

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

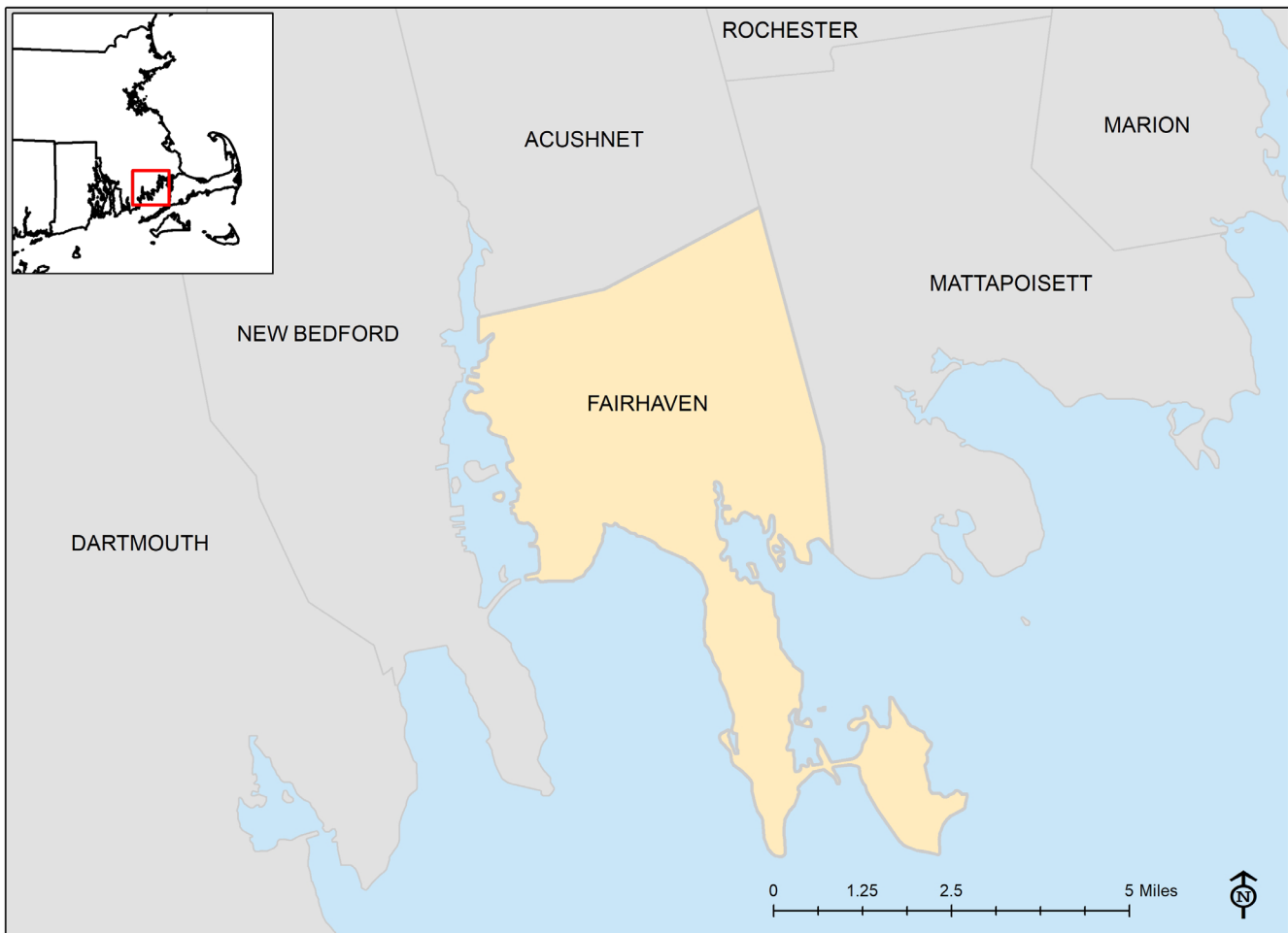
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional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

FAIRHAVEN

Located on the South Coast, Fairhaven has one main harbor named New Bedford/Fairhaven Harbor.

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



2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Fairhaven's commercial fishery had:

- 125** permitted harvesters with a Fairhaven address
- 97** vessels with a Fairhaven homeport
- 1,301** trips landing in Fairhaven
- 79** active permitted harvesters landing in Fairhaven
- 10** active dealers purchasing in Fairhaven



Commercial harvesters landed the following in Fairhaven in 2018:

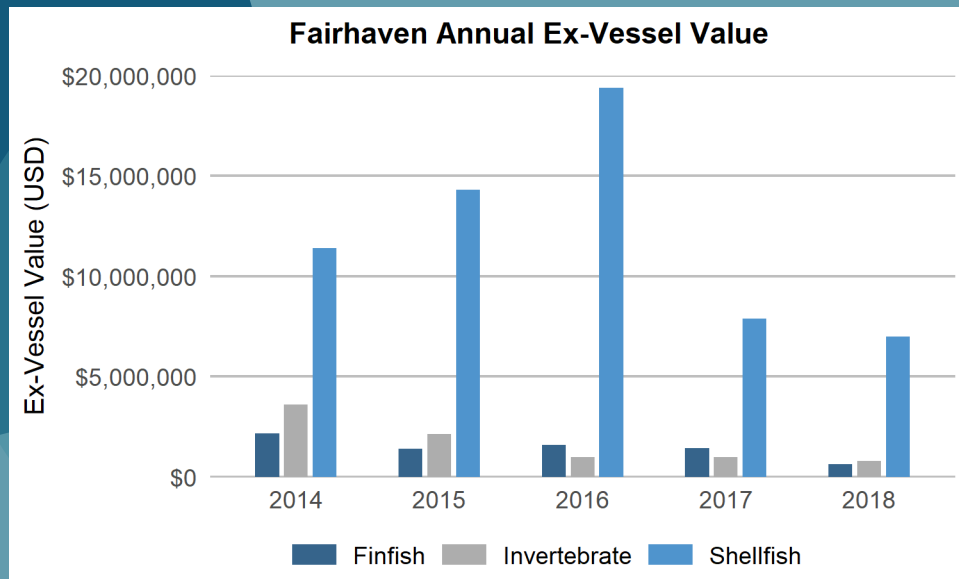
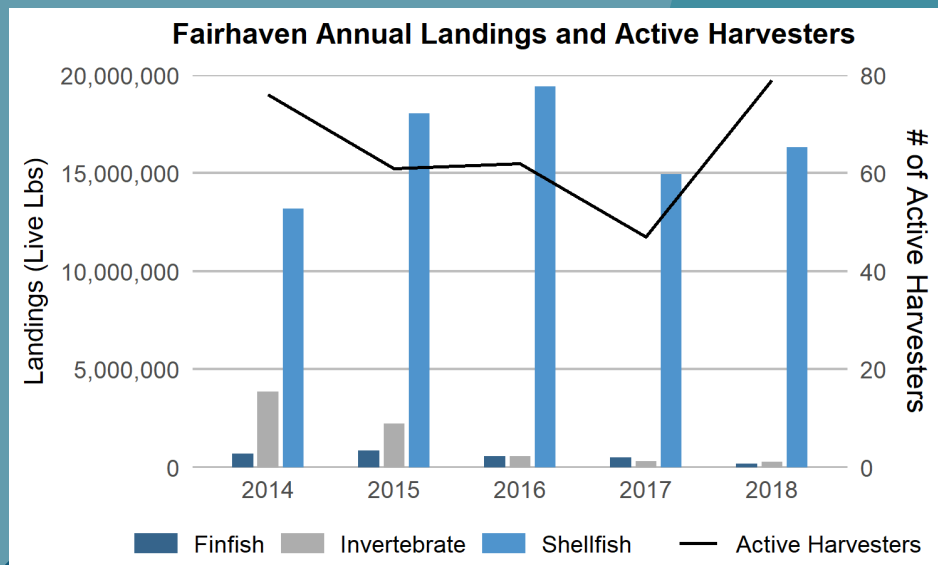
16,808,632 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$8,413,362**

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

- Sea Scallop
- Atlantic Surf Clam
- Jonah Crab

5 Year Trends in Commercial Landings and Value

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Status of the Commercial Fishing Industry

Source: 2019 Harbormaster and Harvester Survey Data

In the last 10 years, Fairhaven has seen a decline in the amount of dragging operating out of this harbor. The Fairhaven commercial fishing fleet consists of both trailered and non-trailered vessels.

Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Current infrastructure

Challenges

- Shallow water/need for dredging
- Lack of docking space

Needs

- Dredging
- Dock repair/larger dock to unload
- Oil pump out
- Hoist



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: None
- Slips: Shipyard North and South, WJA Properties, Union Wharf, Harbor Hydraulic, Blue Harbor, and Linberg Marine
- Broadside berthing: Yes



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Slips: \$1,905/year
- Broadside berthing: \$30/day
- Unloading: \$25/hour
- Launch: \$7/day



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