

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

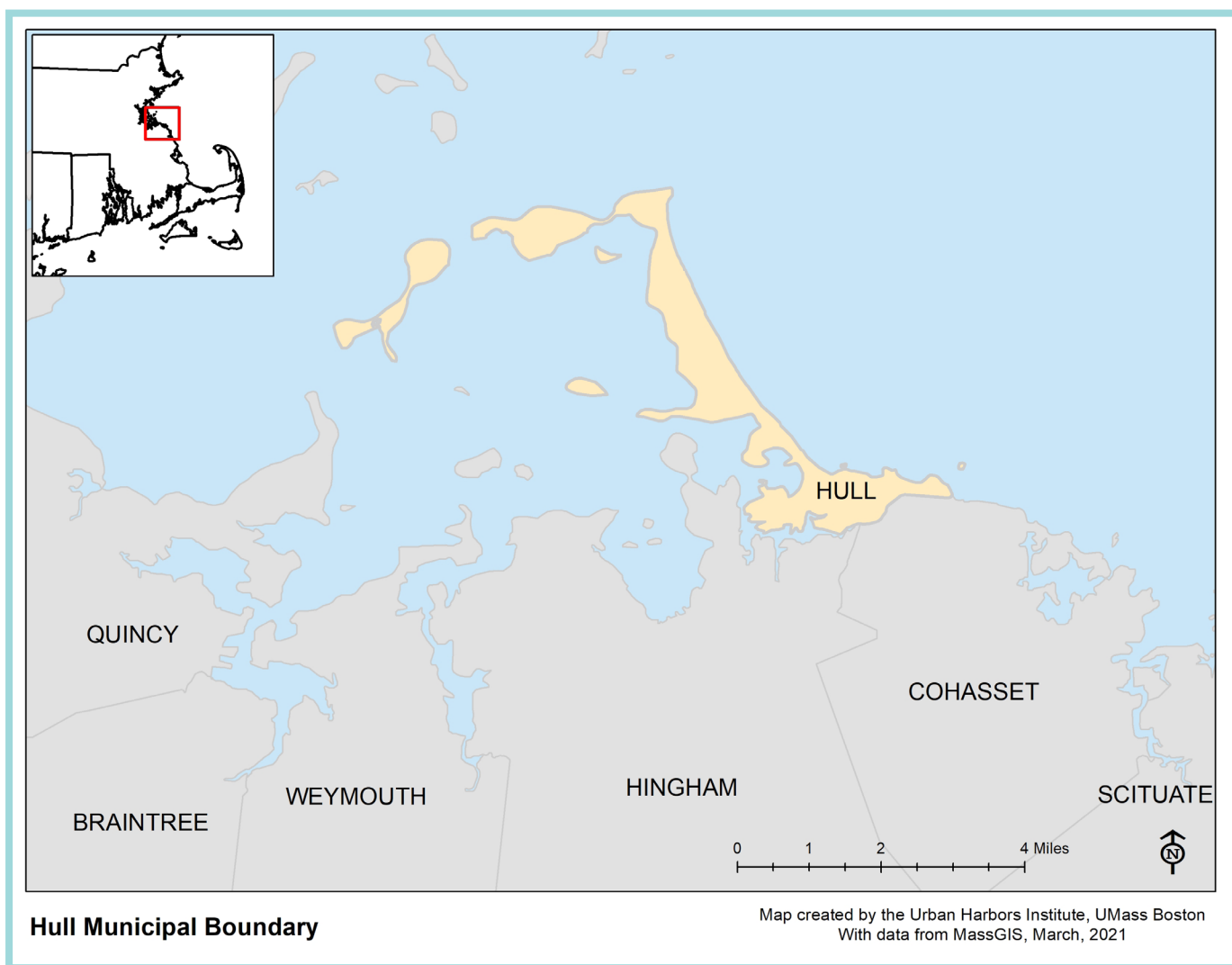
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional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

HULL

Located on the South Shore, Hull has four main harbors: Allerton Harbor, Hull Bay, Pemberton Point, and Weir River.

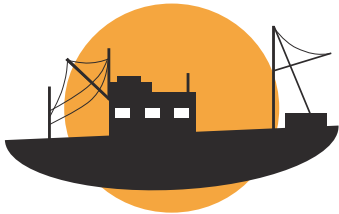
Permitted commercial fisheries, which may or may not be active during the survey period, include:

- Lobster Pot
- Shellfish (by hand, non-mechanized)
- Gillnetter
- For Hire/Charter



2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Hull's commercial fishery had:

- 44** permitted harvesters with a Hull address
- 46** vessels with a Hull homeport
- 998** trips landing in Hull
- 29** active permitted harvesters landing in Hull
- 8** active dealers purchasing in Hull



Commercial harvesters landed the following in Hull in 2018:

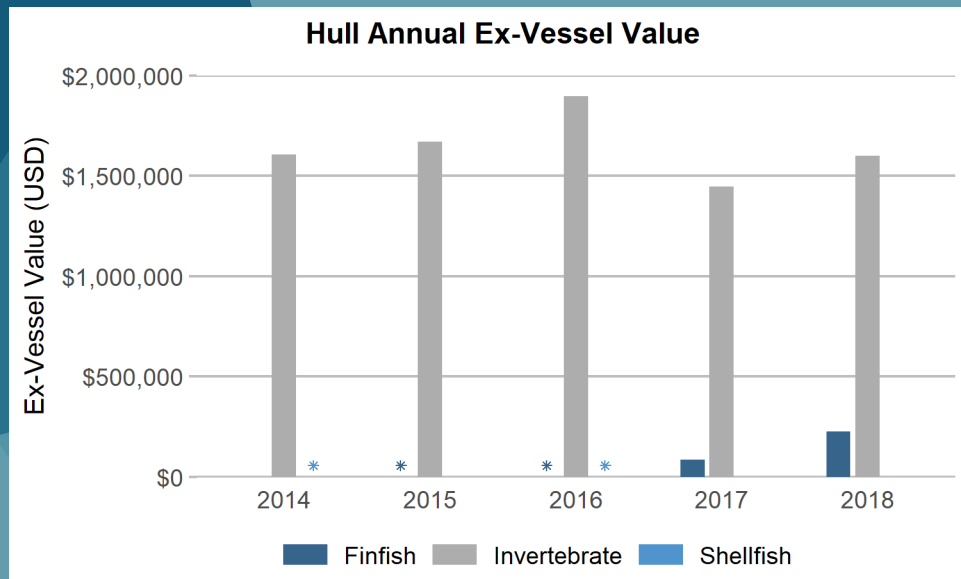
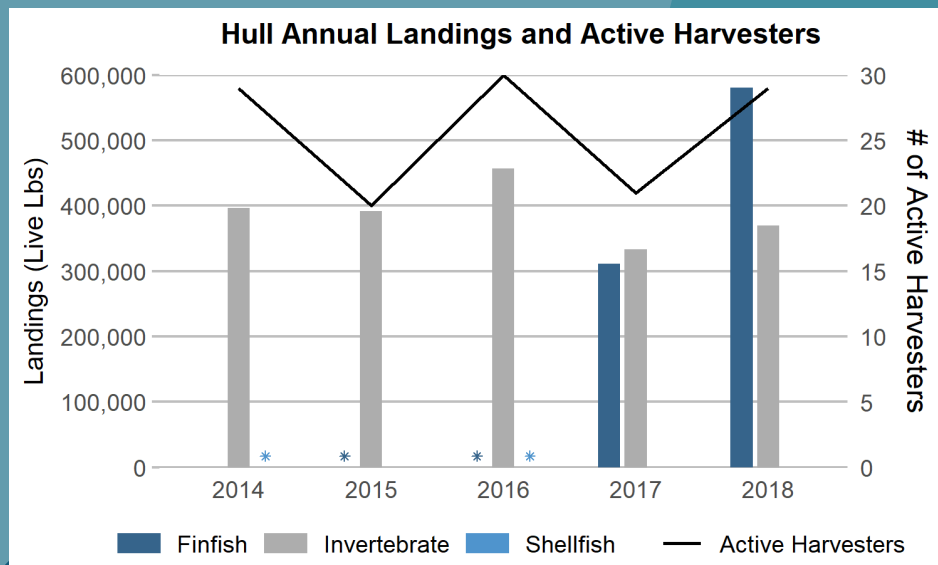
950,772 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$1,826,866**

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

- American Lobster
- Menhaden
- Bluefin Tuna

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

Hull's commercial fishing fleet consists mostly of non-trailered vessels. Anecdotal sources report that in the last 10 years, the soft shellfish industry has declined, the lobster pot fishery has remained the same, and the charter industry has grown. Additionally, the number of fishing vessels operating out of Hull has mostly remained the same.

Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Infrastructure upgrades in last ten years:

- Town dock repairs



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- Shallow water/need for dredging
- Limited parking (commuters use most available parking at Pemberton Point)
- Permitting process for infrastructure
- Limited state and federal funding for dredging and maritime infrastructure projects
- Lack of docking space
- Lack of transient port accommodations

Needs

- Dredging
- Pier replacement
- Landside parking lot and lighting upgrade
- More options for gear storage, bait storage, and ice



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: 20 in Allerton Harbor
- Slips: None
- Broadside berthing: Float available in Allerton Harbor



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: \$5.50 - \$7/foot per year
- Slips: \$82/foot per year



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