

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

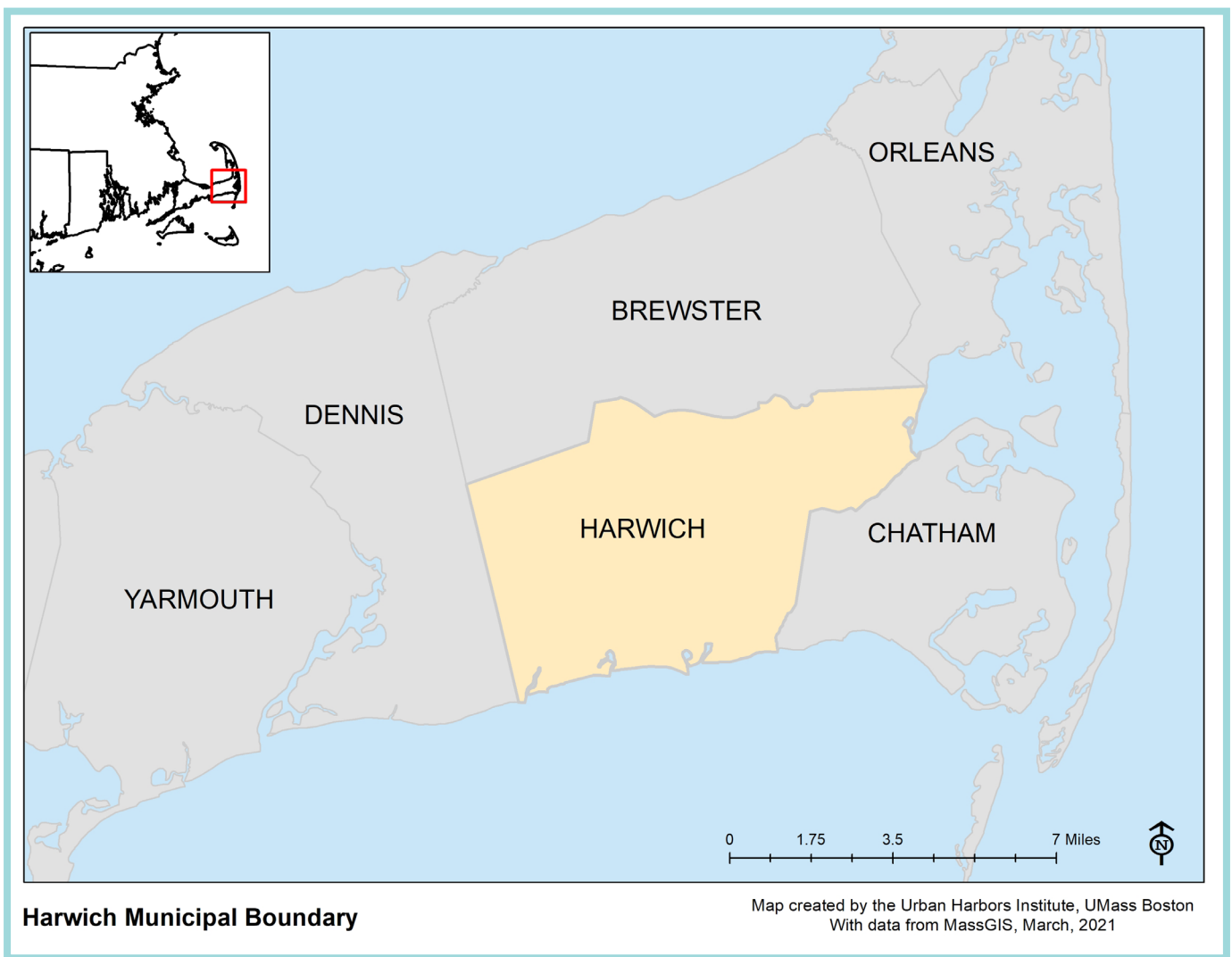
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional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

HARWICH

Located on Cape Cod, Harwich has three main harbors: Allen Harbor, Saquatucket Harbor, and Wychmere Harbor.

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



2018 Overview

Source: 2018 Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Harwich's commercial fishery had:

- 76** permitted fishermen with a Harwich address
- 91** vessels with a Harwich homeport
- 1,287** trips landing in Harwich
- 129** active permitted fishermen landing in Harwich
- 20** active dealers purchasing in Harwich



Commercial fishermen landed the following in Harwich in 2018:

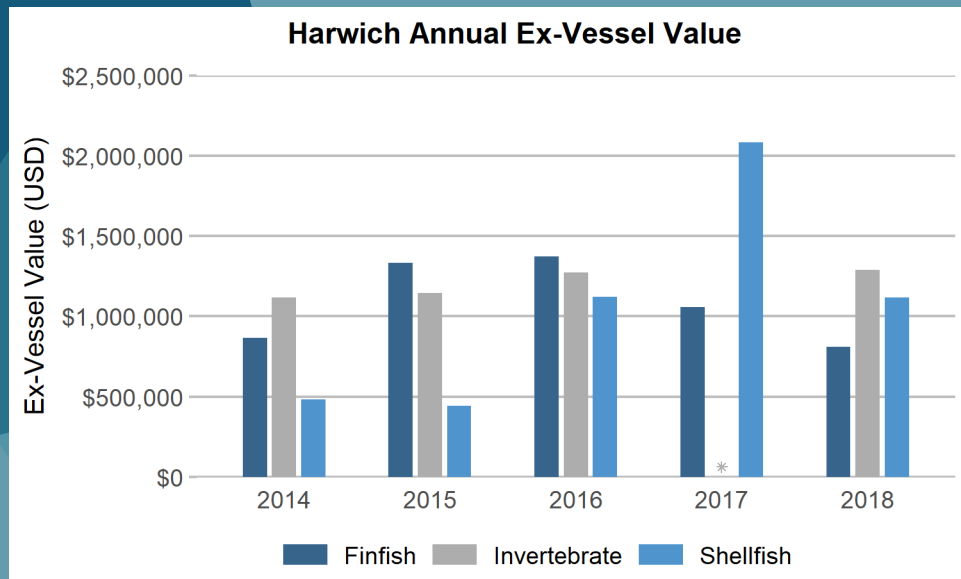
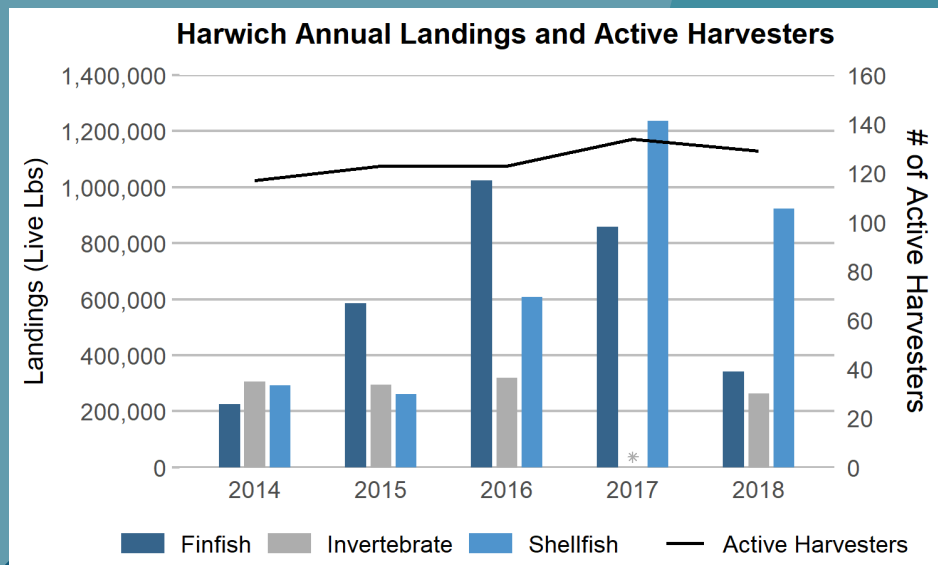
1,527,386 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$3,218,701**

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

- Sea Scallop
- American Lobster
- Bluefin Tuna

5 Year Trends in Commercial Landings and Value

Source: 2018 Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



* = CONFIDENTIAL, as fewer than three fishermen reported catch in this municipality.

Status of the Commercial Fishing Industry

Source: 2019 Harbormaster and Fishermen Survey Data

In the last 10 years, the number of non-trailered commercial fishing vessels in Harwich has increased due to the number of offseason permits issued. The number of trailered vessels has generally remained the same, but can vary based on the location of the fish. Additionally, Harwich has seen an increase in the sea scallop fishery.

Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Infrastructure upgrades in last ten years:

- All three major harbor channels dredged regularly
- Wychmere Town Commercial Pier renewed (2015)
- Saquatucket Municipal Marina renewed (2018)
- Allen Harbor docks, bulkhead, and parking lot renewed (2016)



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- Lack of docking space and limited parking
- Shallow water/need for dredging
- Conflicts with other users (recreational)
- Lack of security
- High fees

Needs

- Additional hoist(s) and more fueling options
- Continued dredging
- Ice in bulk
- Fish cleaning station
- Additional dock and unloading space, including for vessels larger than 36 feet
- More infrastructure dedicated to commercial fishermen



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: 6 in Wychmere Harbor
- Slips: 20 slips plus all slips at Wychmere pier
- Broadside berthing: Large Town Pier in Wychmere Harbor



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: Over 35' - \$305, 25'-35' - \$240
- Slips: 30' slips - \$94/ft; 40' slips - \$124/ft
- Unloading: Permanent slips - \$55, Offseason - \$13.50/ft
- Launch: \$10/day; \$100/season
- Transient dockage: Offseason rate - \$24/ft



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