

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

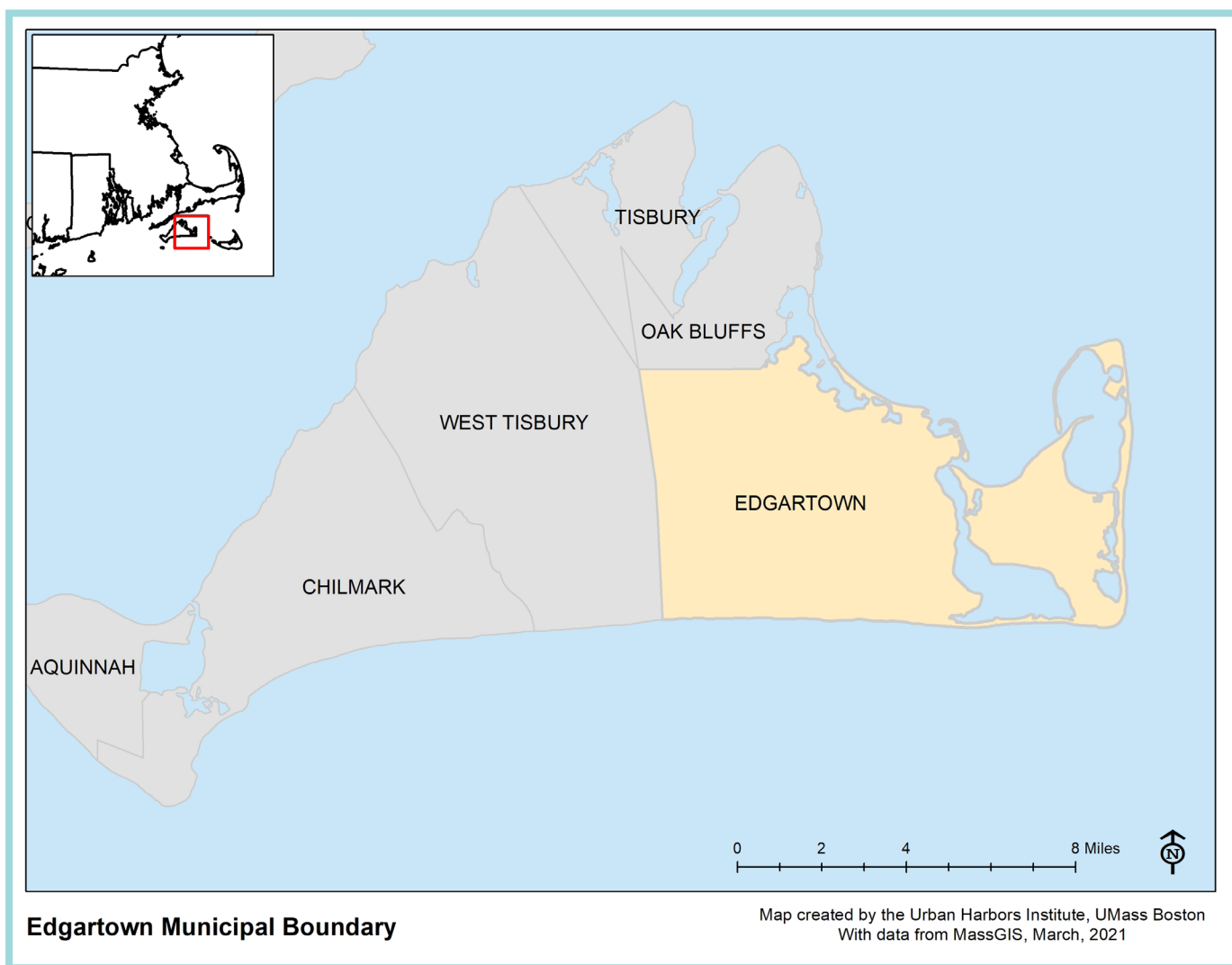
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional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

EDGARTOWN

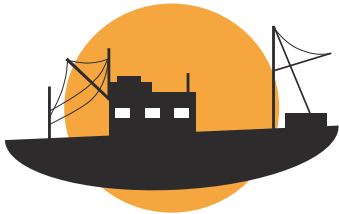
Located on Martha's Vineyard, Edgartown has three main harbors: Cape Poge Bay, Edgartown Harbor, and Katama Bay.

Permitted commercial fisheries, which may or may not be active during the survey period, include: Lobster Pot, Shellfish (by hand), Gillnetter, Clam Dredge, Scallop Dredge, Rod & Reel, Aquaculture, and For Hire/Charter.



2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Edgartown's commercial fishery had:

- 110** permitted harvesters with an Edgartown address
- 47** vessels with an Edgartown homeport
- 1,573** trips landing in Edgartown
- 59** active permitted harvesters landing in Edgartown
- 16** active dealers purchasing in Edgartown



Commercial harvesters landed the following in Edgartown in 2018:

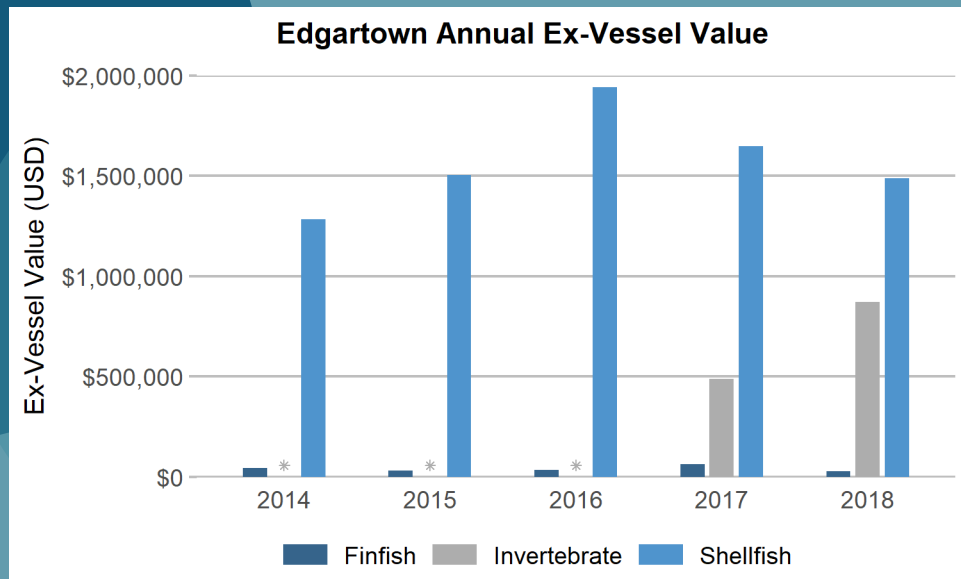
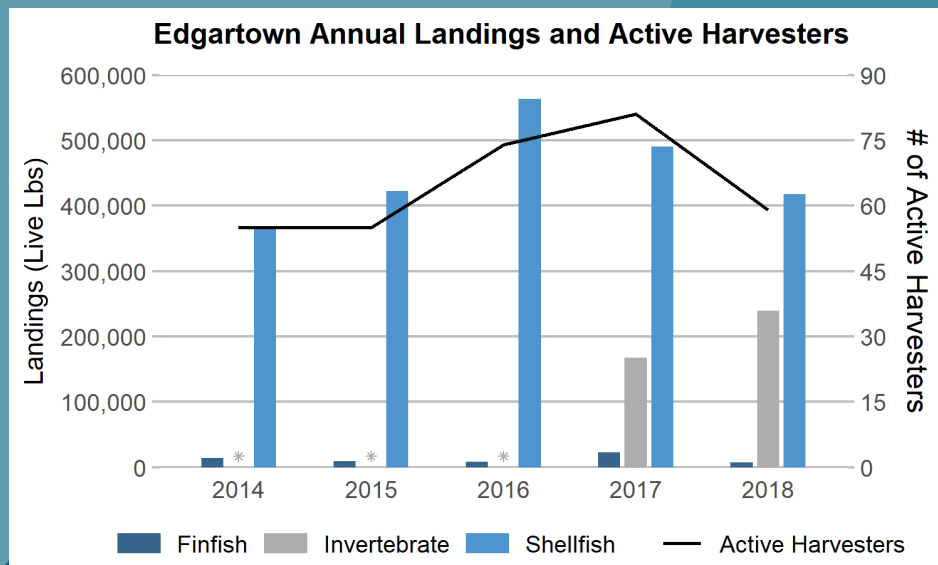
665,033 pounds of catch with an ex-value of **\$2,388,214**

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

- Eastern Oyster
- Channeled Whelk
- Bay Scallop

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

Edgartown has been experiencing a decline in all fisheries. Edgartown once had a vibrant commercial fishing fleet, but harvests (including bay scallops) have been declining for decades and now the town primarily focuses on aquaculture. The fishing fleet consists primarily of non-trailerred vessels, with a few trailerred vessels. In the last 10 years, the number of non-trailerred commercial fishing vessels has declined due to a decrease in stock.



Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- Lack of docking space
- Shallow water/need for dredging
- Limited parking
- Conflicts with other users
- Permitting process for infrastructure
- Ramp in poor condition

Needs

- Additional dredging (Edgartown owns a hydraulic dredge)
- Dock space and unloading space
- Parking in season
- New launch ramp
- Repairs to existing ramps



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: Yes
- Slips: Yes, the west side of Memorial Wharf
- Broadside berthing: Yes (Memorial Wharf)



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: \$200/year
- Slips: \$500/season
- Launch: \$2

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