout the state

Top Landing Ports

- 6 ports make up two thirds of the landings
- Gloucester ranked highest with 4.4M pounds

Port	Pounds
Gloucester	4,363,532
New Bedford	2,580,033
Rockport	1,236,008
Duxbury/Marshfield	876,510
Plymouth	629,194
Beverly	616,813

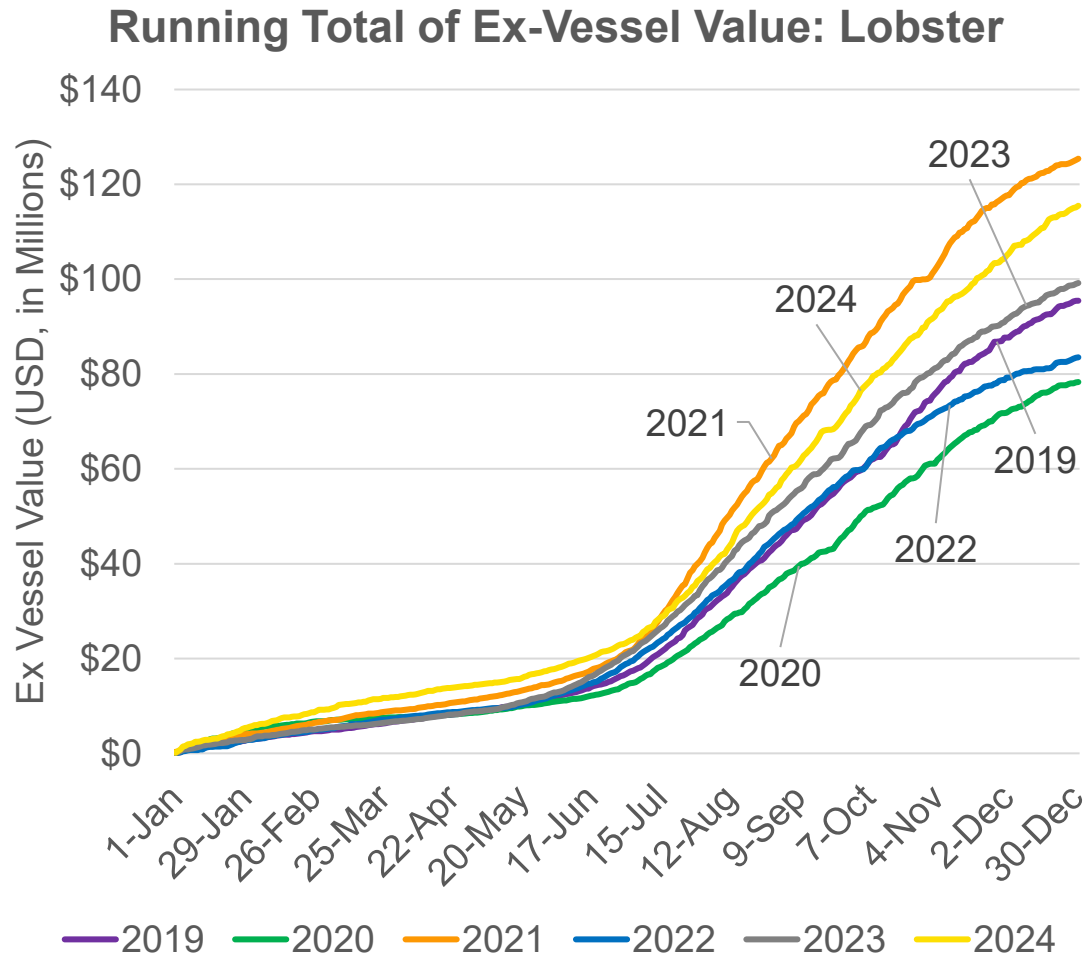
Source: Trip-Level Reports, SAFIS Dealer Database

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Spotlight on Lobster Fishery Continued



Source: Trip-Level Reports, SAFIS Dealer Database



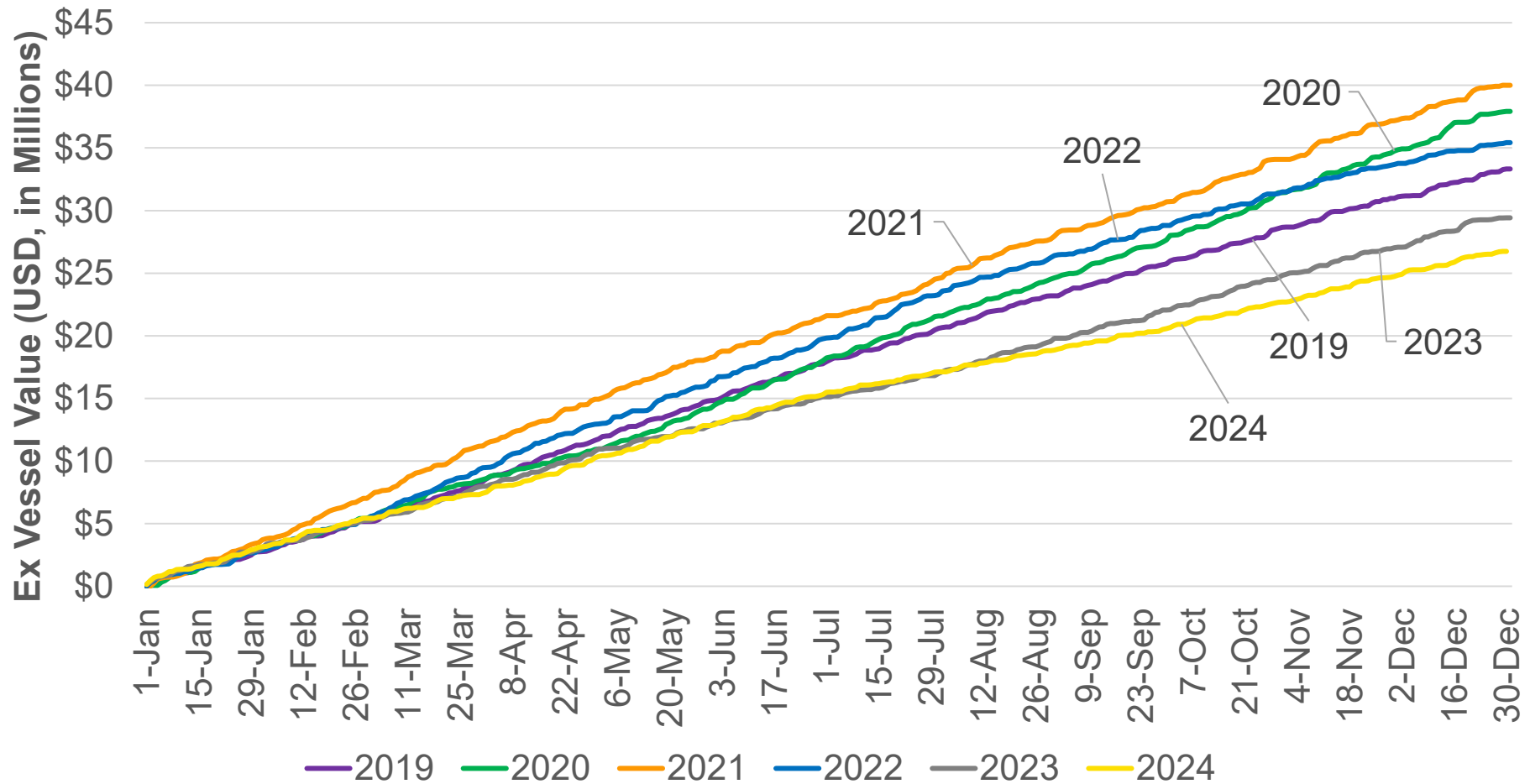
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Groundfish

Running Total of Ex-Vessel Value: Groundfish



Economic Development Opportunities for Massachusetts Commercial Fisheries

*Recommendations from the Economic Development Focus Group
Massachusetts Commercial Fisheries Commission*

July 16, 2026

Three Pillars of a Thriving MA Seafood Economy



The diagram consists of three identical rectangular boxes arranged horizontally. Each box has a dark blue background and a light gray rounded rectangle in the center. The text is centered within the light gray area. The first box contains the text 'Protecting Working Waterfronts', the second 'Invest in the Future of the Industry', and the third 'Increase Demand for MA Seafood'.

Protecting
Working
Waterfronts

Invest in the
Future of the
Industry

Increase
Demand for
MA Seafood

Profitable Fishing Businesses → Thriving Working Waterfronts → Resilient Coastal Communities

Pillar One: Protect and Modernize Working Waterfronts

01

Invest in ports and infrastructure

Improve access for commercial fishing businesses

02

Protect Designated Port Areas for Commercial Fisheries

Pillar Two: Invest in the Future of the Industry

Invest in People

- Workforce development (#3)
- Training (#3)

Invest in Businesses

- Low interest loans (#4)
- Business succession (#6)
- Permit access (#4)

Pillar Two: Invest in the Future of the Industry

Continued

Invest in Innovation

- Research (#5)
- Innovation hubs (#7)
- Incubators (#7)

Build Resilience

- Emergency assistance (#8)
- Climate adaptation (#8)

Pillar Three: Increase Demand for MA Seafood

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Incentivize
processors and
food
manufacturers

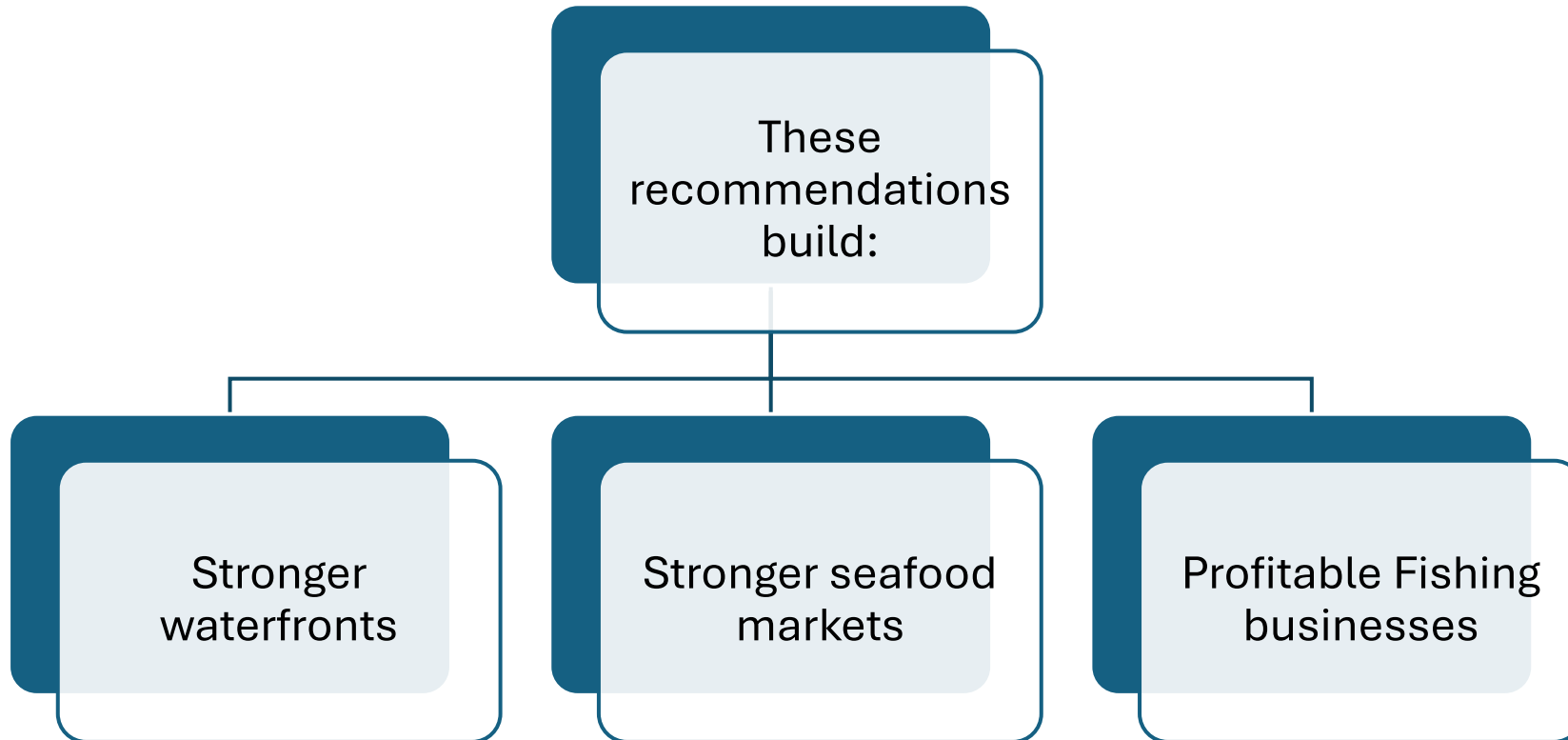
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Increase
institutional
purchasing

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Support new
seafood
products

Bringing It All Together: Building a Thriving Seafood Economy





Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Economic Development

Commercial Fisheries Commission 7/16/26 Meeting

*Topic: Overviewing existing commonwealth
economic development programs/resources for
commercial fisheries*





Meeting Overview

- Brief Introductions
- Ellen Cebula → Overview of Seaport Council Grant Program
- Jen Menard → Tools MOBD has for assisting fishing and seafood businesses
- Scott Soares → Tools MassDevelopment has for small businesses which could be used by seafood and commercial fishing
- Finn Hobart → List of state programs that could assist fishing and seafood businesses
- Pat Field → Brief overview of the Massachusetts Maritime Strategy
- Wrap-Up



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Seaport Economic Council Grant Program



Ellen Cebula, Director



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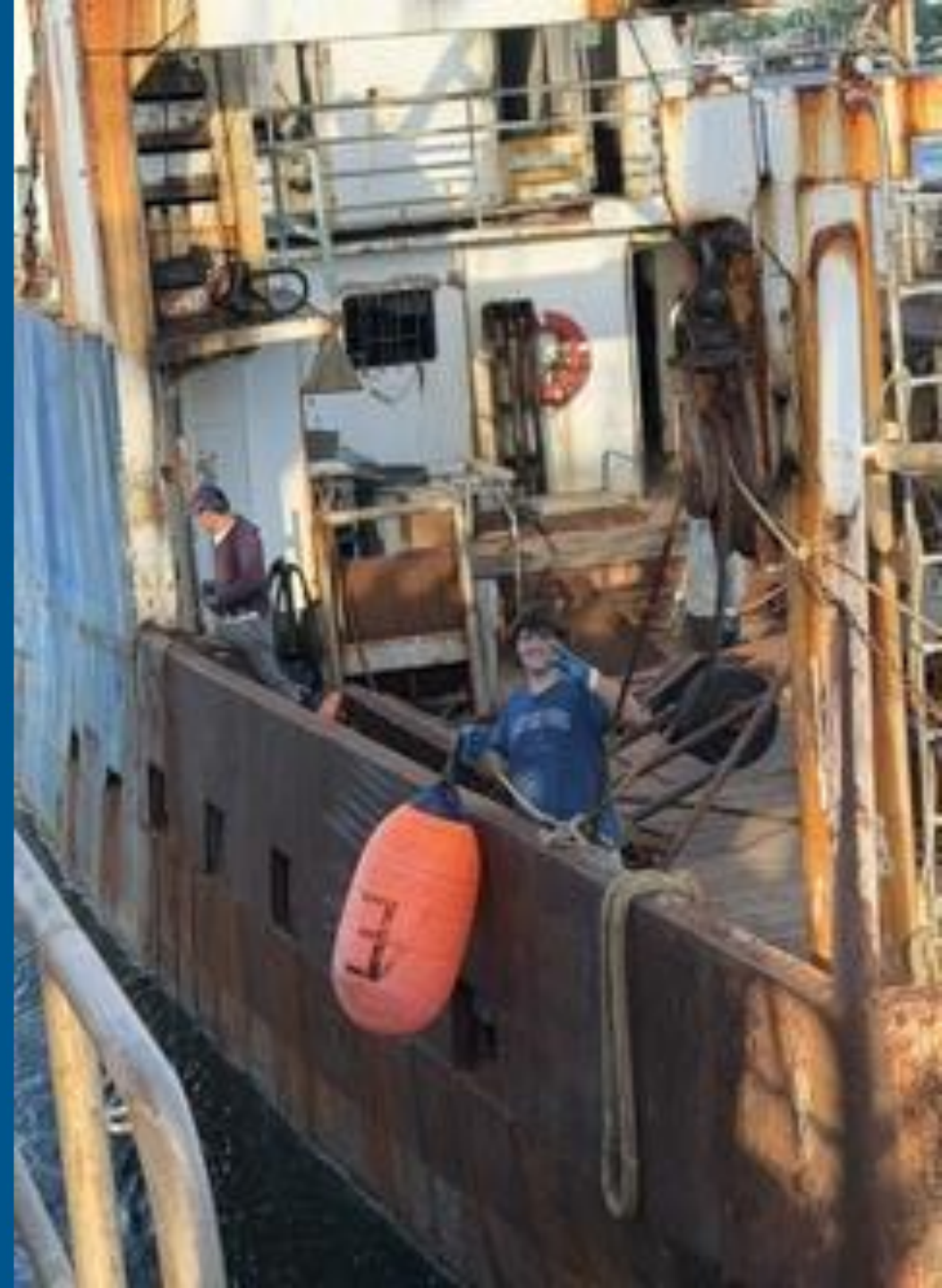
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By Her Excellency
MAURA T. HEALEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 649

REESTABLISHING THE SEAPORT ECONOMIC COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Massachusetts has a rich and enduring maritime tradition deeply embedded in its history, economy, and culture;





Seaport Economic Council Grant Program Overview

The Seaport Economic Council Grant Program

- Supports economic development in Massachusetts coastal communities
- Funds planning and capital investments that strengthen the maritime economy
- Advances maritime innovation, resilience, and climate adaptation

Eligible Applicants

- 78 coastal communities of the Commonwealth and other qualified public entities.

The Seaport Economic Council Grant Program is administered through the
Community One Stop for Growth.





Successful Application Example- Applicant: Town of Tisbury

Tisbury's public Owen Park Pier Replacement \$1 Million

THE CITY OF BEVERLY

**\$550,000 SEAPORT
ECONOMIC COUNCIL GRANT**

**GRANT
AWARDED**



**\$550,000 Seaport Economic Council Grant to reconstruct
the commercial fishing hoist pier at Glover Wharf**





FY26 Commercial Fishing Infrastructure Grants

Gloucester – St. Peter's Landing & Marina Improvement Project, \$2.6 million

Fairhaven – Union Wharf Bulkhead Upgrade Phase 6, \$1.0 million

Manchester-by-the-Sea – Fisherman's Facility Floating Dock & Pier Repairs, \$452,300

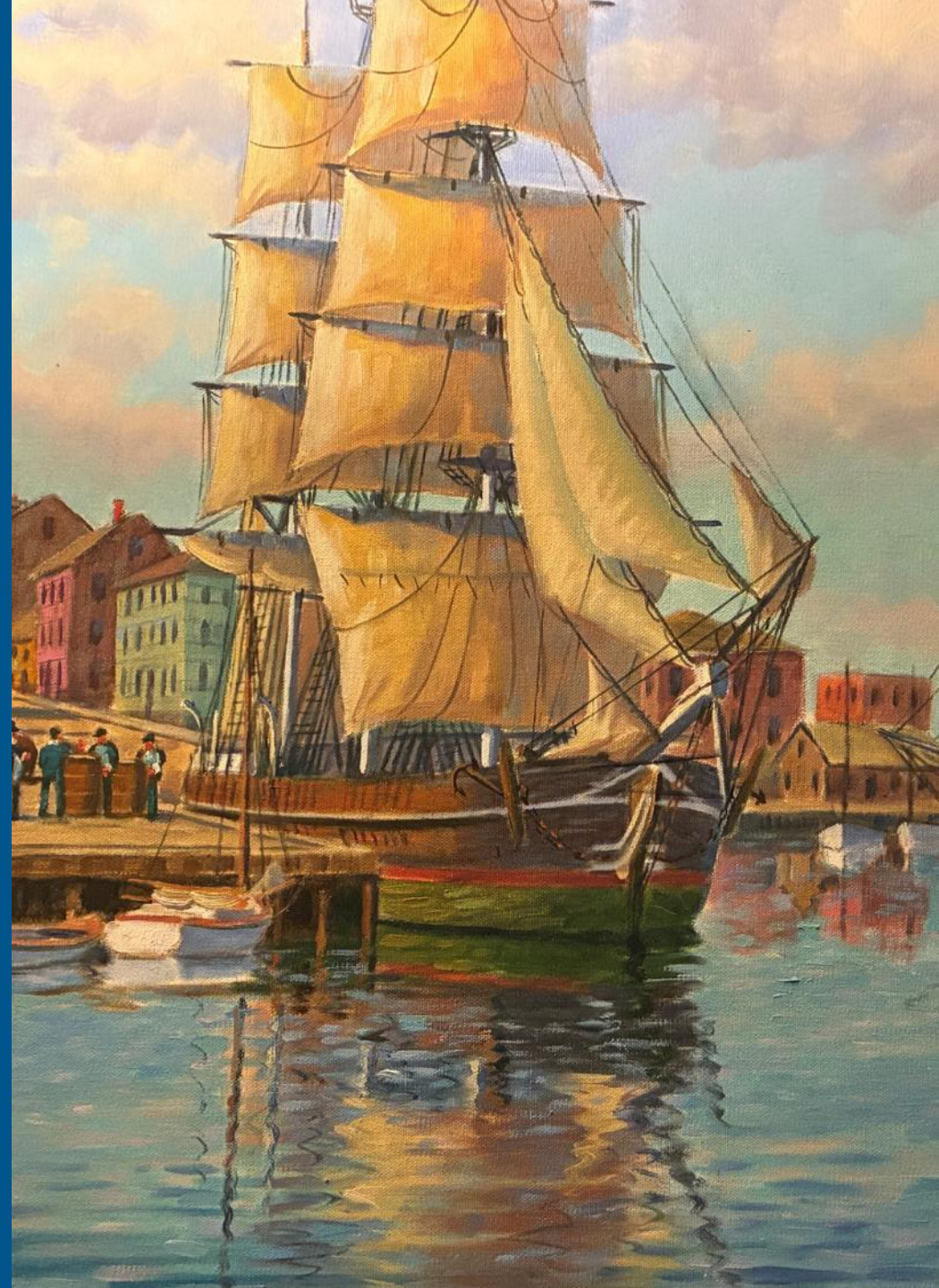




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MassDevelopment Overview

Scott Soares, Vice President Business Development





409

projects

25,246

jobs created or
supported



\$4.65 Billion

in the Massachusetts
economy



2,867

housing
units
built or
preserved

MassDevelopment a quasi-public agency serves as the state's development finance agency and land bank with three primary goals:

(1) to stimulate business

(2) drive economic growth

(3) help communities thrive

Who We Serve



Businesses

Helping companies expand, modernize, and relocate.



Developers

Making the difference at every stage of development.



Housing

Building expertise, from predevelopment to construction.



Manufacturers

Finding skilled employees, opening global markets.



Municipalities

Eliminating blight, revitalizing downtowns, creating opportunities.



Nonprofits

Working with nonprofits to upgrade, renovate, and expand.



Banks

Partnering with banks to provide creative financing.

Loans & Guarantees

- CRE Mortgage Loans
- Commercial/Industrial Real Estate & Term Loans
- Tax Credit Bridge Loans
- Equipment Loans
- Emerging Technology Fund (ETF)
- State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)
- Mortgage Insurance Guarantees
- Export Loans & Guarantees for Manufacturers
- Charter School Loans & Guarantees
- Small Business Lending



Grants

- UPP
- TDI Equity

Investment Banking

- Tax-exempt bonds for nonprofits, multifamily affordable housing, manufacturers, infrastructure, municipal, and public projects

Green Finance: The Commonwealth's Green Commercial & Industrial Bank

- Primary tool: PACE Massachusetts

NEW! – Build for Mass – Fall 2026 (?)

Let's talk!





Tim O'Keefe, Gloucester

- Existing client (from 2006) seeking financing to support expansion
- Equipment loan of \$275,000 for the purchase and retrofit of a fiberglass fishing boat
- Reached 90% LTV with a 10.5-year term with 20-year amortization at 5-year Treasury plus 2%
- Deal included agency fee and collateral
- Allowed a local commercial fishing business to diversify





Yankee Trader Seafood Ltd., Hingham

- Seafood processor and national seafood distributor
- Financed equipment acquired over the prior 12 months and helped to replenish the company's liquidity, allowing the company to use loan proceeds to support a second facility to serve as cold storage and seafood processing by Yankee Trader and other food processing companies
- 48 existing jobs and 25 new
- MassDevelopment partnered with South Shore Savings Bank
- \$500,000, 84 months equal payments of P&I Monthly, 4.0% fixed – CARES Act RLF





Finicky Pet Food, New Bedford

- Manufacturer of Pet Food Products
- \$5.3 million tax-exempt bond with two export guarantees of \$200,000 and \$500,000 to enable higher financing
- Company acquired and installed solar panels and canopy system to generate electricity
- Refunded a prior tax-exempt bond used to acquire and renovate an existing plant and to purchase equipment



Direct and Indirect Support...

A screenshot of a news article from IntraFish. The article title is "East Coast Seafood using \$600,000 state loan to upgrade scallop, lobster processing operations". The sub-headline reads: "The loan, provided by Massachusetts economic development agency MassDevelopment, could help the company create 80 jobs over the next year." Below the text is a photograph of a large industrial building with a sign that says "SEATRADE EAST COAST SEAFOOD". The IntraFish logo is in the top left, and there are search, subscribe, and login buttons in the top right.

Support for organizations that support fisheries related small businesses

- Small Business Technical Assistance Grants
- Cape Ann Fisheries Development Corporation

East Coast Seafood

\$602,000 at 4.0% for financing for new scallop and oyster processing equipment.

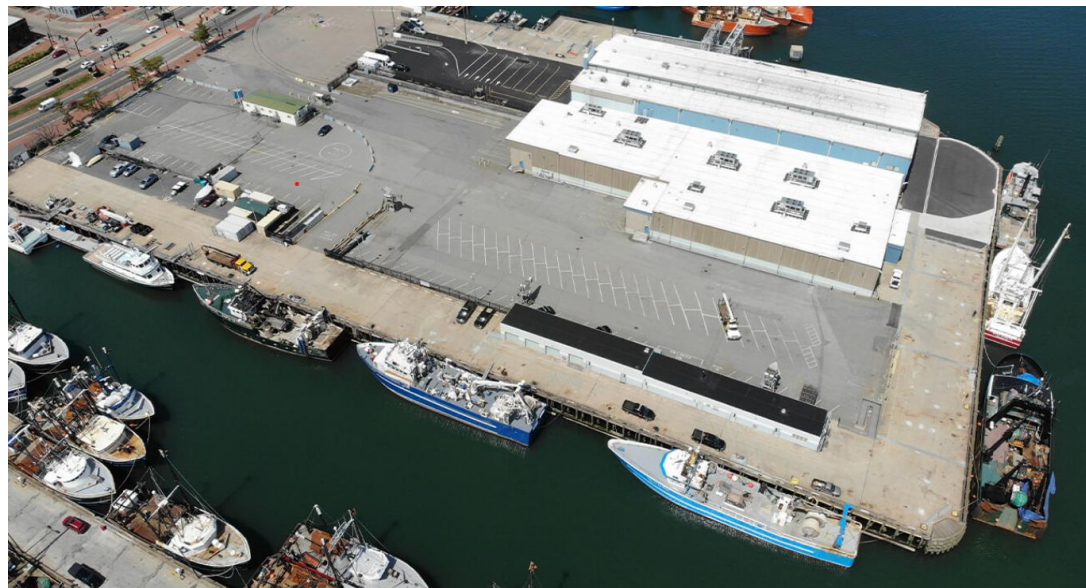
Gloucester

Jodrey State Fish Pier
Redeveloped in 1990
High-utilization fishing
& marine industry hub



New Bedford State Pier

Managed since 2017
Cargo, ferry services &
Schooner Ernestina homeport



Fall River State Pier

Managed since 2017
Supports cargo operations
and regional industry





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State Programs Overview

Finn Hobart, EOED Intern





List of Relevant State Programs

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>RELEVANCE</u>
Fisheries Innovation Fund	Ensure safe/profitable fishing as offshore wind develops (emphasis on innovation, community, safety)	Provides a range of options from outreach to equipment and is available to both individual fishers and organizations
On-Demand Gear Research	Reimburse costs for on-demand fishing equipment for fixed and mobile gear fishers	Can help furnish coastal lobster/mobile gear permit holders with helpful equipment
Seafood Marketing Program	Provide education on the topic or in support of the Massachusetts seafood industry	Can help develop infrastructure/facilities in fishing communities that can ease or support fishing (boat ramp improvements, light installations at piers, repairs to shore fishing locations, etc.)
SEC Grant Program	Stimulate economic development in MA's coastal communities	Sponsors educational programs which can inform the public about the seafood industry
Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program	Improve food security and ensure equitable access to locally grown, raised, harvested, and caught foods	Supports economic development projects (such as infrastructure or dredging) in communities where seafood production is significant
Saltwater Fishing Access Improvements	For infrastructure/facilities in fishing communities that can ease or support fishing	Provides funding for helpful infrastructure that can be accessed by both municipalities and seafood producers
Offshore Wind Works	OSW Wind Works seeks to prepare and advance Massachusetts' current and future offshore wind workforce to plan, build, operate, and maintain offshore wind projects.	Example: Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Development Program with the Northeast Maritime Institute were awarded \$300K to train and certify fishermen and new professional mariners.



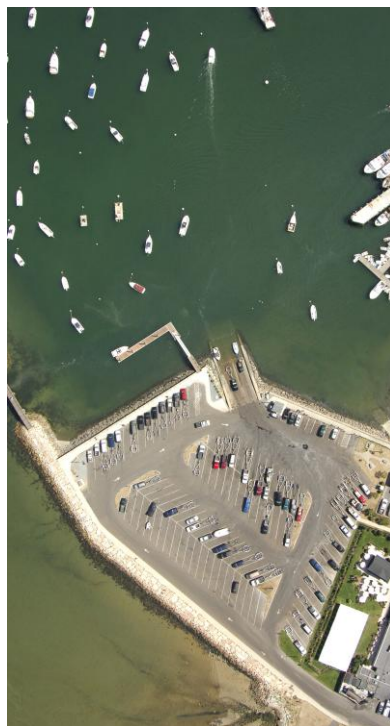
Major Themes for State Programs

Funding from state programs is available to a mixture of both municipalities and fishers/seafood producers, and can help develop:

Equipment



Infrastructure



Awareness





Major Themes for State Programs Continued

Major Takeaways

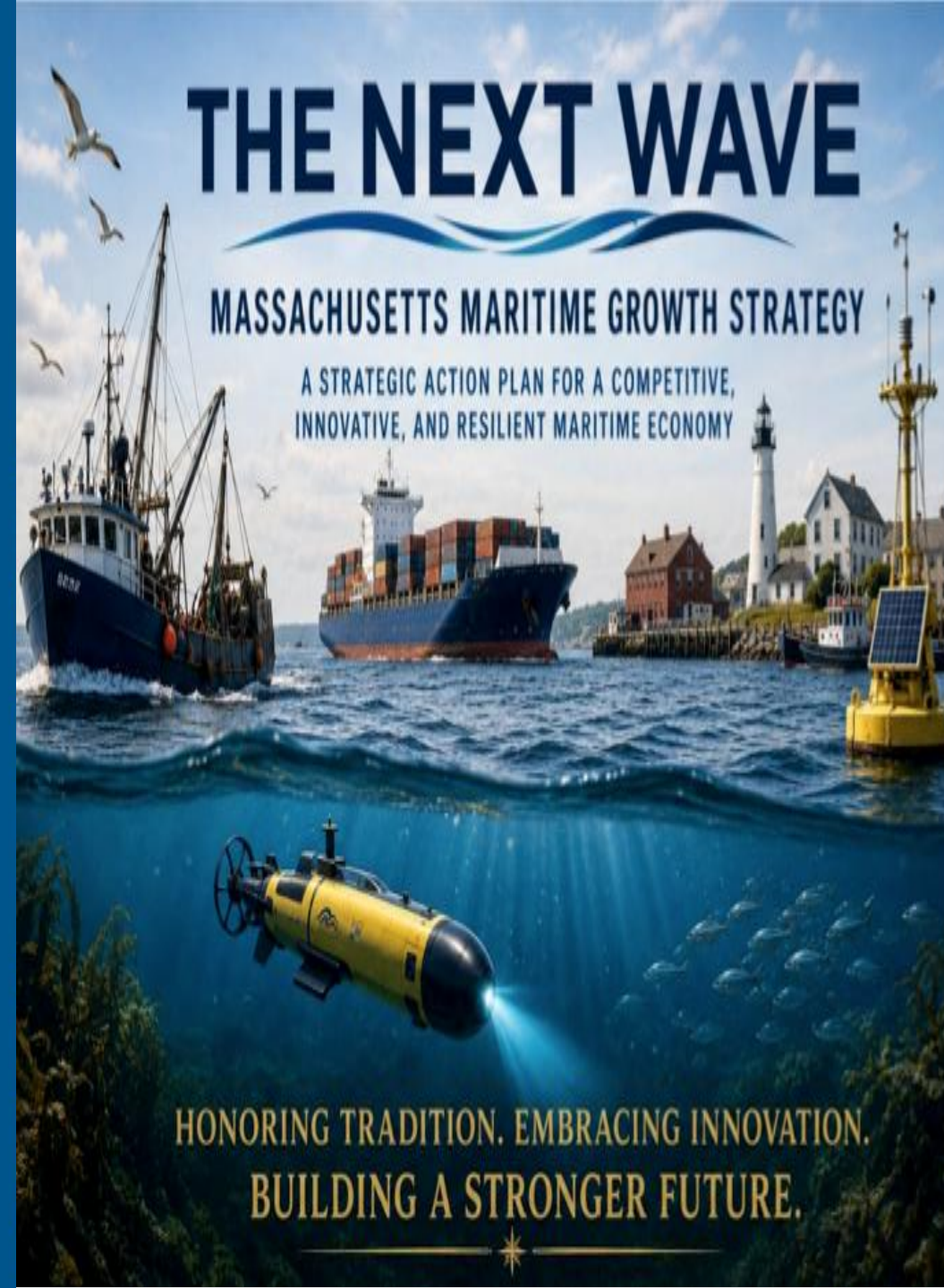
- There are numerous programs
- They do not sit in one place nor in one agency
- Programs do not necessarily "build" on each other for capital stacks that are sufficient
- Commercial Fishing and Seafood as a sector for economic development has not been the purview or focus of any single agency in the Commonwealth
- Two separate but related efforts may help: 1) the Maritime Strategy via the SEC; 2) the Ports Commission in the EEA Bond Bill



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Maritime Strategy Overview

Pat Field, Undersecretary of Economic Foundations





Why this Strategy?

Project Purpose

- To develop an **action-oriented roadmap** that strengthens the competitiveness, resilience, and long-term growth of Massachusetts' maritime economy.

Why Now?

- Previous studies documented the maritime economy but did not establish a coordinated roadmap for future growth and investment.
- Industry, workforce, infrastructure, and policy challenges require **coordinated strategic action**.
- This effort will establish **strategic priorities** and **actionable recommendations** to guide future investment, policy, workforce development, and industry growth.



Strategy Timeline

Ongoing Engagement

ONGOING ENGAGEMENT & REVIEW



PROJECT TEAM
Weekly / Bi-Weekly
Check-in Meetings



STEERING COMMITTEE
Monthly Meetings



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
Periodic Review and Guidance
(As Needed)



STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS
Throughout the Summer

Project Timeline

PROJECT TIMELINE (PART 1)

JUNE



- Project Initiation
- Project Team Meetings Begin

JULY



- Stakeholder Outreach
- Interviews Begin
- Steering Committee #1

AUGUST



- Interviews & Focus Groups
- Strategic Issues & Opportunities
- Steering Committee #2



Strategy Timeline Continued

PROJECT TIMELINE (PART 2)

EARLY SEPTEMBER



- Draft 1 Complete
- Project Team Review
- Lieutenant Governor Review
- Steering Committee Review

OCTOBER



- Recommendations Refined
- Draft 2 Complete
- Steering Committee Validation

NOVEMBER–DECEMBER



- Report Design
- Accessibility Review
- Final Production
- **Final Report**

Major Deliverable Summary:

- September: Preliminary Findings and Strategic Framework
- October: Draft Report
- December: Final Report



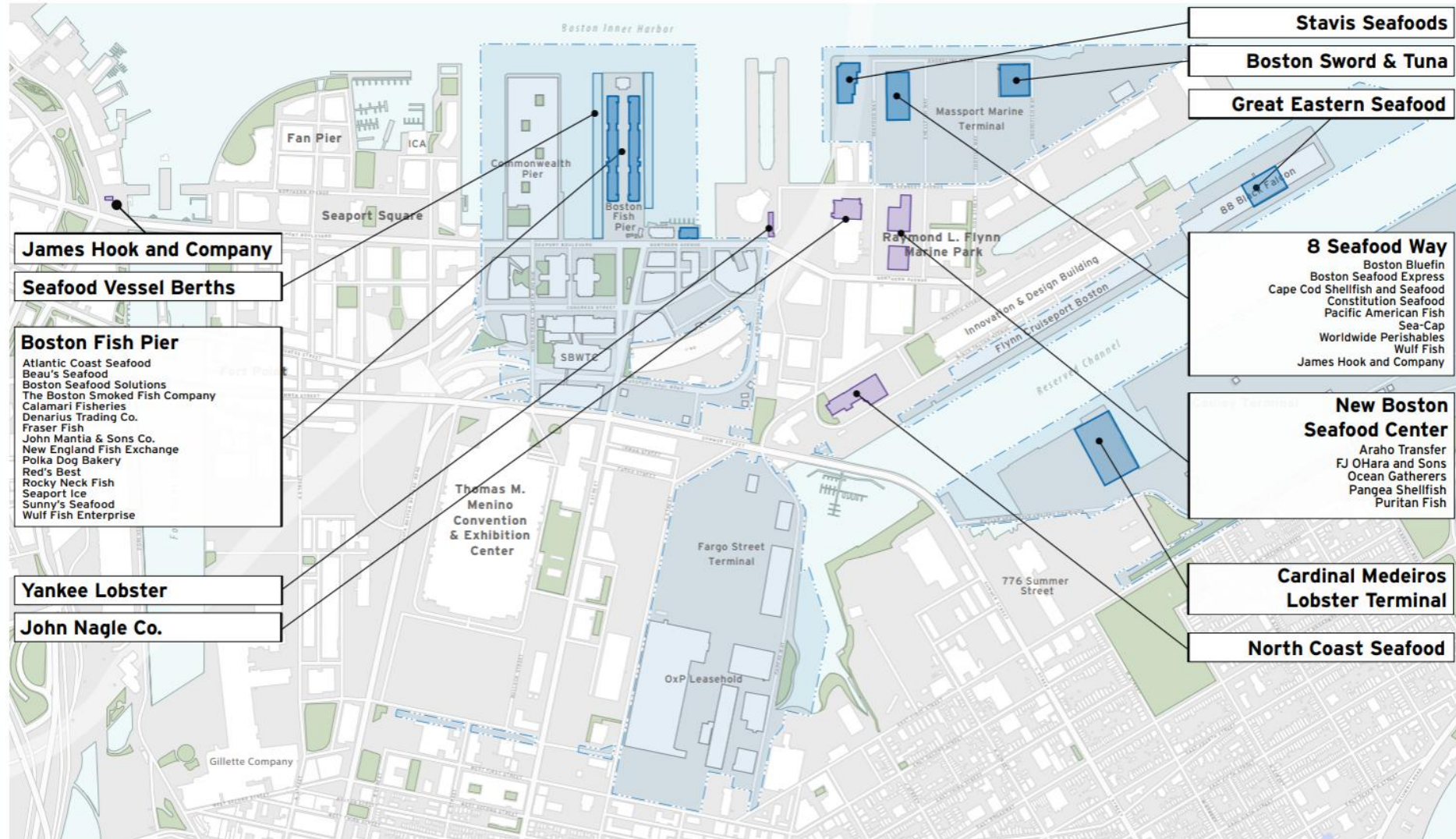
Discussion/Questions

Massport's Support of the Boston Seafood Industry

July 16, 2026



Boston's Seafood Industry Cluster plays a vital role in the regional economy, supporting 40 businesses and 1,500 employees

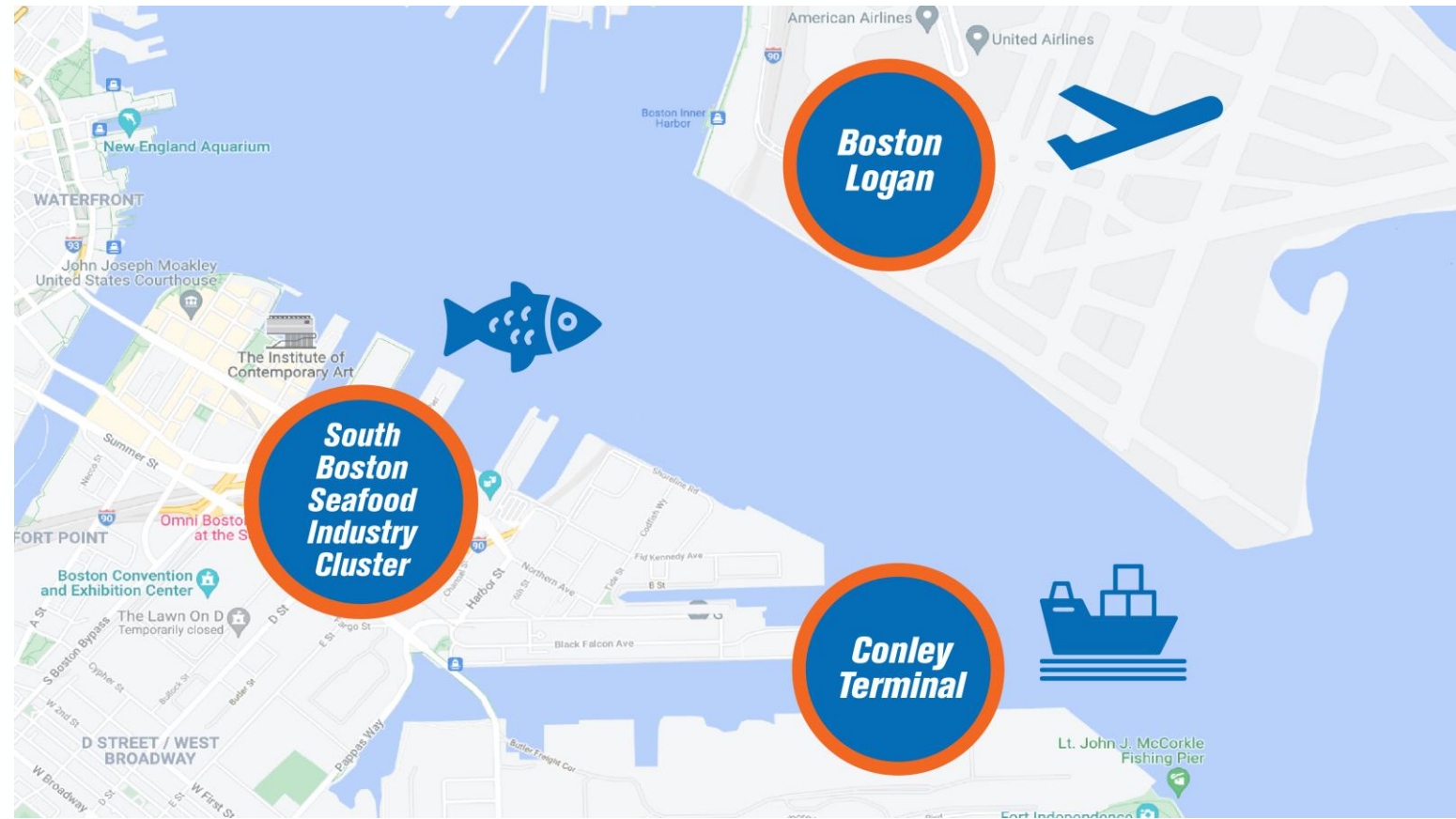


Massport has more than 300K SF of leased seafood space within a 15-minute drive of Conley Terminal and Logan Airport, with direct interstate access

- Massport is a champion for Boston's seafood industry
 - Protecting/enhancing critical truck routes
 - Promoting/supporting grants
 - Growth opportunities at the Massport Marine Terminal
- While seafood is not specifically identified in Massport's enabling legislation, our mission to advance economic development and steward the Port of Boston has guided decades of support for maritime-industrial and water-dependent businesses
- Goal extends beyond preservation—we are committed to creating conditions that allow seafood businesses to remain competitive, invest, grow, and thrive

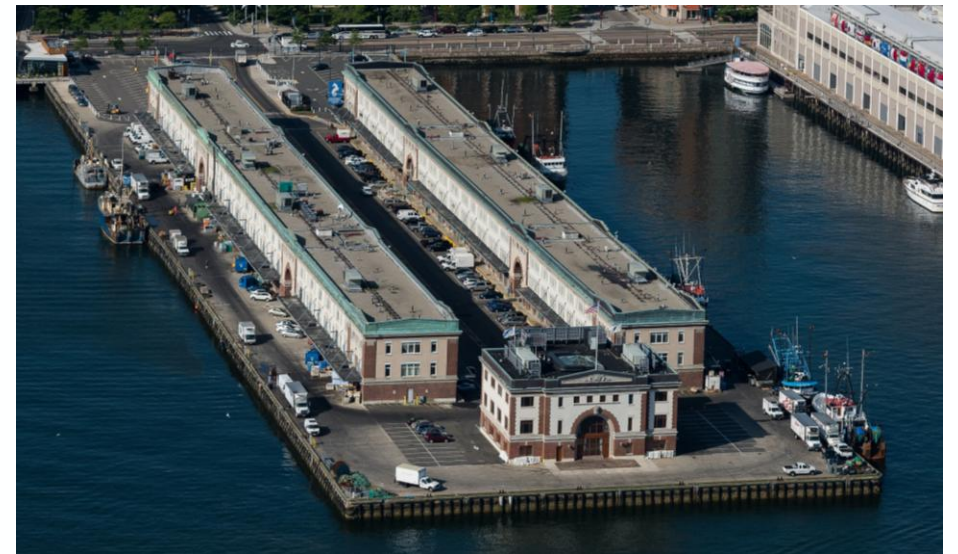


Cluster provides seafood businesses close proximity to air and ocean transportation for access to global markets



The symbolic heart of Boston's Seafood Industry Cluster, the Boston Fish Pier remains home to a vibrant maritime business ecosystem

- Mission-driven asset with strong economic benefits: 21 businesses, 14 seafood companies, 21 active fishing vessel berths, and a workforce of over 200 employees
- Central location and scale ideal for small-to-medium sized businesses; trucking, older infrastructure a challenge
- Strong seafood demand with 100% occupancy over the past decade – tenant expansions underway
- Diverse, complementary tenant mix — processors, brokers, wholesalers, distributors — drives dynamic B2B seafood and one-stop-shop customer synergies
- Boston's only location for commercial vessel offloading
- Listed on National Historic Registry



Massport's proactive stewardship keeps the Fish Pier thriving

- \$30M+ in capital investment — roofs, drains, concrete aprons, paving, structural repairs, and 3rd-floor renovations over the past two years
- Hands-on/daily tenant engagement by REAM Asset Management and Facilities teams has built trust and strong partnerships
- Below-market rents and rent credits reward tenants who invest in space improvements and modernization
- Fish & Farm Market offers retail sales and connects tenants directly with local customers (residents, visitors)



Massport Marine Terminal is home to larger seafood businesses under Ground Subleases with Massport

- 40-acre parcel located within the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park (RLFMP)
- Leased to Massport from EDIC through February 2120
- In the South Boston Designated Port Area (DPA)
- Three existing ground lease tenants
 - Boston Sword & Tuna
 - Harbor Seafood Center / 8 Seafood Way
 - Stavix Seafoods
- North Jetty project underway to rebuild the last deep-water berth in Boston Harbor

