

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

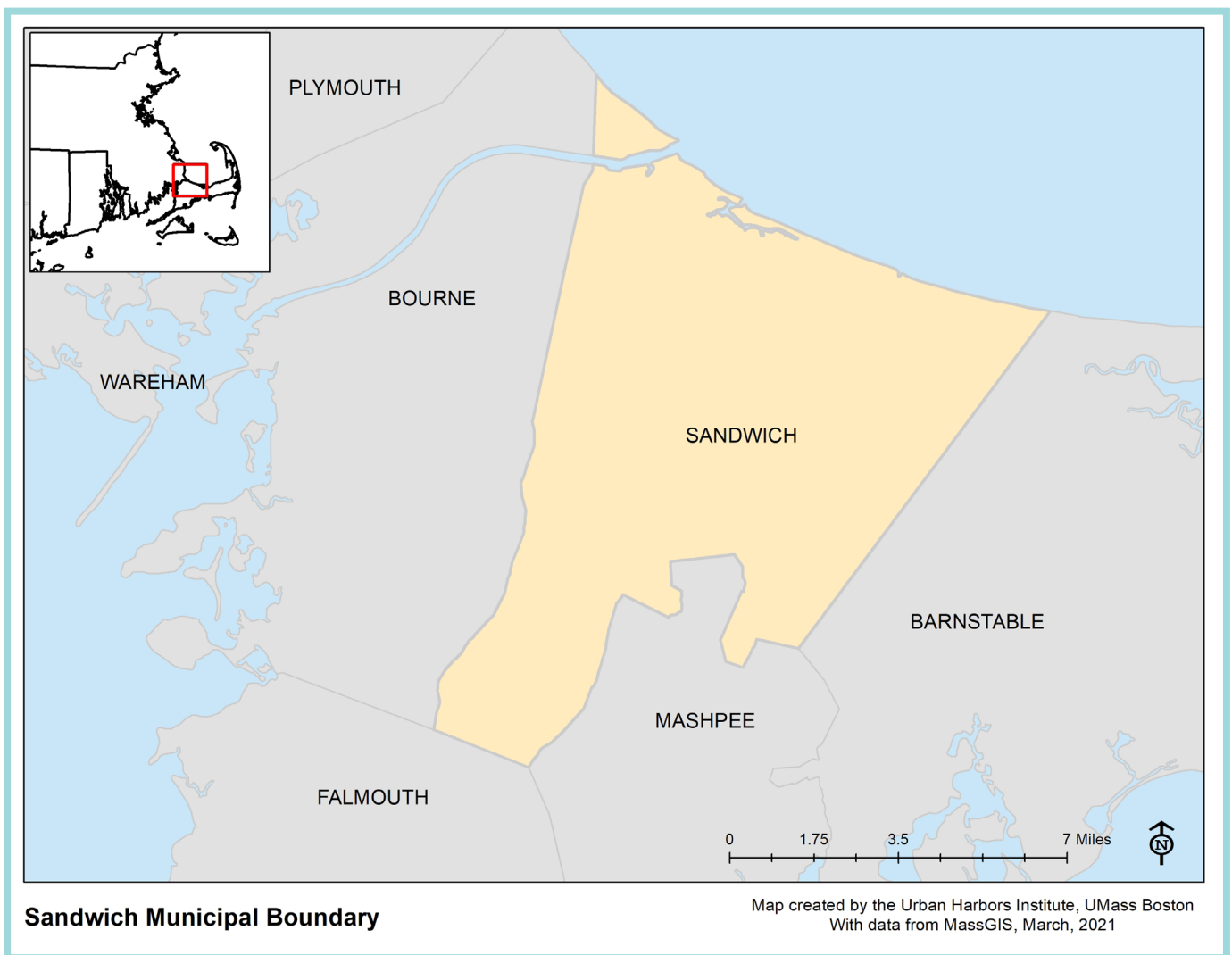
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional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

SANDWICH

Located on Cape Cod, Sandwich has three main harbors: Cape Cod Canal, Sandwich Marina, and Sandwich Harbor.

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



2018 Overview

Source: 2018 Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Sandwich's commercial fishery had:

- 74** permitted fishermen with a Sandwich address
- 126** vessels with a Sandwich homeport
- 4,277** trips landing in Sandwich
- 622** active permitted fishermen landing in Sandwich
- 28** active dealers purchasing in Sandwich



Commercial fishermen harvested the following in Sandwich:

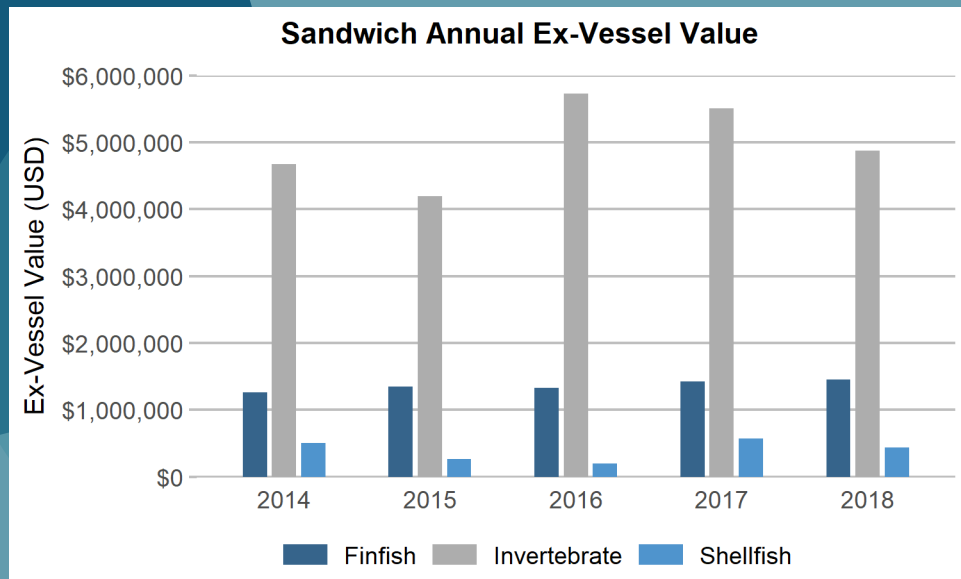
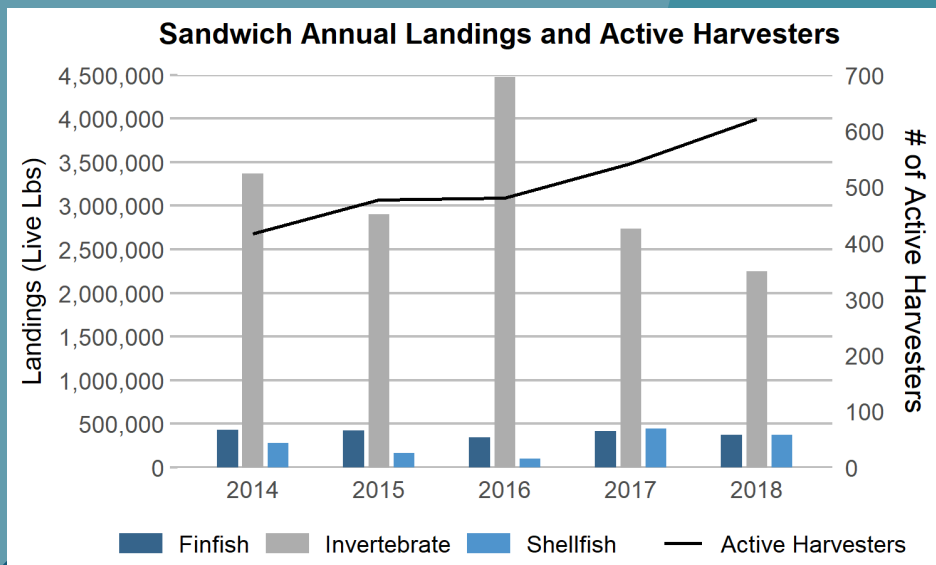
2,989,896 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$6,769,995**

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

- American Lobster
- Jonah Crab
- Striped Bass

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, Sandwich has seen an increase in the amount of commercial bass fishing. Sandwich's commercial fishing fleet consists mostly of trailered vessels, with some non-trailered vessels. The number of non-trailered commercial fishing vessels has remained the same, and the number of trailered vessels has increased.

Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Infrastructure upgrades in last ten years:

- New docks and launch improvements



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- Commercial loading dock is a wood structure on piles and can only handle small pickups
- Loading and unloading is often handled twice as the trucks need to park in the road
- Lack of docking space and moorings
- Shallow waters/need for dredging

Needs

- Commercial loading dock is old and needs replacing; with sheet piles, trucks may be able to drive to boats for unloading
- Increase loading dock size to accommodate more boats at once
- Limited parking, gear, and bait storage needed
- Replace or upgrade dock that houses larger fleet (55 - 75 feet in length)
- Parking



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: None
- Slips: 42
- Broadside berthing: Commercial fishing pier



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Slips: \$65/foot per year
- Transient dockage: \$10/foot per month
- Launch: \$10/day pass



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