

# 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.

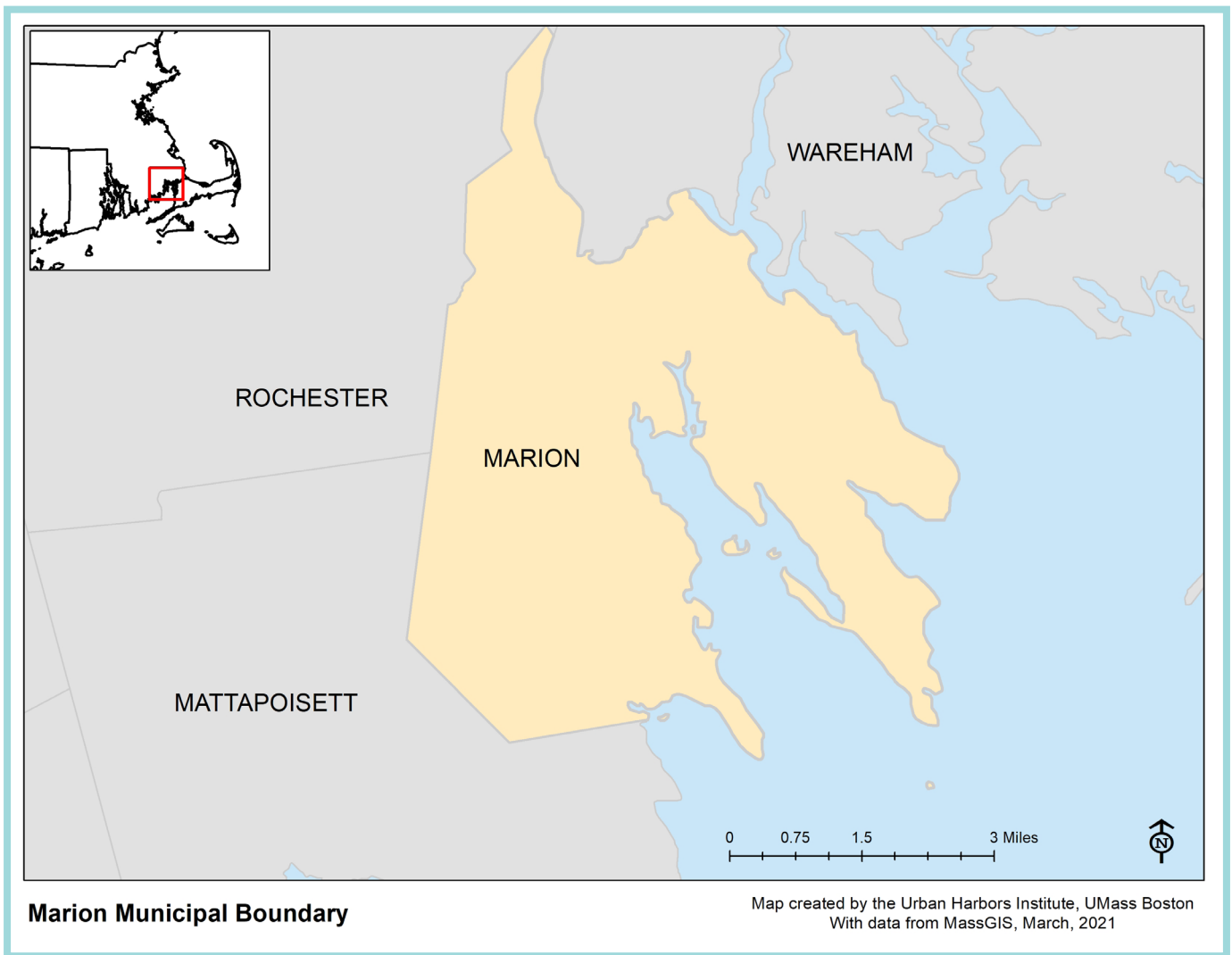
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### Key Terms:

**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

# MARION

Located on the South Coast, Marion has three main harbors: Hammett Cove, Sippican Harbor, and Wewantic River.

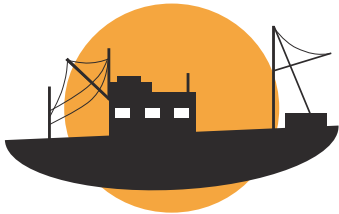
Permitted commercial fisheries, which may or may not be active during the survey period, include:

- Shellfish (by hand)
- Rod & Reel
- Aquaculture
- For Hire/ Charter



## 2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



### Marion's commercial fishery had:

- 32** permitted harvesters with a Marion address
- 19** vessels with a Marion homeport
- 514** trips landing in Marion
- 20** active permitted harvesters landing in Marion
- 7** active dealers purchasing in Marion



### Commercial harvesters landed the following in Marion in 2018:

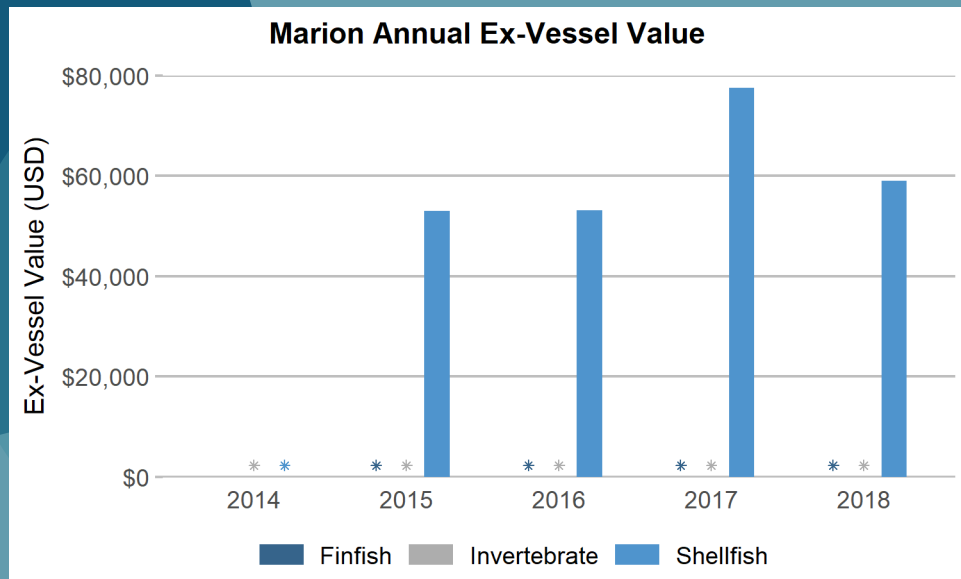
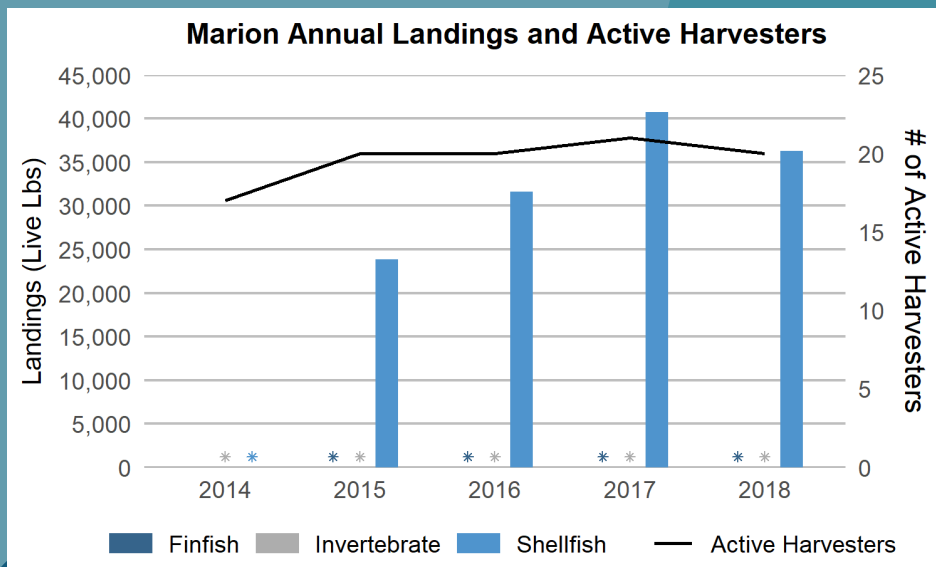
**130,718** pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$323,745**

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

- Channeled Whelk
- Eastern Oyster
- Northern Quahog

# 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 Fishermen Survey Data

In the last 10 years, anecdotal sources report that Marion has seen a decline in commercial shellfishing and increase in aquaculture grants (oysters). Marion's commercial fishing fleet consists primarily of non-trailerred vessels, with a few trailerred vessels. The number of non-trailerred vessels has decreased due to less commercial shellfishing.



Photo Source: Google Earth

## Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



### Infrastructure upgrades in last ten years:

- Float extensions
- Dock repairs and additional dock spaces



### Current infrastructure Challenges

- Conflicts with other users (Marion Harbor is primarily a recreational harbor)
- Lack of dock space and moorings

### Needs

- Additional dock space and moorings



### Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: None
- Slips: None
- Broadside berthing: None



### In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: \$180 plus \$5/foot
- Slips: \$1,600
- Launch: \$100 for annual sticker

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