

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

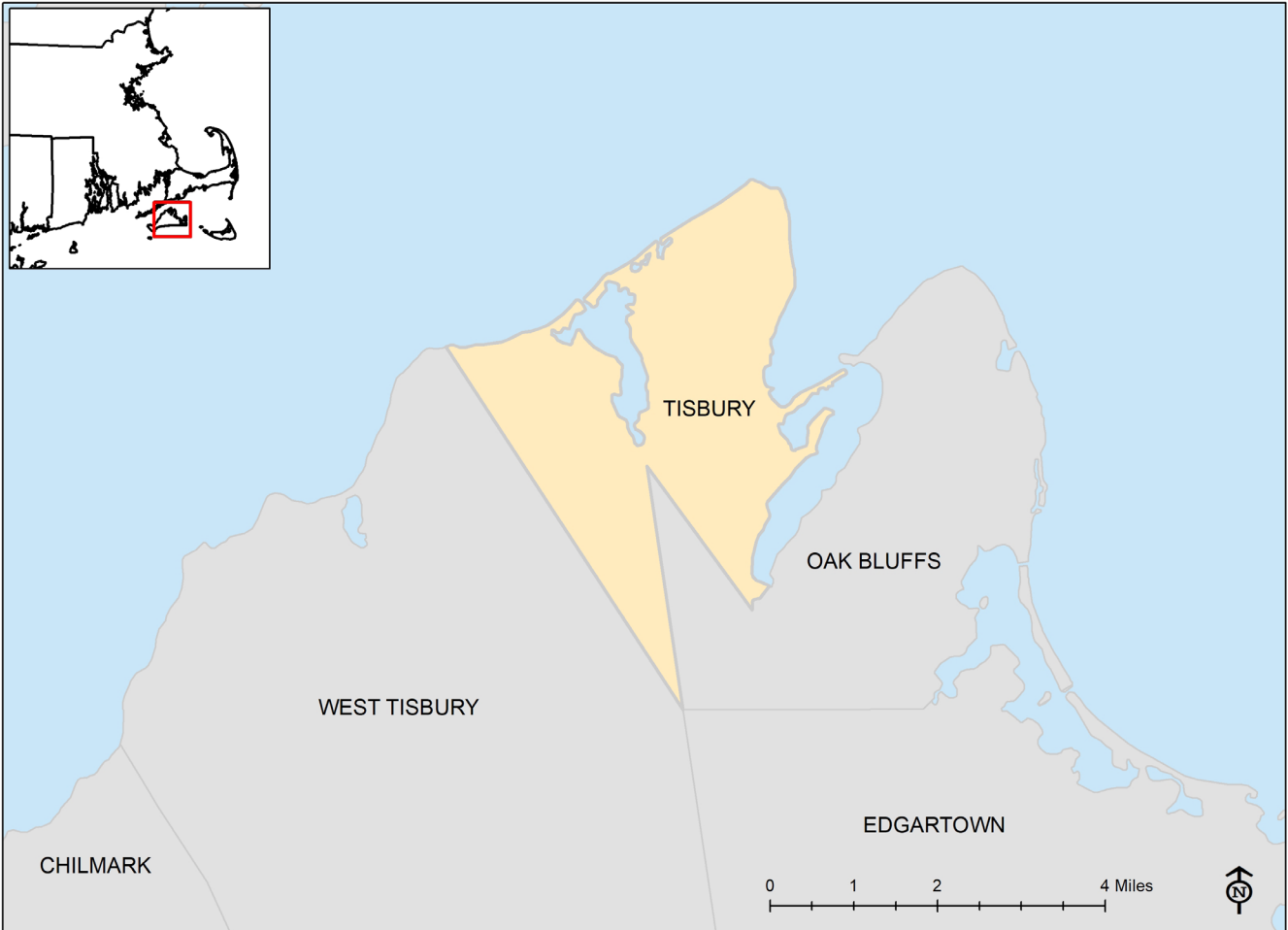
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional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

TISBURY

Located on Martha's Vineyard, Tisbury has three main harbors: Lagoon Pond, Lake Tashmoo, and Vineyard Haven Harbor.

Permitted commercial fisheries, which may or may not be active during the survey period, include: Lobster Pot, Shellfish (by hand), Scallop Dredge, Rod & Reel, Conch/Black Sea Bass Pot, and For Hire/Charter.

2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Tisbury's commercial fishery had:

- 8 permitted harvesters with a Tisbury address
- 49 vessels with a Tisbury homeport
- 554 trips landing in Tisbury
- 30 active permitted harvesters landing in Tisbury
- 8 active dealers purchasing in Tisbury



Commercial harvesters landed the following in Tisbury in 2018:

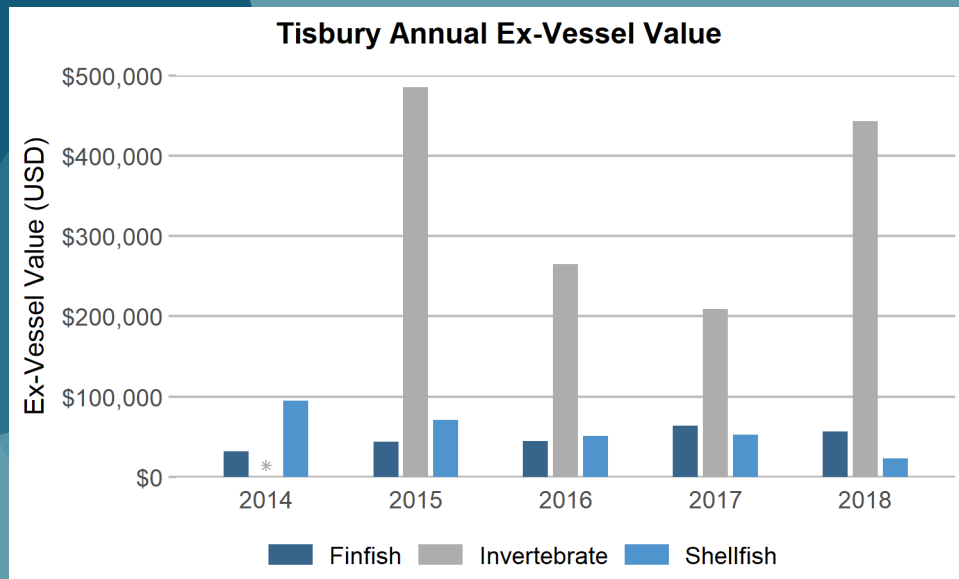
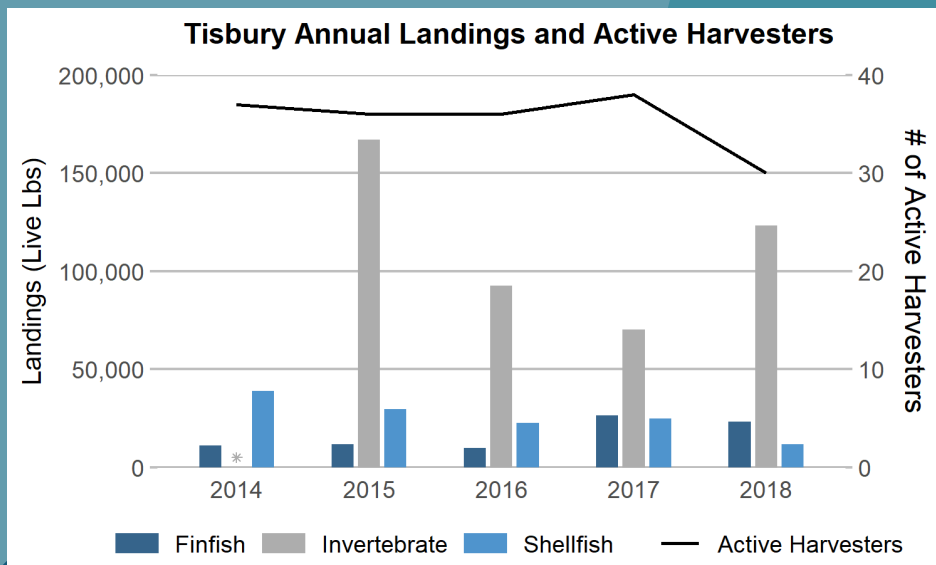
158,370 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$522,464**

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

- Channeled Whelk
- Bay Scallop
- Northern Quahog

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

Tisbury's commercial fleet consists of both non-trailered and trailered vessels. In the last 10 years, Tisbury has seen a decline in rod & reel commercial bass fishing, and no longer has a fish processing facility, so fewer vessels frequent the town to unload. That said, Tisbury has a new offshore crab pot boat.

Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Infrastructure upgrades in last ten years:

- New landing



Current infrastructure:

Challenges

- Lack of docking space
- Shallow water/need for dredging
- Limited parking
- Conflicts with other users (*e.g.*, recreational vessels)

Needs

- Separate pier for commercial fishermen (with truck access)
- Convenient location to store gear and bait
- Parking



Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: 4 moorings
- Slips: None
- Broadside berthing: Yes



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: \$675 lease/year in Lake Tashmoo
- Broadside berthing: \$5/day in Vineyard Haven Harbor



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 (Town Water)	

= Available