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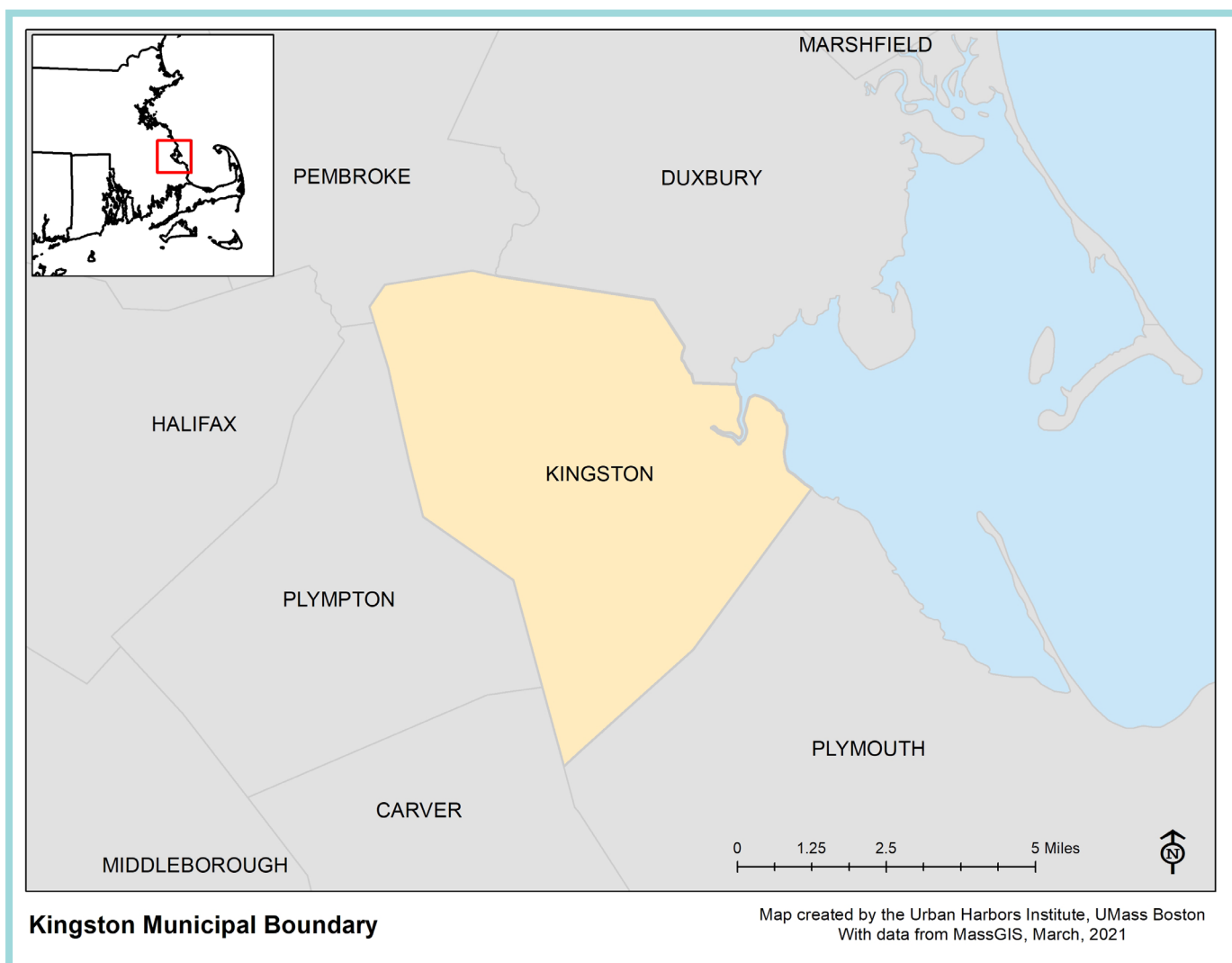
The Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional permits,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

KINGSTON

Located on the South Shore, Kingston has two main harbors: Kingston Bay-Rocky Nook and Jones River.

Permitted commercial fisheries, which may or may not be active during the survey period, include:
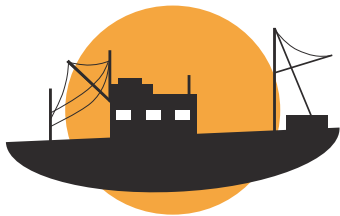
- Lobster Pot
- Shellfish (by hand)
- Aquaculture

Photo Source: Google Earth

2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse

Kingston's commercial fishery consisted of:

52 permitted harvesters with a Kingston address

10 vessels with a Kingston homeport

503 trips landing in Kingston

12 active permitted harvesters landing in Kingston

6 active dealers purchasing in Kingston

Commercial harvesters landed the following in Kingston in 2018:

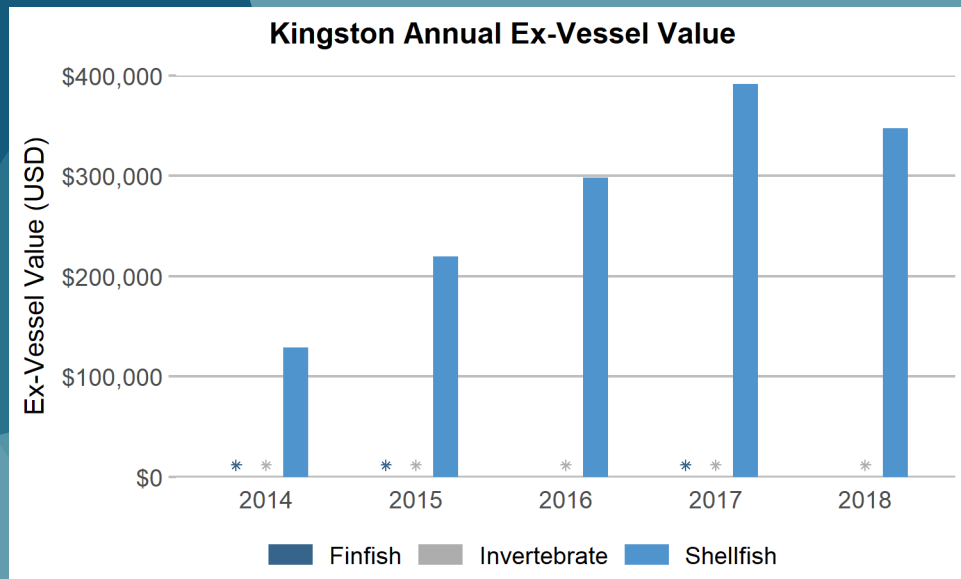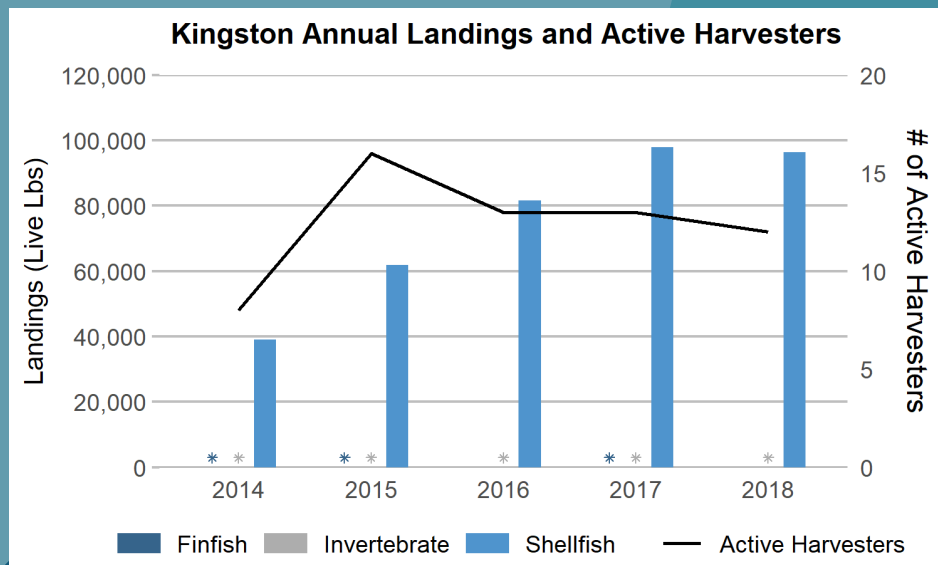**96,368** pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **$347,711***

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

Eastern Oyster

Atlantic Razor Clam

*Does not include confidential invertebrate landings

5 Year Trends in Commercial Landings and Value

Kingston Annual Landings and Active Harvesters

Landings (Live Lbs) / # of Active Harvesters

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018

Legend: Finfish, Invertebrate, Shellfish, Active Harvesters

Kingston Annual Ex-Vessel Value

Ex-Vessel Value (USD)

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018

Legend: Finfish, Invertebrate, Shellfish

* = 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

Kingston's commercial fishing fleet consists of primarily non-trailered vessels, which are used for oyster farming and to harvest razor clams. Anecdotal information reports that Kingston has not seen a large change in the fisheries in the last 10 years.

Photo Source: Google Earth

Commercial Fishing Infrastructure

Infrastructure upgrades in last ten years:
- New floats and wharf

Current infrastructure:
Challenges
- Lack of docking space
- Shallow water and limited low tide access/need for dredging
- Limited parking
- Lack of transient port accomodations
- Conflicts with recreational users
- Limited access for seafood trucks
- Infrastructure floods at extreme high tides

Needs
- Maintenance dredging
- Improve parking lot/ramp
- Dock space
- Public restroom
- Sea level rise resilience

Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:
- Moorings: None
- Slips: None
- Broadside berthing: None

In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:
- Moorings: $75/mooring lease
- Slips: $155/slip lease

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