

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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Salem 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

SALEM

Located on the North Shore, Salem Harbor is a portion of Beverly Harbor and the Danvers River between the Salem-Beverly Memorial and Kernwood Bridges.

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

- Lobster Pot
- Rod & Reel
- For Hire/ Charter

2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Salem's commercial fishery had:

- 46** permitted harvesters with a Salem address
- 34** vessels with a Salem homeport
- 141** trips landing in Salem
- 6** active permitted harvesters landing in Salem
- 5** active dealers purchasing in Salem



Commercial harvesters landed the following in Salem in 2018:

40,156 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$188,261***

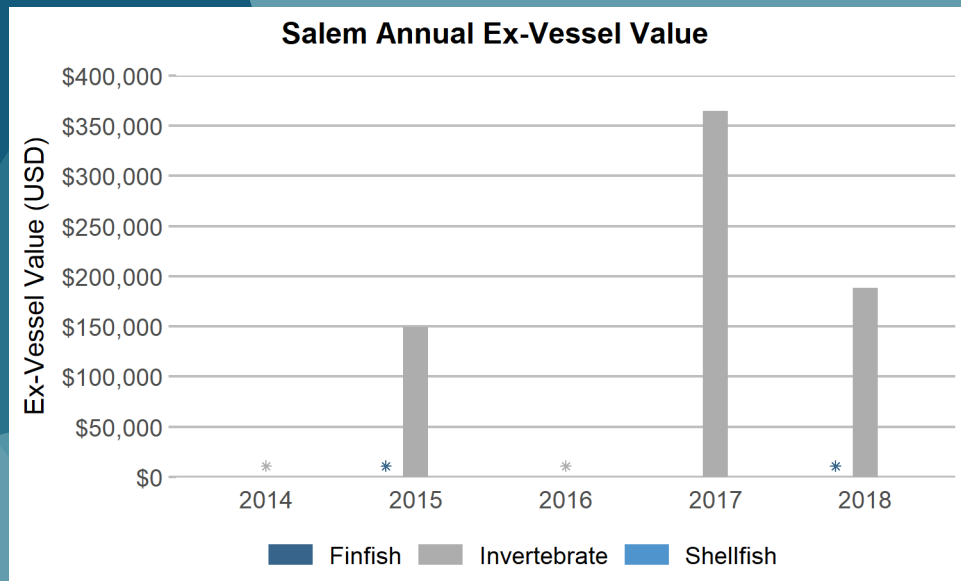
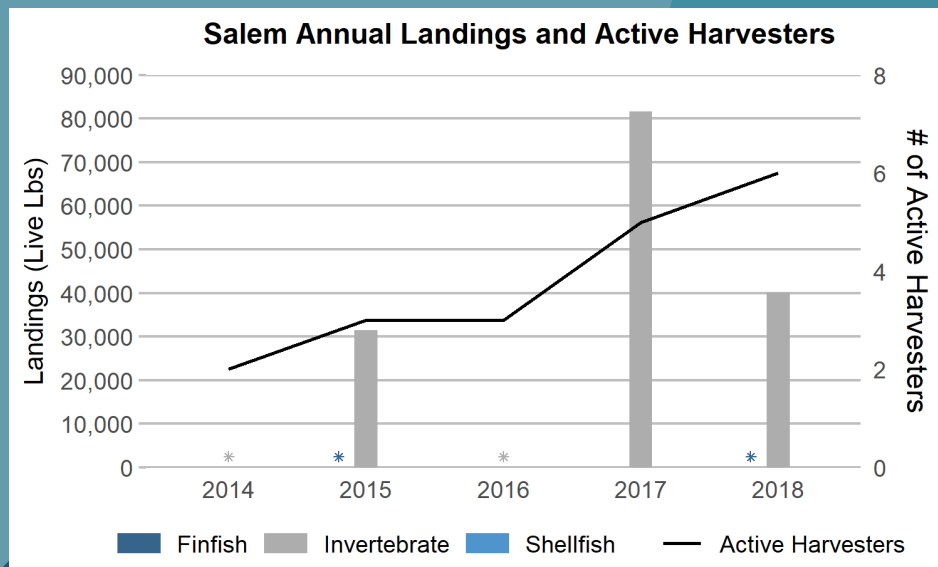
The top-ranked species, by dollar value, landed between 2014-2018 included:

- American Lobster
- Bluefin Tuna
- Striped Bass

*Does not include confidential finfish 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

Salem's commercial fleet consists of both trailered and non-trailered vessels. Anecdotal information reports that the number of trailered vessels has decreased in the last 10 years due to those fishermen obtaining moorings in surrounding harbors or moving, while non-trailered vessels has remained the same. Anecdotal information also reports that there has not been a large change in the fisheries operating out of Salem.



Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- Lack of docking space
- Parking (limited and expensive)
- Shallow water/need for dredging
- Conflicts with other users

Needs

- Winter Island Pier refurbishment
- Hoist
- Additional dock space
- Maintenance on ramp-associated structures
- Fuel services
- Additional parking (possibly for free)
- Repair to Congress Street landing



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: 5 lobstermen have moorings
- Slips: No commercial fishermen on slips in season; some seek shelter on slips off season; charter vessels use either slips or moorings
- Broadside berthing: None; fishermen are allowed to access public floats to load/unload gear/bait, and land catch



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: \$6/foot per year
- Slips: Varies
- Launch: \$5/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