

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

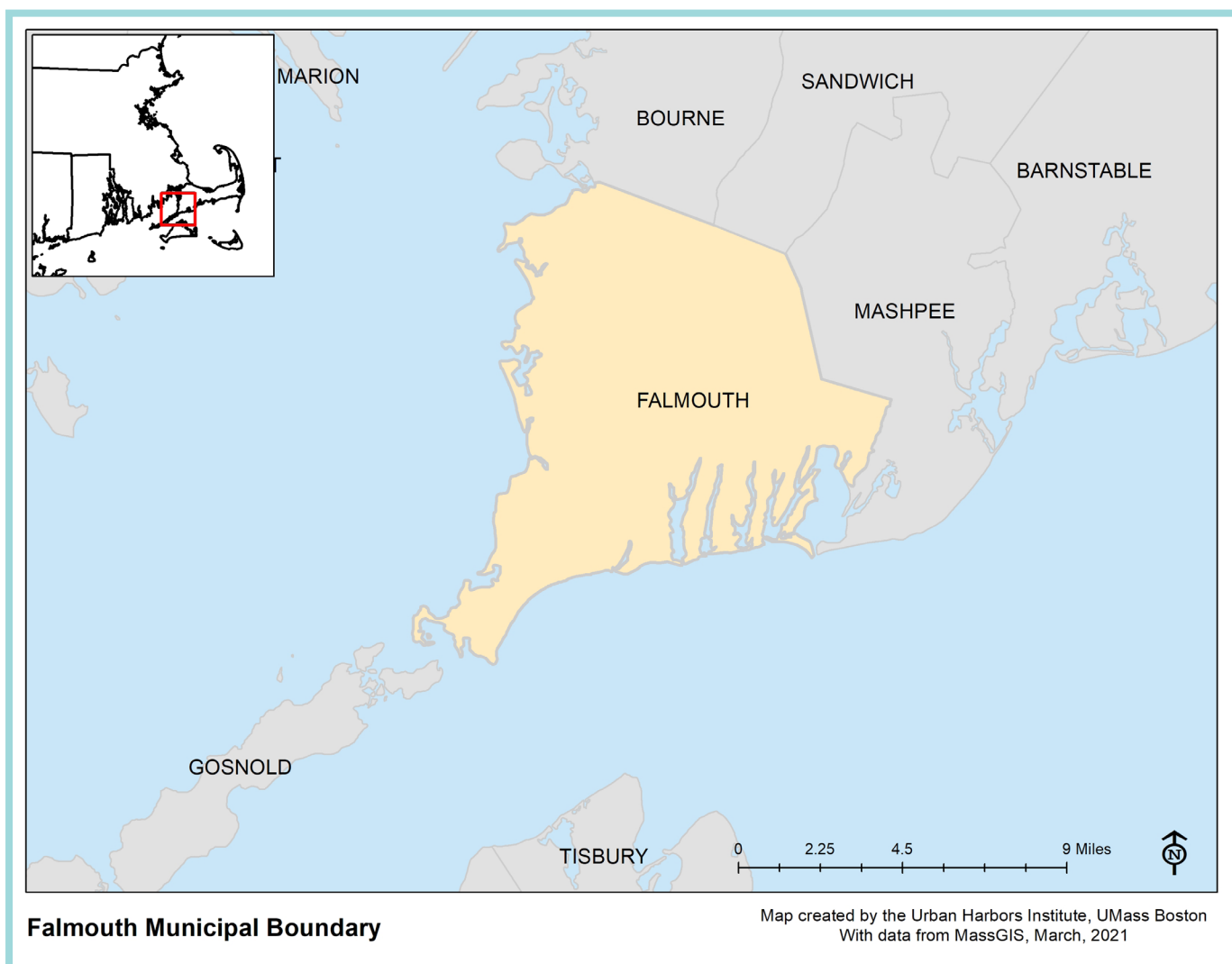
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional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

FALMOUTH

Located on Cape Cod, Falmouth has 3 main harbors with commercial fishing including: Falmouth Harbor, Green Pond, and Great Harbor/Woods Hole.

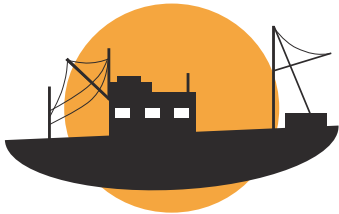
Permitted commercial fisheries, which may or may not have been active during the survey period, include:

- Shellfish
- Dragging/Trawling



2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Falmouth's commercial fishery consisted of:

- 45** permitted harvesters with a Falmouth address
- 95** vessels with a Falmouth homeport
- 6,302** trips landing in Falmouth
- 286** active permitted harvesters landing in Falmouth
- 25** active dealers purchasing in Falmouth



Commercial harvesters landed the following catch in Falmouth in 2018:

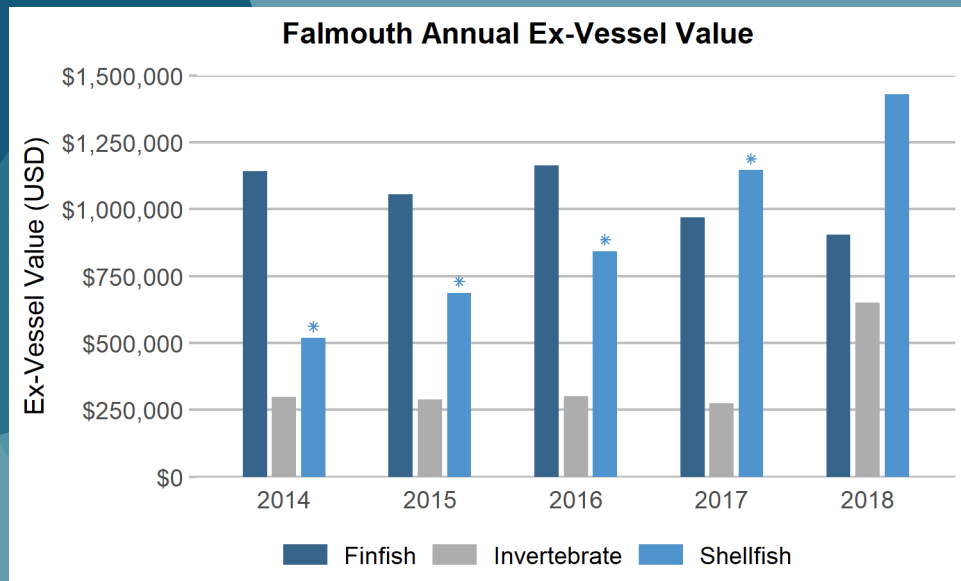
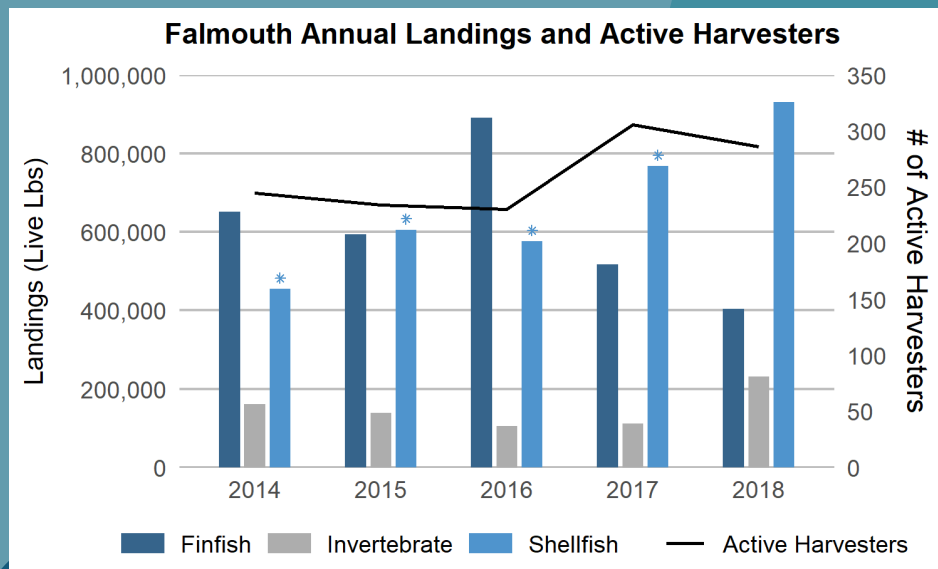
1,565,207 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$2,988,313**

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

- Northern Quahog
- Summer Flounder (Fluke)
- Longfin Squid (Loligo)

5 Year Trends in Commercial Landings and Value

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



* = Underreported for 2014-2017

Status of the Commercial Fishing Industry

Source: 2019 Harbormaster and Harvester Survey Data

Woods Hole is located in Falmouth and is home to multiple scientific institutions. Woods Hole supports research vessels engaged in stock collection, analysis, and environmental assessment.



Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Infrastructure upgrades in last ten years:

- Tides Bulkhead
- Simpson's Landing Bulkhead
- Robins Road Bulkhead
- Boat ramps at Falmouth Harbor, Green Pond, Megansett Harbor, Great Pond, and Child's River



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- Public land

Needs

- Additional parking
- Loading/unloading facilities












Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Great Harbor Town Dock



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: \$40 - \$60/year
- Slips: \$1 - \$5/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