

# 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.

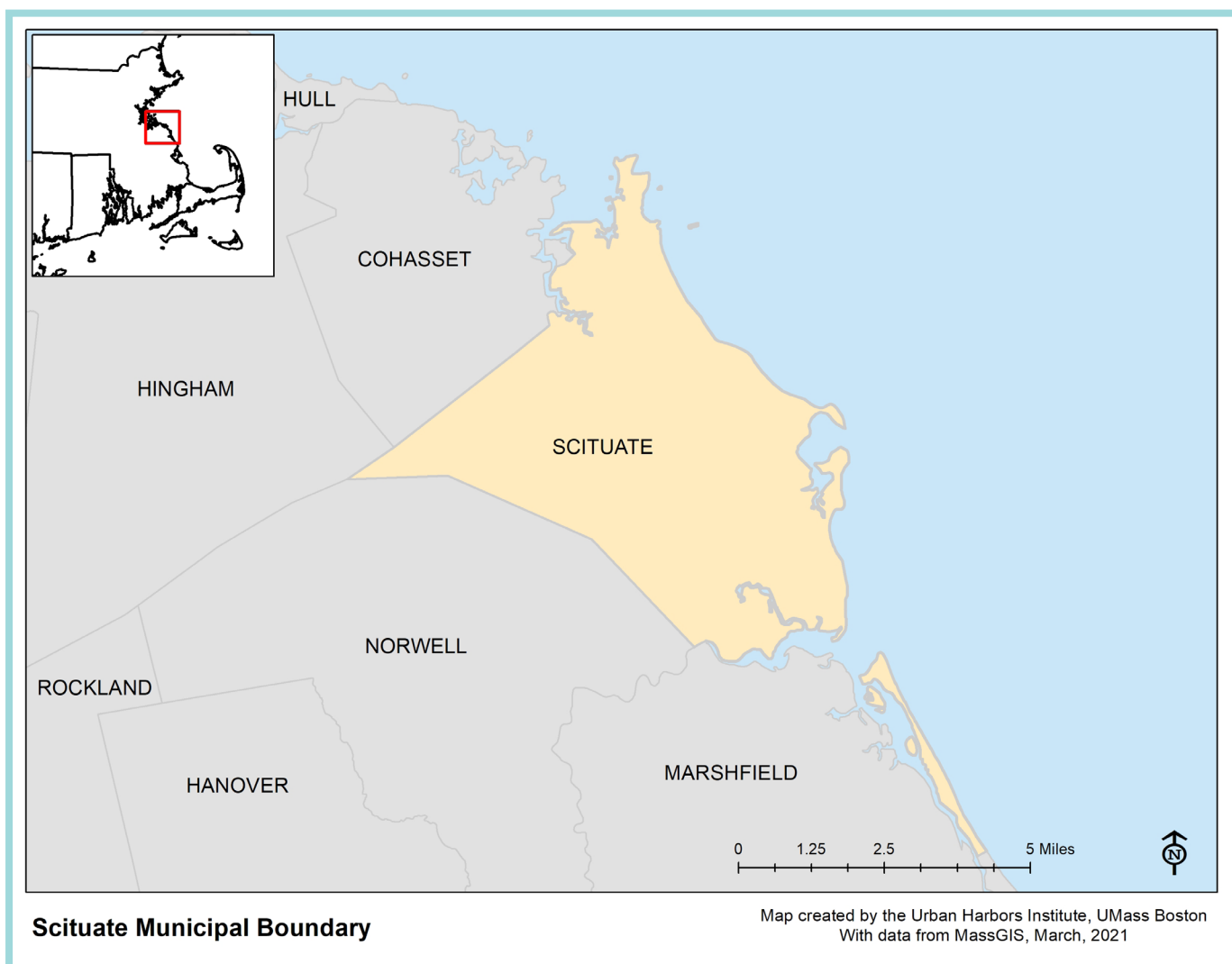
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### Key Terms:

**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

# SCITUATE

Located on the South Shore, Scituate has three harbors: Scituate, North River, and South River-Humarock.

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



## 2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



### Scituate's commercial fishery had:

- 92** permitted harvesters with a Scituate address
- 120** vessels with a Scituate homeport
- 2,894** trips landing in Scituate
- 89** active permitted harvesters landing in Scituate
- 19** active dealers purchasing in Scituate



### Commercial harvesters landed the following in Scituate in 2018:

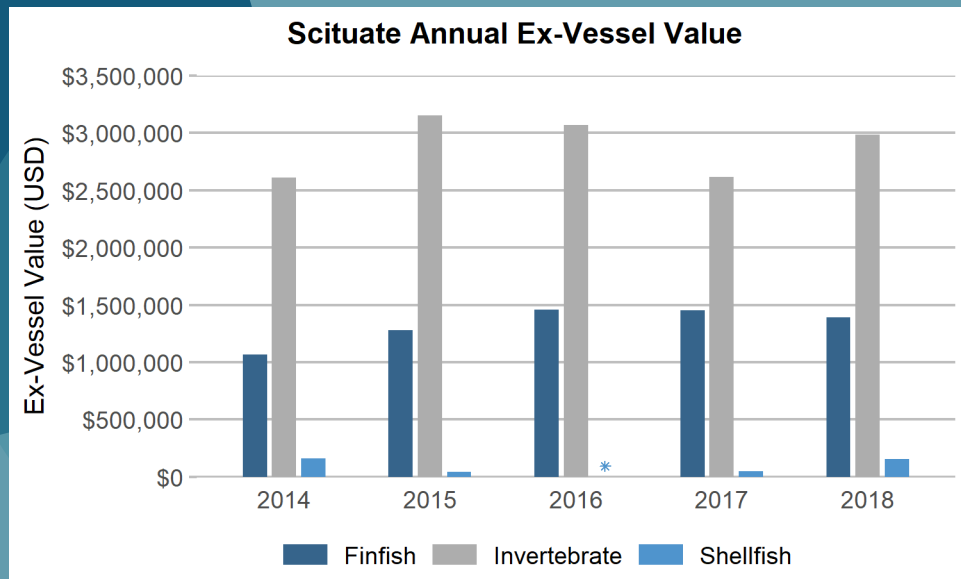
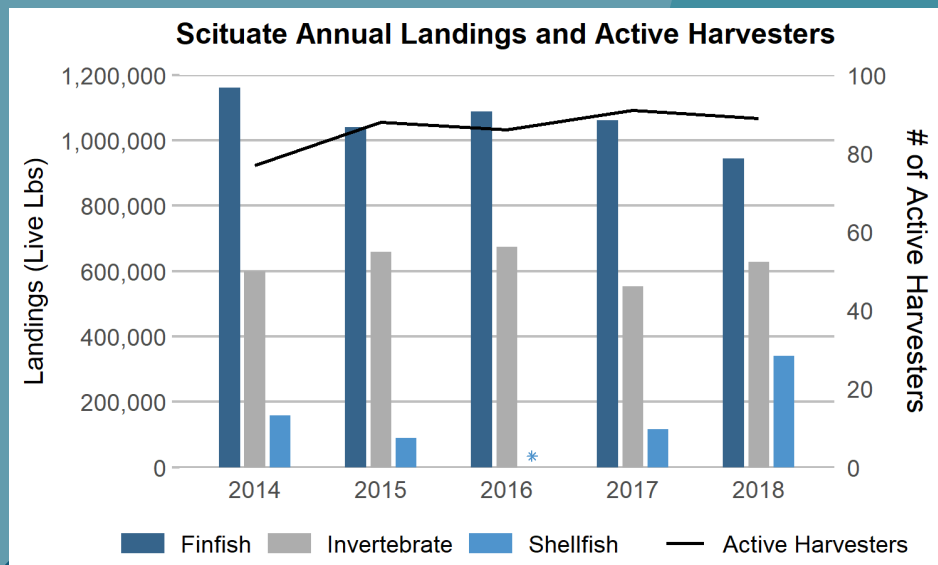
**1,916,401** pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$4,528,224**

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

- American Lobster
- Winter Flounder
- Yellowtail Flounder

# 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

Scituate's commercial fishing fleet consists of both non-trailerred and trailerred vessels. Anecdotal sources report that, while the number of non-trailerred vessels have declined, the fisheries operating out of Scituate have remained fairly constant over the last ten years.

## Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



### Infrastructure upgrades in last ten years:

- New parking lot
- Electrical upgrades
- Pier piling replacements
- Harbor jetty repairs
- The Town Pier was completely rebuilt/rehabilitation in 2014, completed in 2015



### Current infrastructure:

#### Challenges

- Lack of docking space and moorings
- Shallow water/need for dredging
- Parking
- Conflicts with other users
- Permitting process for infrastructure
- Increasing waterfront real estate prices

#### Needs

- Dredging
- Improve vehicle access/parking
- Ice
- Enhanced off-loading space/local processing



### Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: 50
- Slips: At the Town Pier
- Broadside berthing: At the Town Pier



### In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: \$6/foot for the season
- Slips: \$1,000 for the season
- Broadside berthing, unloading, and transient dockage paid to Town Pier



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