

# 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.

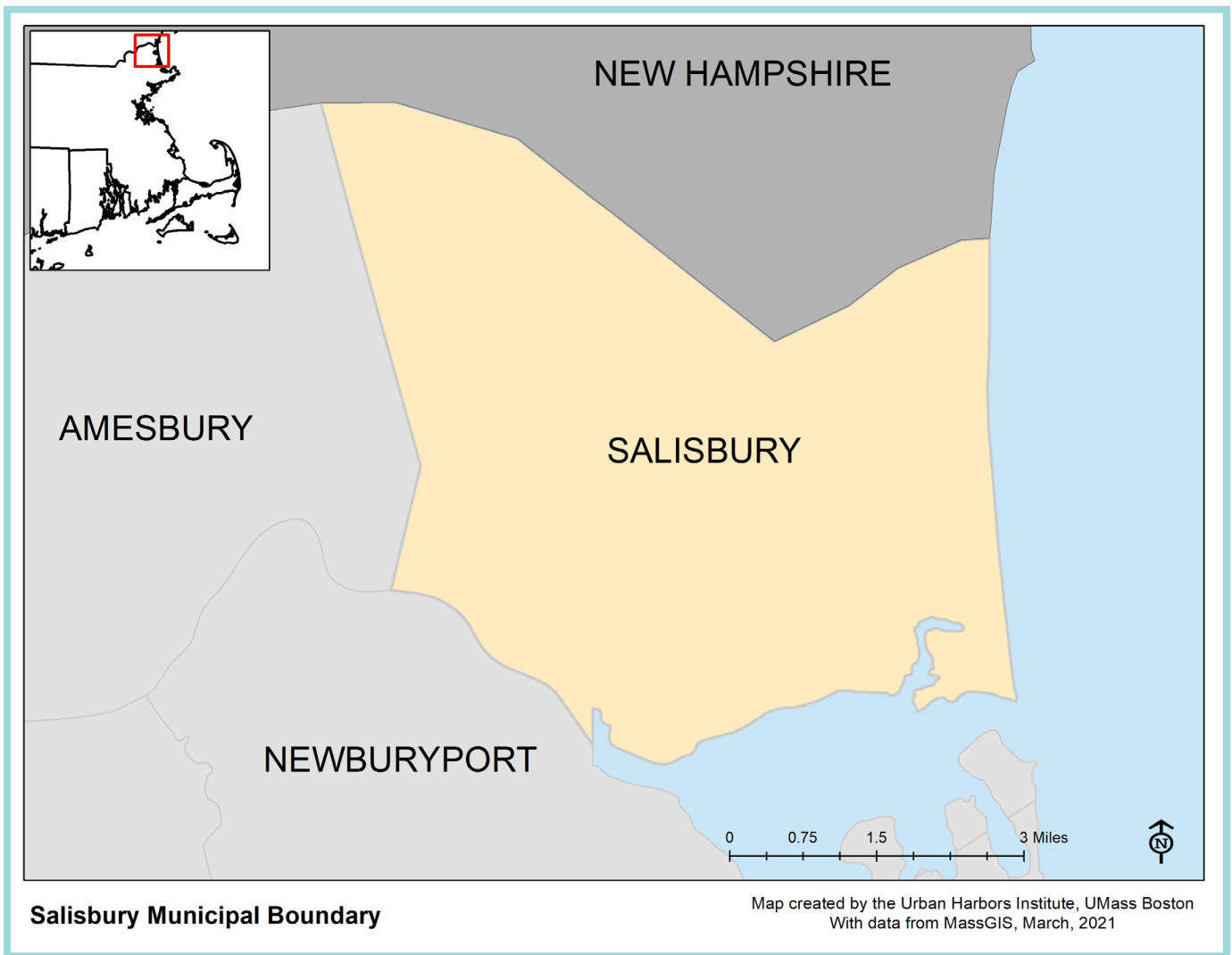
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### Key Terms:

**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

# SALISBURY

Located on the North Shore, Salisbury has one main harbor at the end of the Merrimack River.

Permitted commercial fisheries, which may or may not be active during the survey period, include Shellfish (by hand). The annual total landings value typically averages less than \$10,000 per year, and the top species landed include Soft Shell Clam, Bluefin Tuna, and American Lobster.



Photo Source: Google Earth




In 2018, Salisbury's commercial fishery had:

- 32 permitted harvesters with a Salisbury address
- 41 vessels with a Salisbury homeport
- 48 trips landing in Salisbury
- 10 active permitted harvesters landing in Salisbury
- 2 active dealers purchasing in Salisbury

## Infrastructure

Current infrastructure challenges and needs:

- Limited information is available for this municipality

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	

\*Note: This table may be incomplete due to limited information available for this municipality

 = Available

Source: 2019 Harbormaster and Harvester Survey Data; DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse