

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

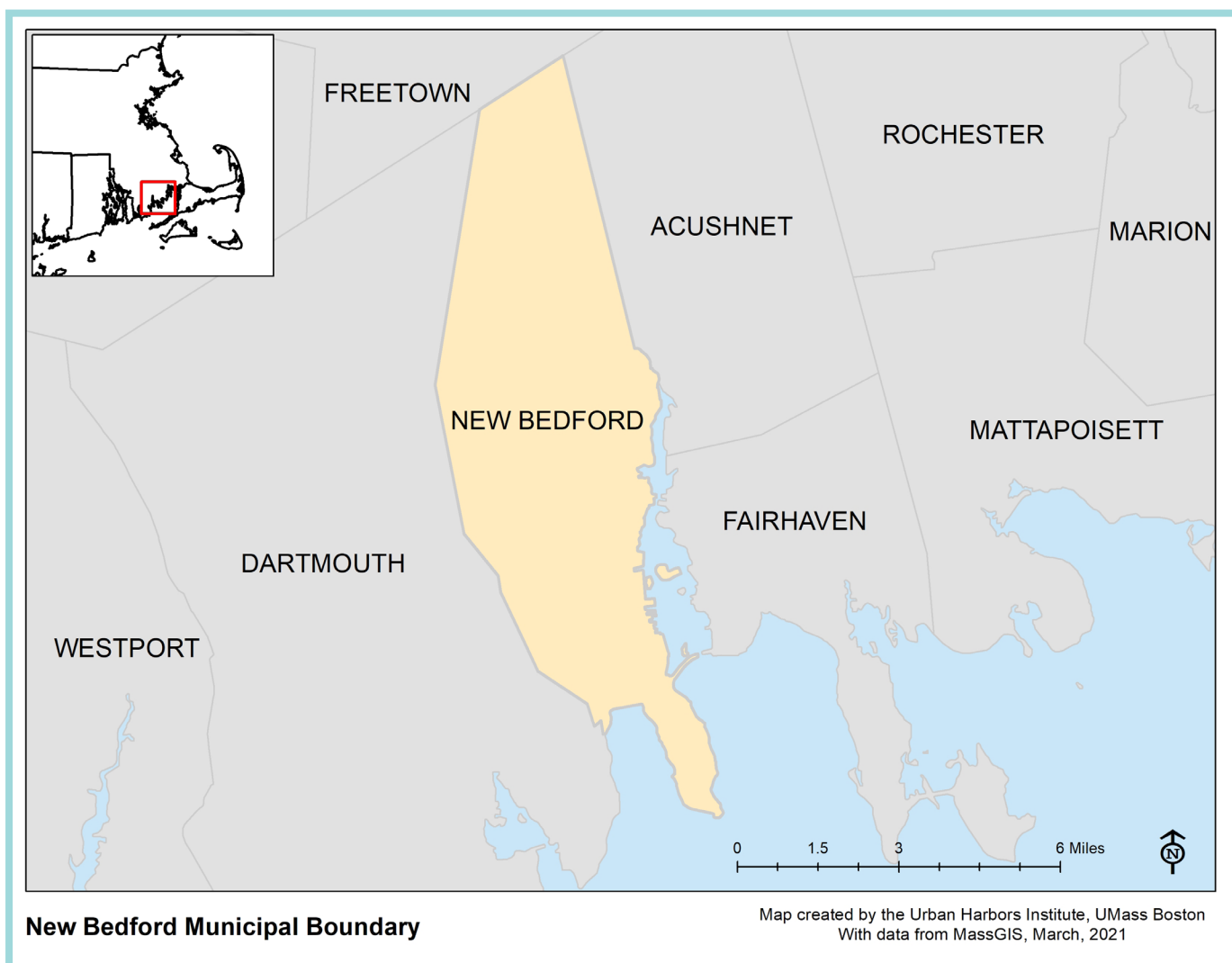
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional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

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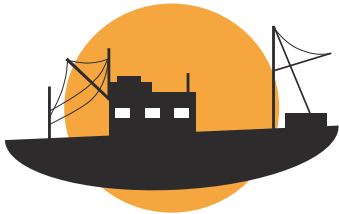
Located on the South Coast, New Bedford has two main harbors: New Bedford Harbor and Clarks Cove.

Permitted commercial fisheries, which may or may not be active during the survey period, include: Lobster Pot, Shellfish, Dragger, Clam Dredge, Scallop Dredge, Rod & Reel, Aquaculture, and For Hire/ Charter.



2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



New Bedford's commercial fishery had:

- 416** permitted harvesters with a New Bedford address
- 329** vessels with a New Bedford homeport
- 10,551** trips landing in New Bedford
- 720** active permitted harvesters landing in New Bedford
- 81** active dealers purchasing in New Bedford



Commercial harvesters landed the following in New Bedford in 2018:

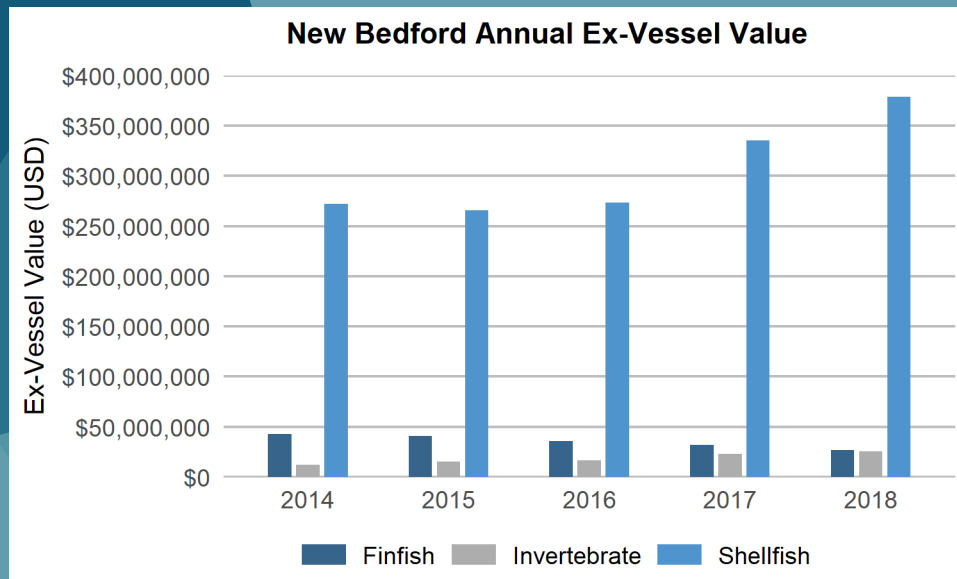
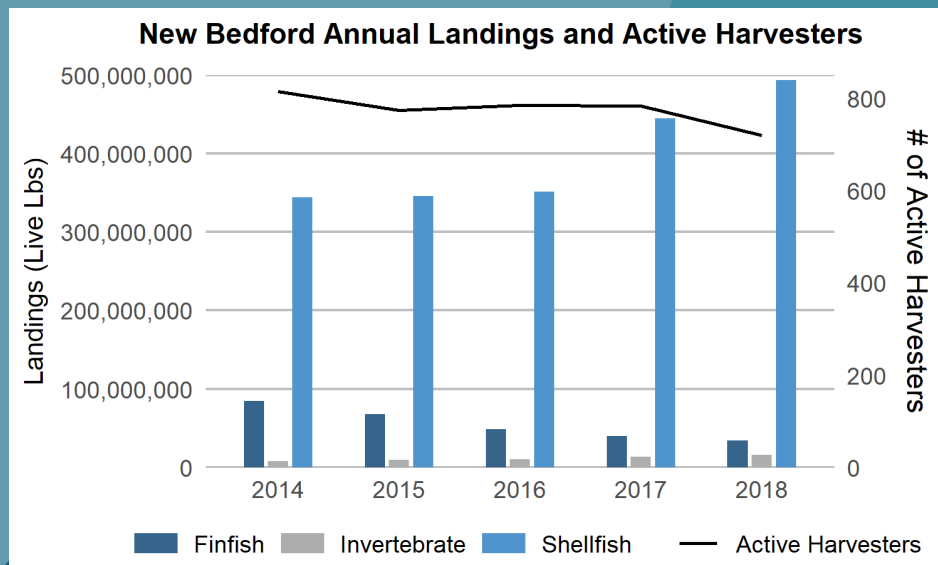
544,001,892 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$431,038,042**

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

- Sea Scallop
- Atlantic Surf Clam
- Ocean Quahog

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

New Bedford's commercial fishing fleet consists almost completely of non-trailered vessels. Scallops dominate shellfish landings, making New Bedford consistently one of the highest valued ports for landings in the nation. In the last 10 years, New Bedford has seen a decline in the amount of dragger fishing.

Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Infrastructure upgrades in last ten years:

- Dredging



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- Permitting process for infrastructure
- Lack of docking space for larger vessels (80-110 feet)
- Conflicts with other user groups (windfarms)

Needs

- Repair on all bulkheads
- Repair of pier ways
- Oil bilge separator



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: None
- Slips: 7-10 piers for vessels of up to 200 feet; 1 pier with 10 slips for the lobster fishery
- Broadside berthing: Year-round berthing is available



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: \$150/year
- Broadside berthing: \$65-80/foot
- Transient dockage: 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