

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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Lynn 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

Located on the North Shore of Massachusetts, Lynn has two main harbors: Lynn Harbor and Saugus River.

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

- Lobster Pot
- Gillnetter
- Rod & Reel
- For Hire/ Charter



2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Lynn's commercial fishery had:

- 67 permitted harvesters with a Lynn address
- 27 vessels with a Lynn homeport
- 168 trips landing in Lynn
- 26 active permitted harvesters landing in Lynn
- 4 active dealers purchasing in Lynn



Commercial harvesters landed the following in Lynn in 2018:

16,235 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$88,186***

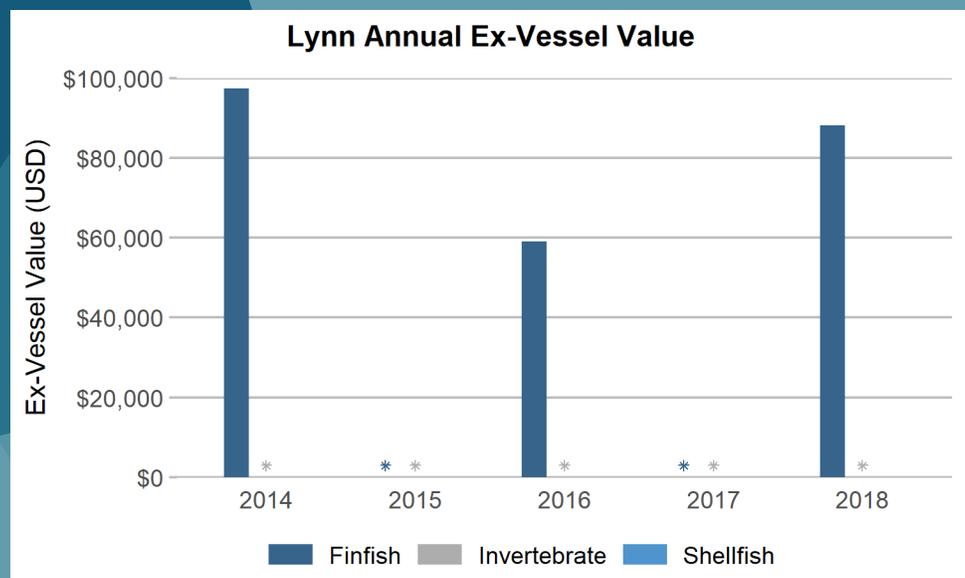
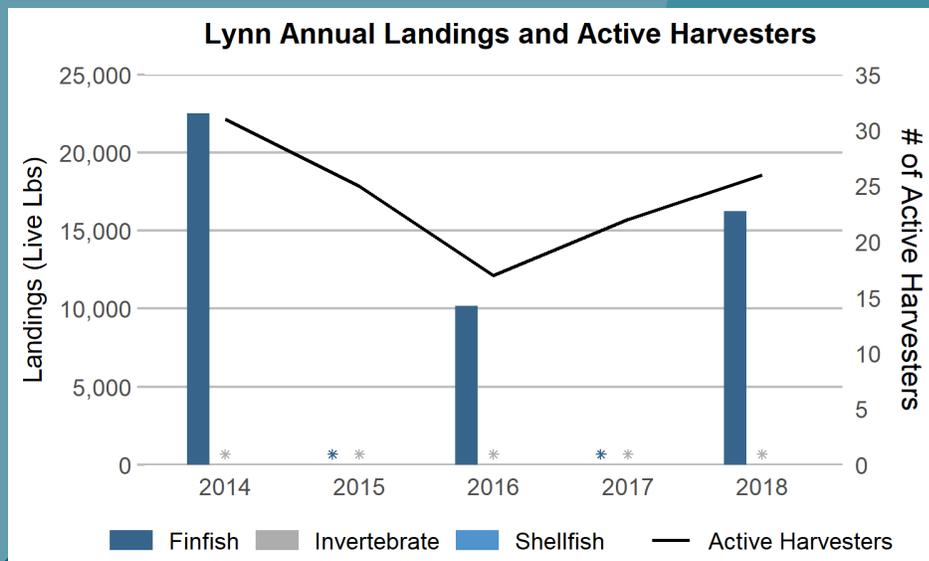
The top-ranked species, by dollar value, landed between 2014-2018 included:

- Striped Bass
- Bluefin Tuna
- American Lobster

*Does not include confidential invertebrate landings

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

Lynn’s commercial fishing fleet consists of both trailered and non-trailered vessels. Anecdotal sources report that Lynn has not seen major changes in the fishery over the last 10 years. The number of non-trailered vessels has decreased, and the number of trailered vessels has increased.



Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- Lack of docking space and moorings
- Shallow water/need for dredging in main channel and route to the municipal marina

Needs

- Dredging
- Commercial dockage
- Commercial fishing bait lockers on E.D.I.C Pier
- Temporary dockage at municipal boat ramp
- Fish processing and wash down at municipal boat ramp



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: None
- Slips: None
- Broadside berthing: Lynn E.D.I.C Commercial Pier on and off loading berthing allowed by special request



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: \$1/foot per day
- Unloading: Annual fee pending vessel size and shape
- Transient dockage: \$1/foot per 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