

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

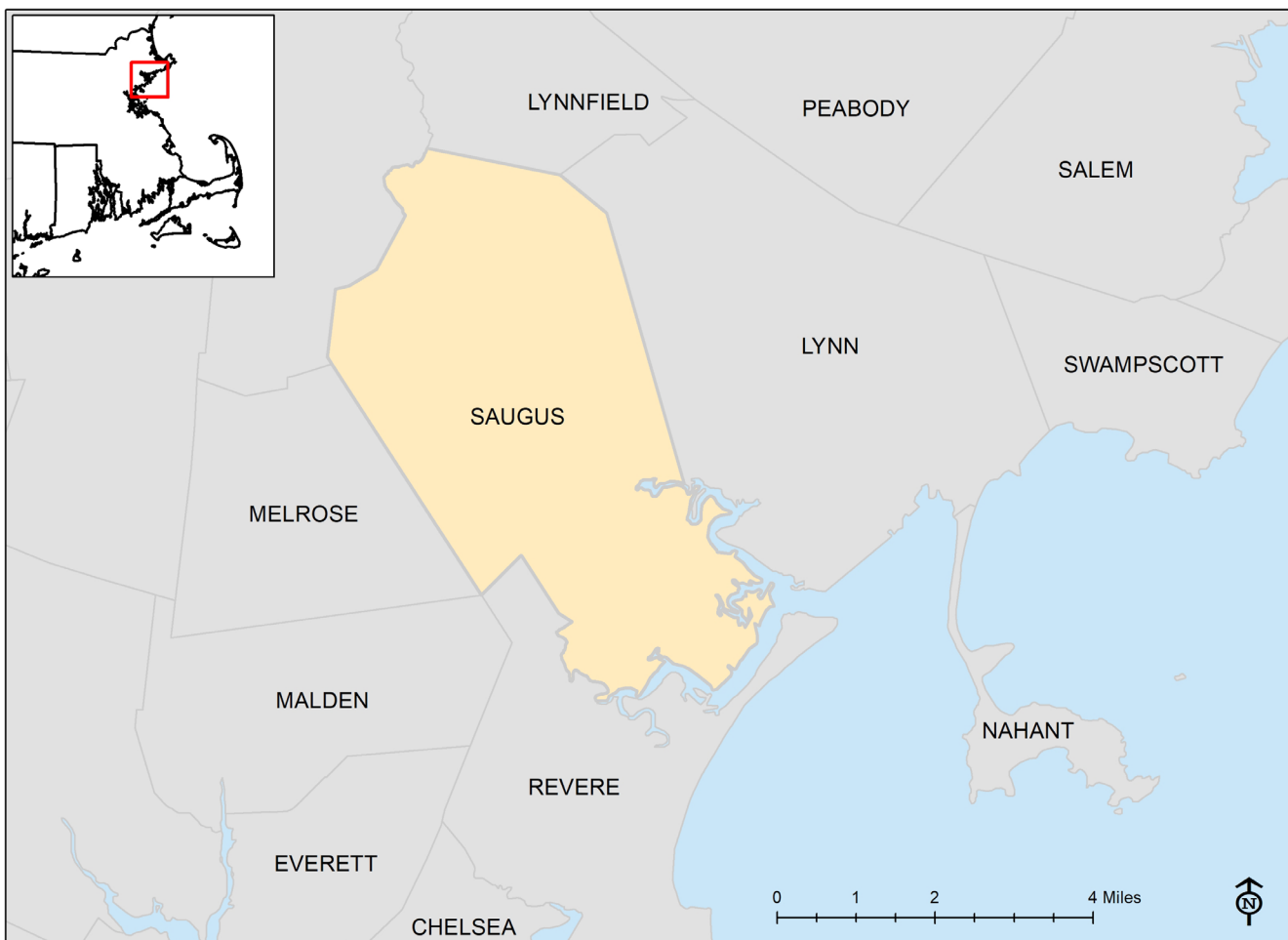
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional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

SAUGUS

Located on the North Shore, Saugus has one main harbor named the Saugus River.

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

- Lobster Pot
- Rod & Reel

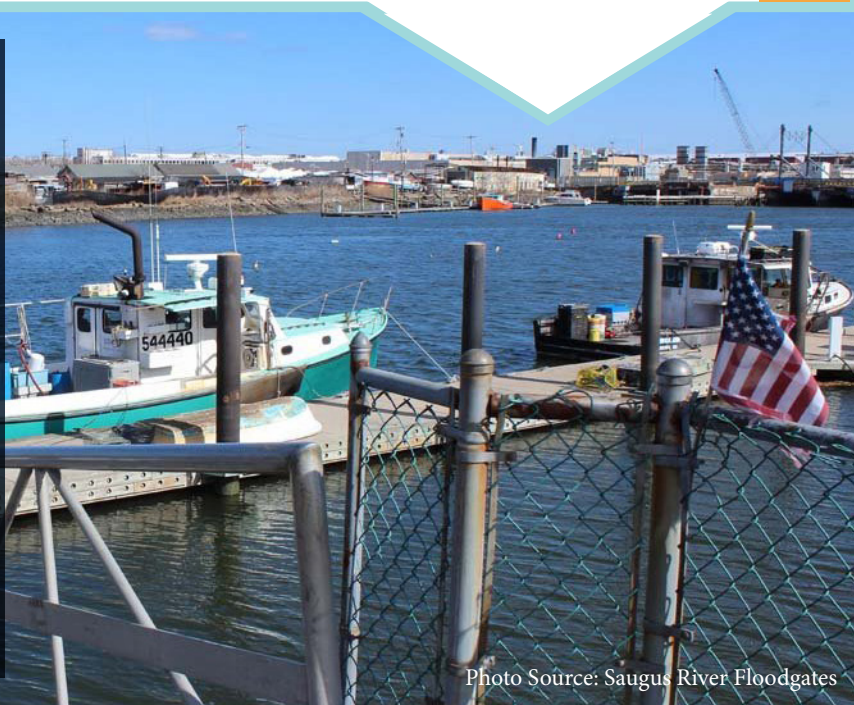


Photo Source: Saugus River Floodgates

2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Saugus' commercial fishery consisted of:

- 46 permitted harvesters with a Saugus address
- 33 vessels with a Saugus homeport
- 901 trips landing in Saugus
- 18 active permitted harvesters landing in Saugus
- 5 active dealers purchasing in Saugus



Commercial harvesters landed the following in Saugus in 2018:

220,680 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$987,671***

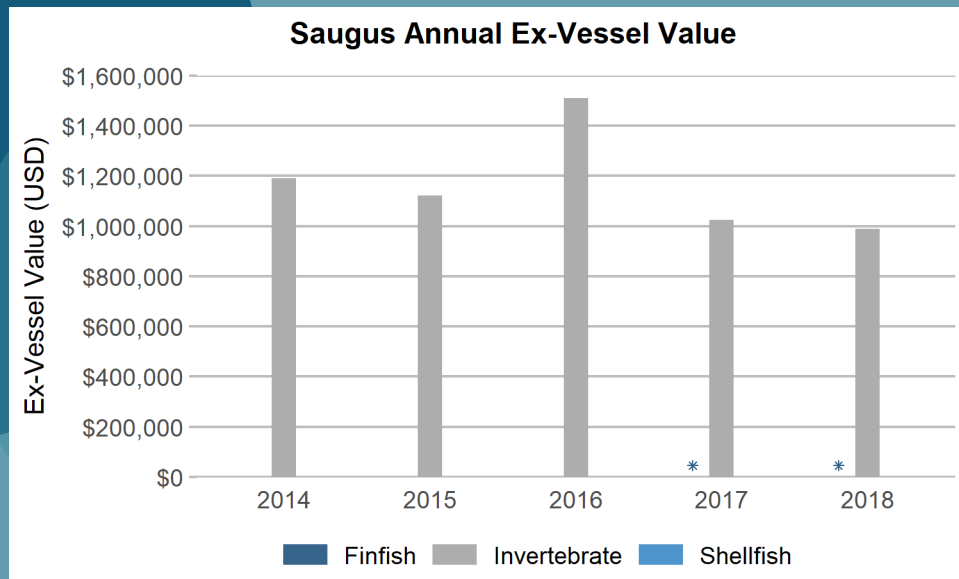
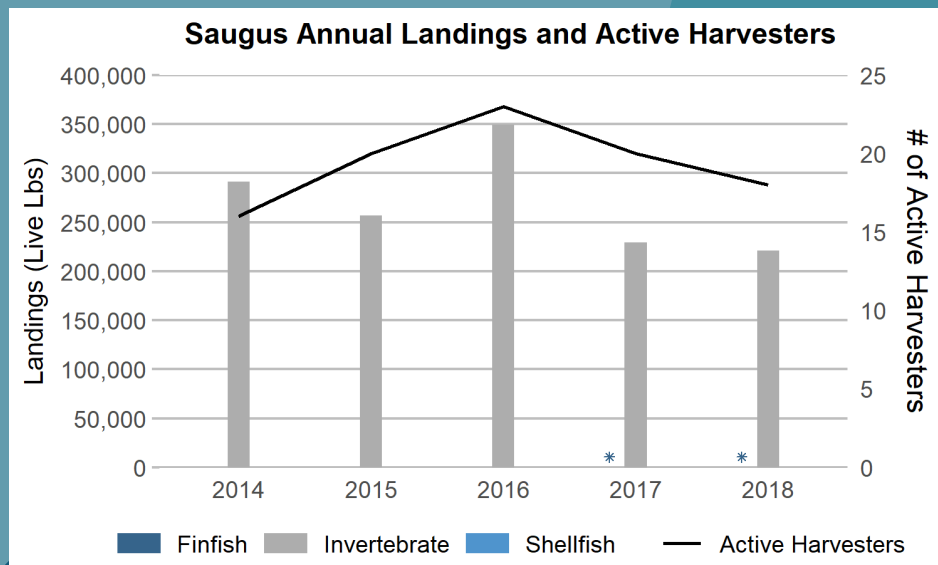
The top-ranked species, by dollar value, landed between 2014-2018 included:

- American Lobster
- Striped Bass
- Bluefin Tuna

*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

Saugus’ commercial fishing activity has decreased over the years due to regulations and fishery closures. Additionally, the commercial fishing fleet is aging, as few young people enter the industry due to fishery restrictions.



Photo Source:
Saugus River Floodgates

Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Current infrastructure:
Challenges

- Boat ramp is not user friendly
- Needs*
- New boat ramp (grant project is underway)
- Dredging



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Vitale Park is shared between recreational and commercial users (40 moorings for commercial fishermen; 30 moorings for recreational use)



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: \$40/year
- Slips: None
- Launch: \$10/day; \$100/year
- Other: \$1200/year for cooler; pier use is limited to commercial cooler tenants

Type of Infrastructure	Available?
Ice	
Bait storage	
Trash disposal	
Commerical offloading	
Hoist	
Dock space	
Gear storage	
Moorings space	
Fueling stations	
Vessel repair	
Launch ramp	
Parking for fishermen	
Parking for seafood trucks	
Other	

= Available