

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

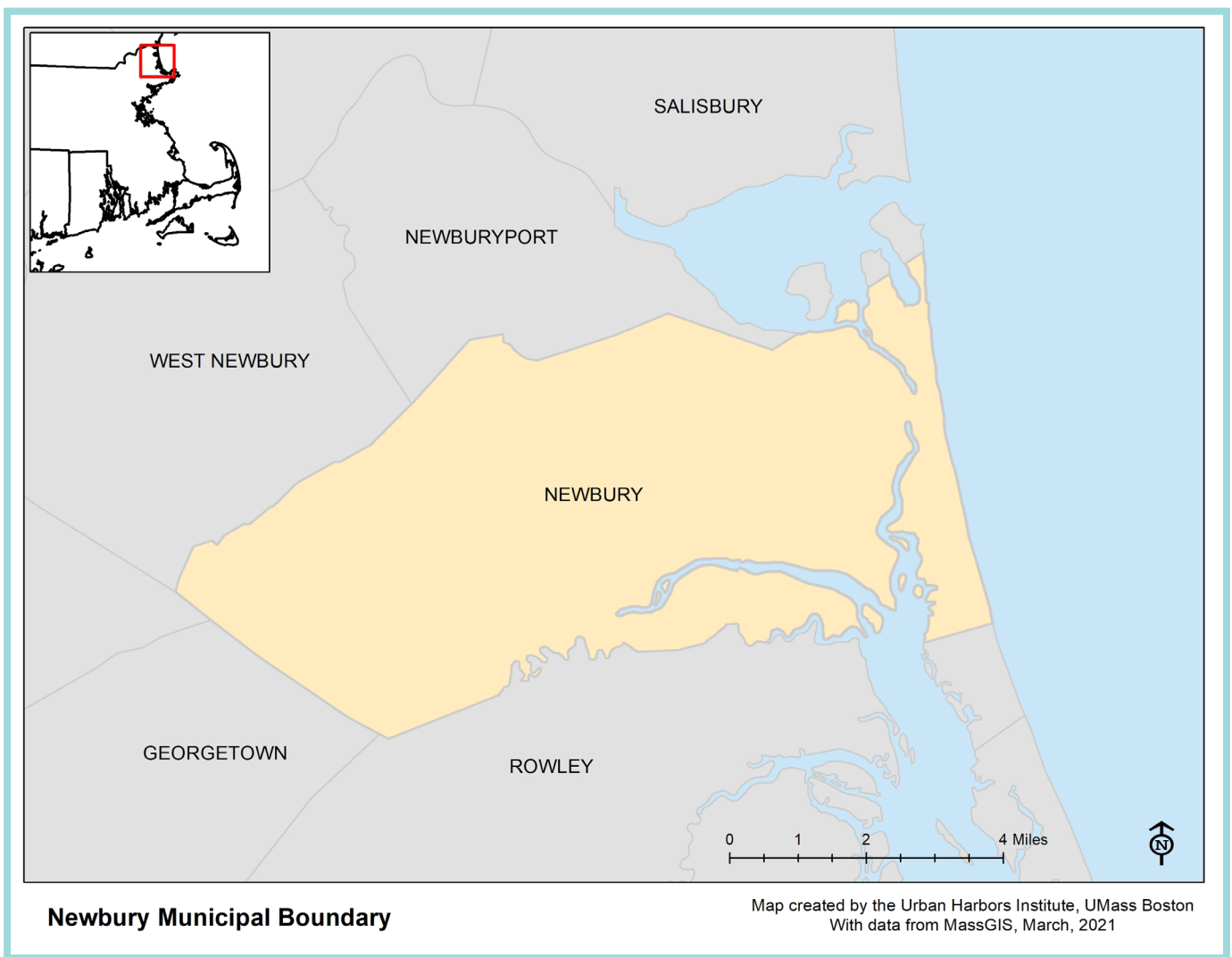
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional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

NEWBURY

Located on the North Shore, Newbury has two main harbors: the Merrimack River and Parker River.

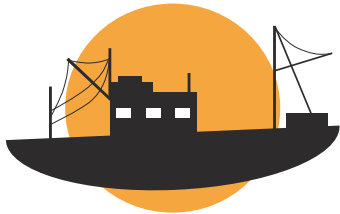
Permitted commercial fisheries, which may or may not be active during the survey period, include:

- Clam (by hand)
- Rod & Reel
- Lobster Pot



2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Newbury's commercial fishery consisted of:

- 53** permitted harvesters with a Newbury address
- 8** vessels with a Newbury homeport
- 2,298** trips landing in Newbury
- 53** active permitted harvesters landing in Newbury
- 7** active dealers purchasing in Newbury



Commercial harvesters landed the following catch in Newbury in 2018:

306,522 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of \$487,154*

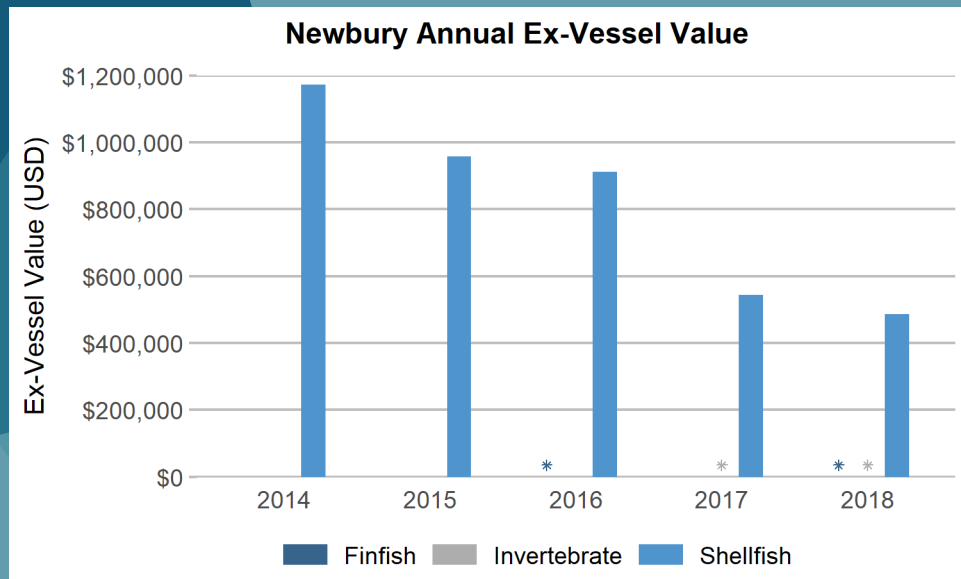
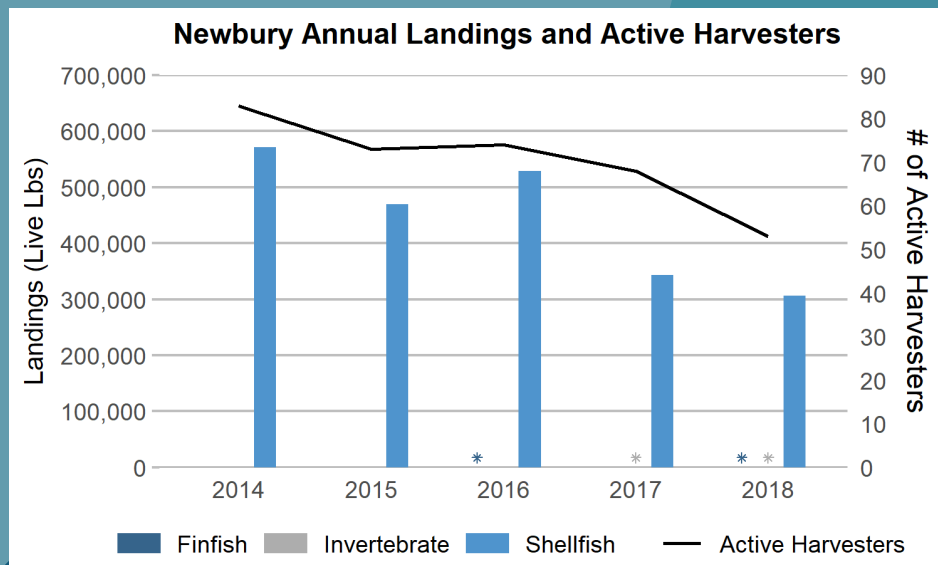
The top-ranked species, by dollar value, landed between 2014-2018 included:

- Soft Shell Clam
- Atlantic Razor Clam
- American Lobster

*Does not include confidential finfish and 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

Newbury's commercial fishing fleet consists primarily of trailered vessels. In the last 10 years, Newbury has seen a decrease in the commercial clam industry, likely as a result of damage to flats and biological issues in the clams. The striped and lobster industries are very small in Newbury, and likely have decreased in the last 10 years as well.



Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Infrastructure upgrades in last ten years:

- New floats
- Rebuilt launch ramp



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- None

Needs

- The Town would like to improve the clamming industry through better management and data



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- None; Parker River is small and mostly used by residents; all commercial clammers are residents. There is very little transient boating.



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: \$4/foot
- Dinghy dock slip: \$80/year (resident); \$125/year (non-resident)
- Launch: Do not allow for daily launch
- Resident waterways sticker: \$3/foot

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