

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

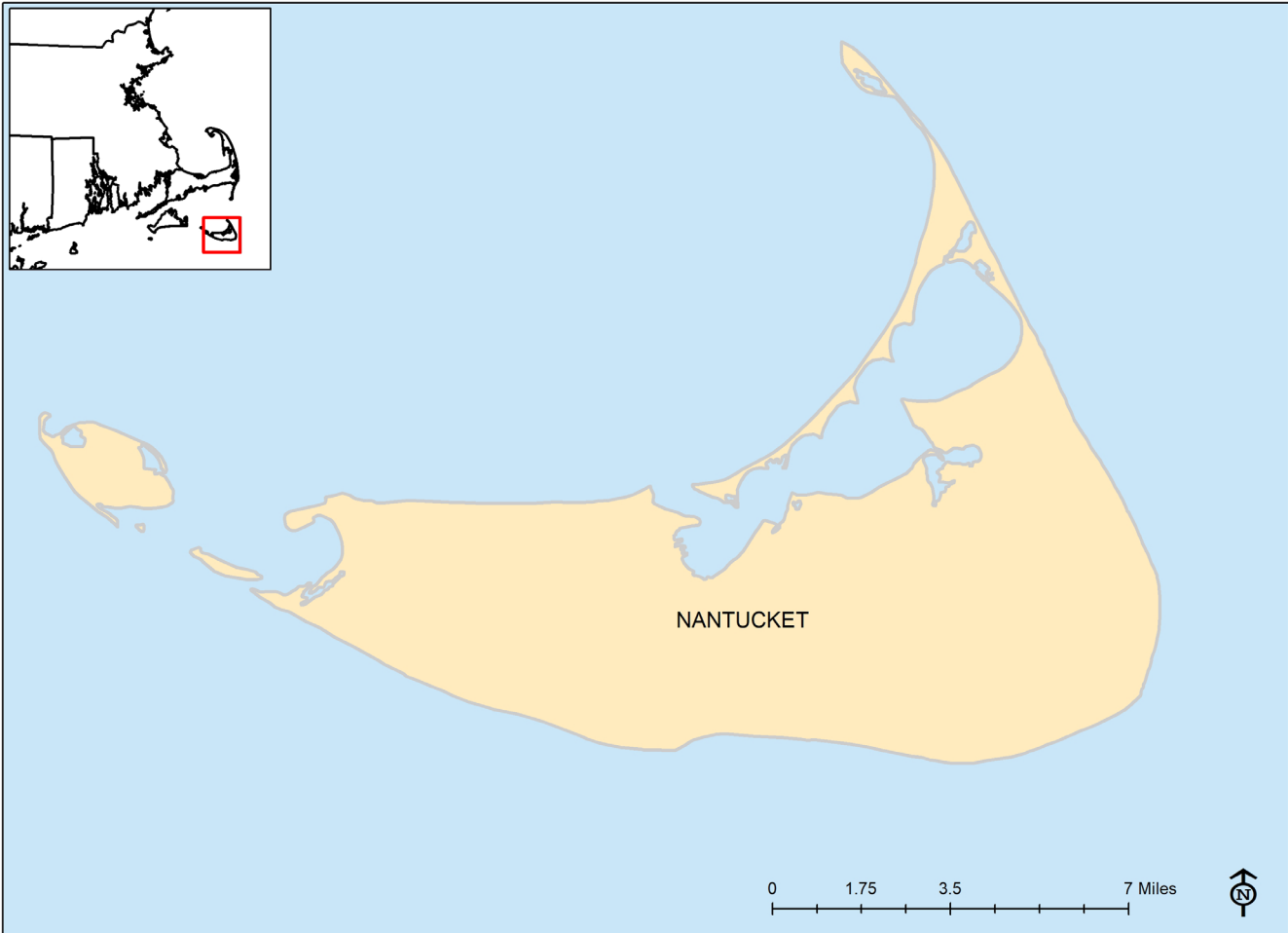
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional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

NANTUCKET

Located south of Cape Cod, Nantucket has three main harbors: Nantucket Harbor, Polpis Harbor, and Madaket Harbor.

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

- Scallop Dredge
- Lobster Pot
- Pots in a Trawl Line
- Rod & Reel
- For Hire/ Charter



2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Nantucket's commercial fishery consisted of:

- 152** permitted harvesters with a Nantucket address
- 79** vessels with a Nantucket homeport
- 2,050** trips landing in Nantucket
- 77** active permitted harvesters landing in Nantucket
- 15** active dealers purchasing in Nantucket



Commercial harvesters landed the following in Nantucket in 2018:

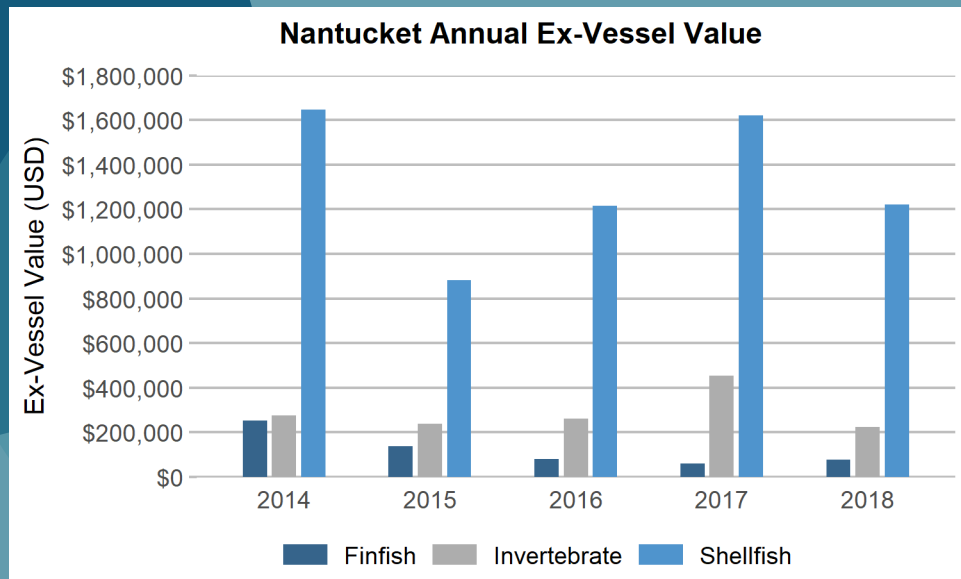
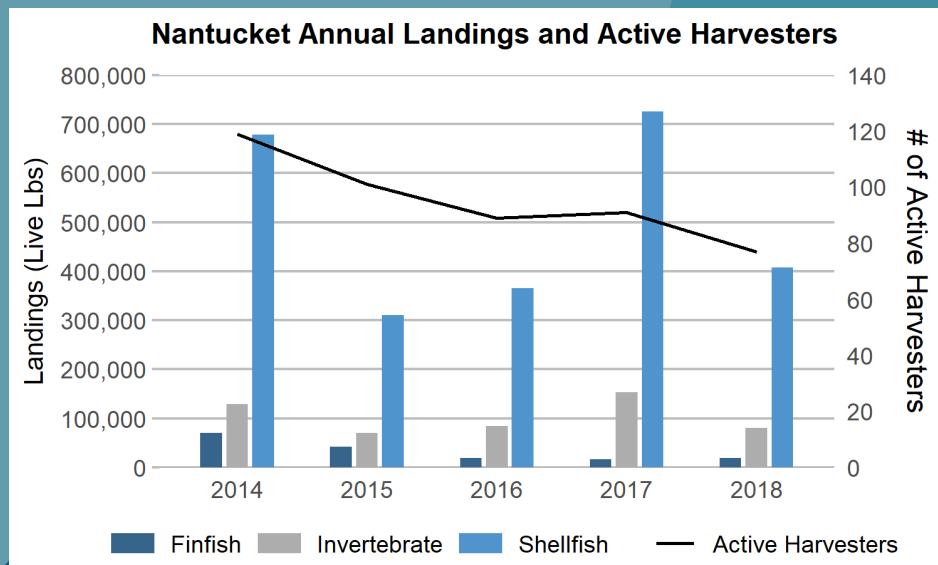
506,240 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$1,521,642**

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

- Bay Scallop
- Eastern Oyster
- Channeled Whelk

5 Year Trends in Commercial Landings and Value

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Status of the Commercial Fishing Industry

Source: 2019 Harbormaster and Harvester Survey Data

Nantucket has a rich commercial fishing history. Currently, Nantucket has a number of commercial fishing charter boats which harvest primarily Striped Bass and a commercial and recreational bay scallop fleet. A few commercial fishermen also harvest channeled whelk and lobster. In the last 10 years, Nantucket has seen a decline in its bay scallop fishery.

Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Infrastructure upgrades in last ten years:

- Ramp restructured
- Dock and utilities repair



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- Lack of docking space and moorings
- Limited parking
- Lack of commercial dock for loading/unloading or fueling

Needs

- Town and state piers are in need of repair
- Ice
- Parking
- Gear storage
- Commercial dock with vehicle access
- Access for truck fueling



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Commercial fishing transient 50' or less: .75¢ cents/foot per night
- Commercial fishing transient 51' or greater: \$1.50/foot per night, capped at \$100/foot
- Commercial fishing mooring permit fees: \$80/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 (pump-out)	

= Available