

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

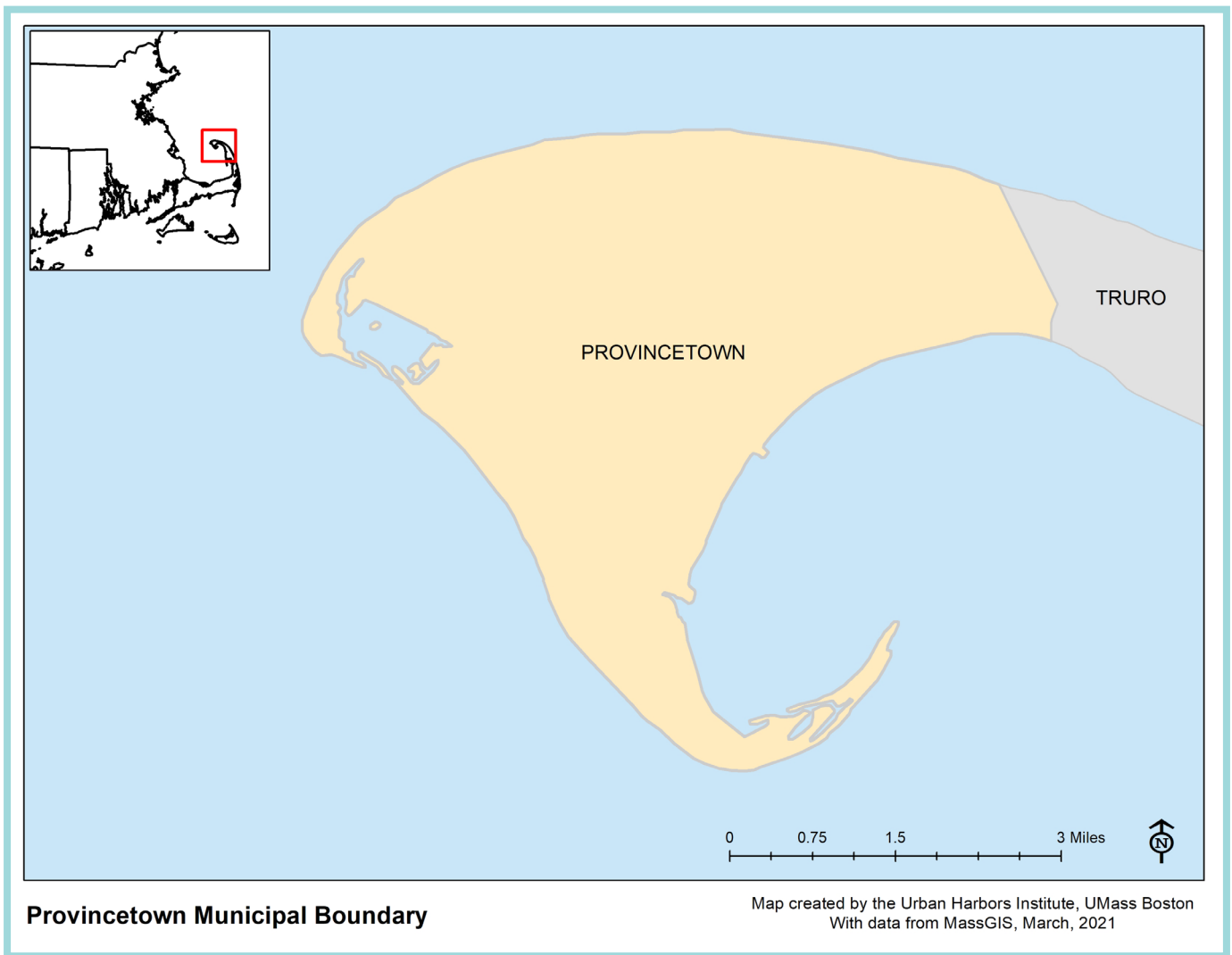
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional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

PROVINCETOWN

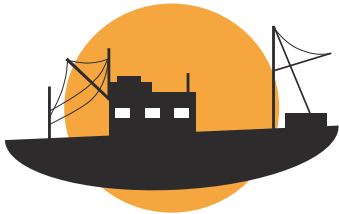
Located on Cape Cod, Provincetown has one main harbor named Provincetown Harbor.

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



2018 Overview

Source :2018 Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Provincetown's commercial fishery had:

- 53** permitted fishermen with a Provincetown address
- 94** vessels with a Provincetown homeport
- 2,729** trips landing in Provincetown
- 163** active permitted fishermen landing in Provincetown
- 29** active dealers purchasing in Provincetown



Commercial fishermen harvested the following in Provincetown:

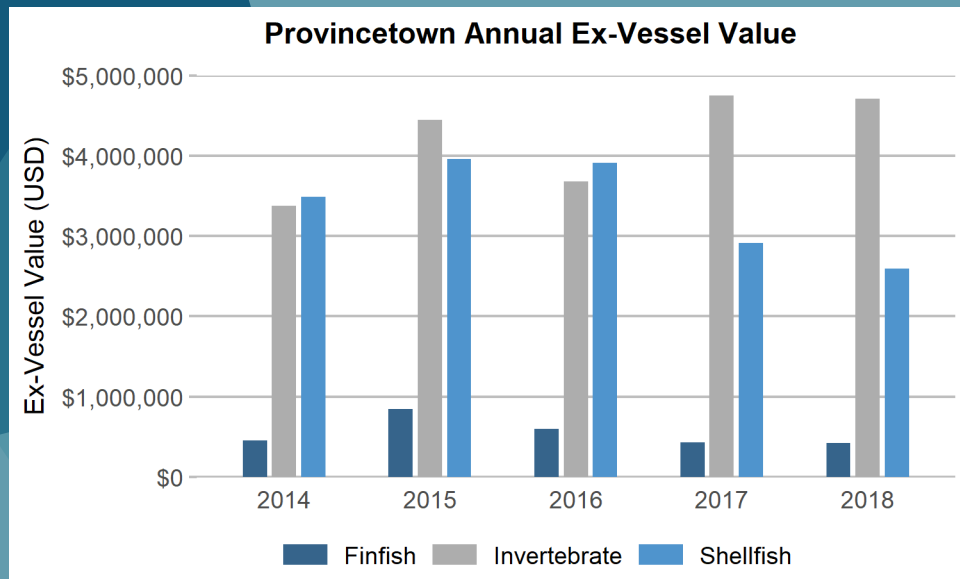
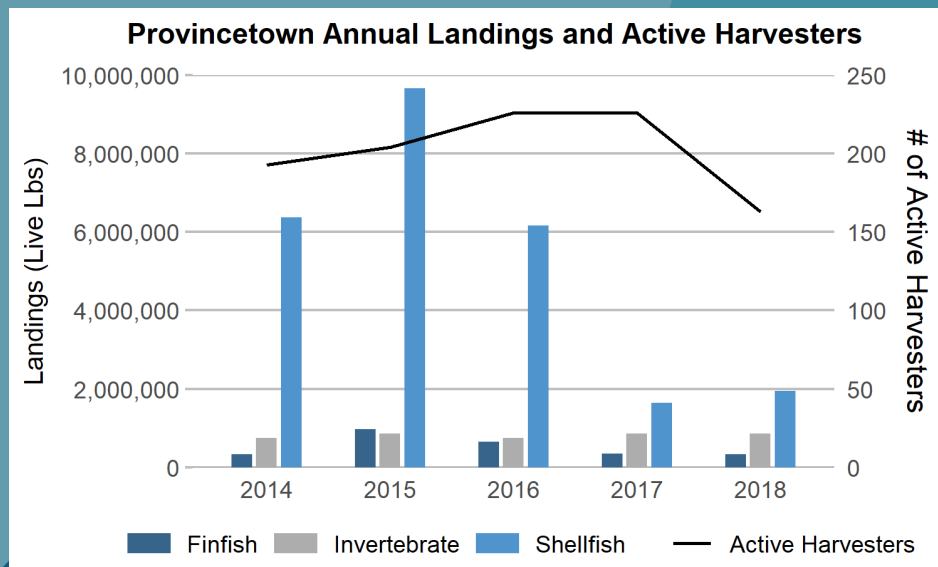
3,130,840 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$7,721,452**

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

- American Lobster
- Sea Scallop
- Blue Mussel

5 Year Trends in Commercial Landings and Value

Source: 2018 Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Status of the Commercial Fishing Industry

Source: 2019 Harbormaster and Fishermen Survey Data

In the last 10 years, Provincetown Harbor has seen an increase in the sea scallop, lobster, and tuna fisheries. Provincetown's commercial fishing fleet consists primarily of non-trailerred vessels, with a handful of trailerred vessels. The number of non-trailerred commercial fishing vessels has remained the same. On the other hand, the number of trailerred commercial fishing vessels has decreased due to lack of parking and the 10-foot tidal range.

Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Infrastructure upgrades in last ten years:

- Ongoing repair of pier and launch resurface



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- Shallow water/need for dredging
- Limited parking
- Lack of docking space and moorings
- Conflicts with other users (hard to navigate the harbor in the summer with a live product)
- Operational costs
- Noise and odors from the fishery

Needs

- Repair or replace lighting on the pier
- Repair or replace/add to the cranes on pier
- Upgrade ice facility for greater production and holding capacity
- Gear storage and unloading facilities
- Additional parking and docking space (no parking or docking space available for aquaculture difficult to expand)
- Security for shellfish beds



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: None
- Slips: 40
- Broadside berthing: 1000 feet



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: <16'=\$50; >16'=\$100; >20'=\$150; >30'=\$250; >40'=\$300



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