

# 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.

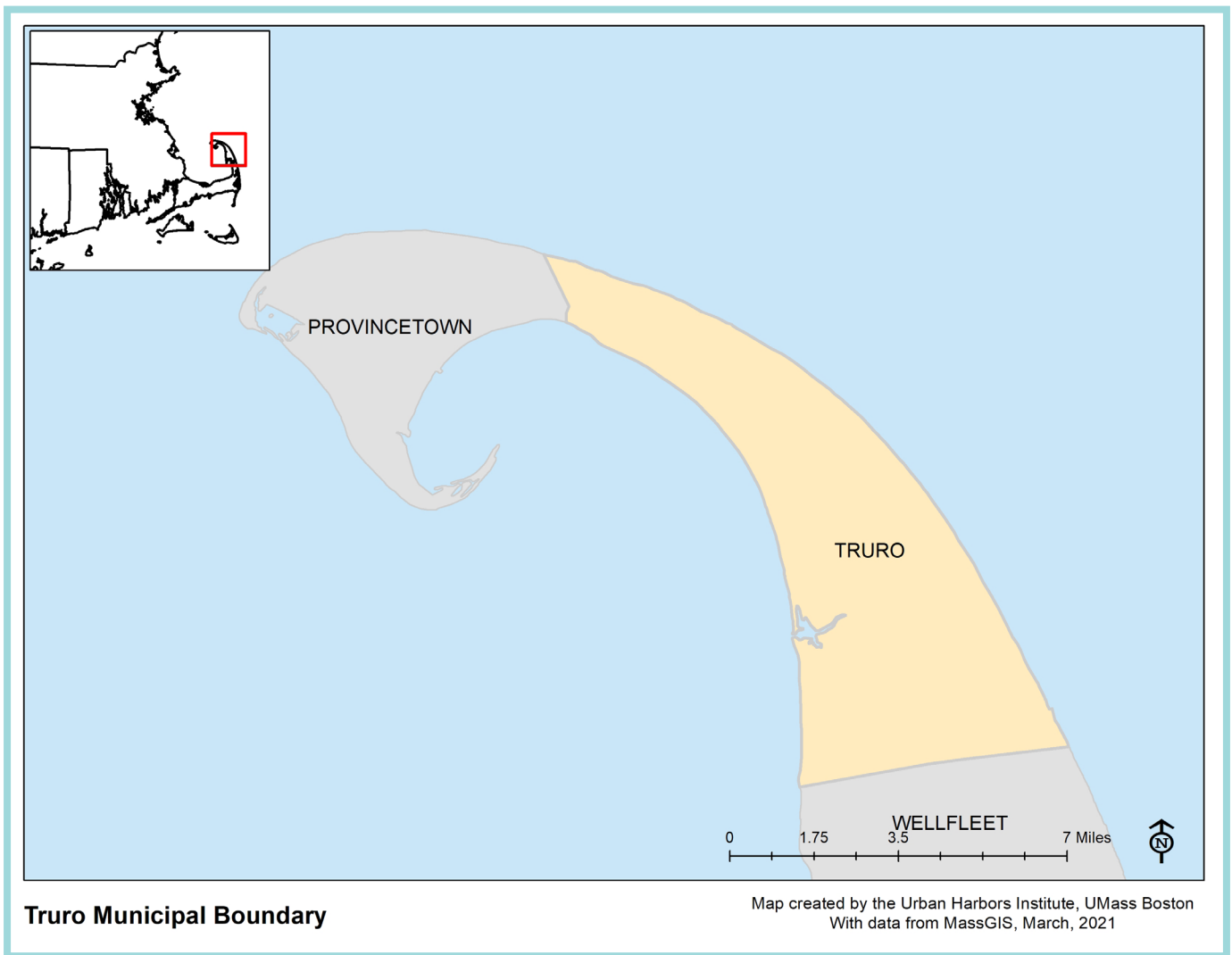
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### Key Terms:

**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

# TRURO

Located on Cape Cod, Truro has one main harbor named Pamet Harbor.

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

- Lobster Pot
- For Hire/Charter
- Aquaculture
- Scallop Dredge

## 2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



### Truro's commercial fishery had:

- 43** permitted harvesters with a Truro address
- 37** vessels with a Truro homeport
- 185** trips landing in Truro
- 33** active permitted harvesters landing in Truro
- 10** active dealers purchasing in Truro



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

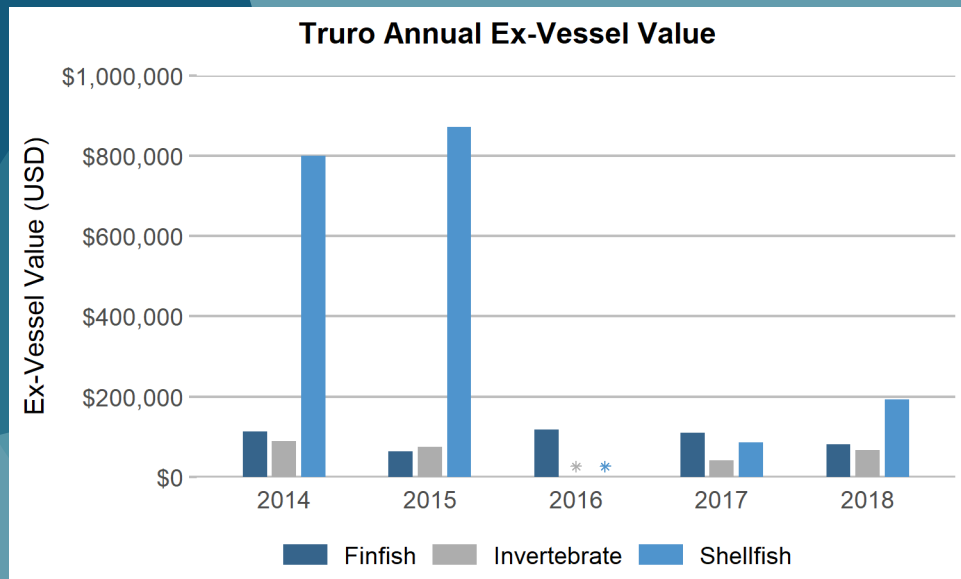
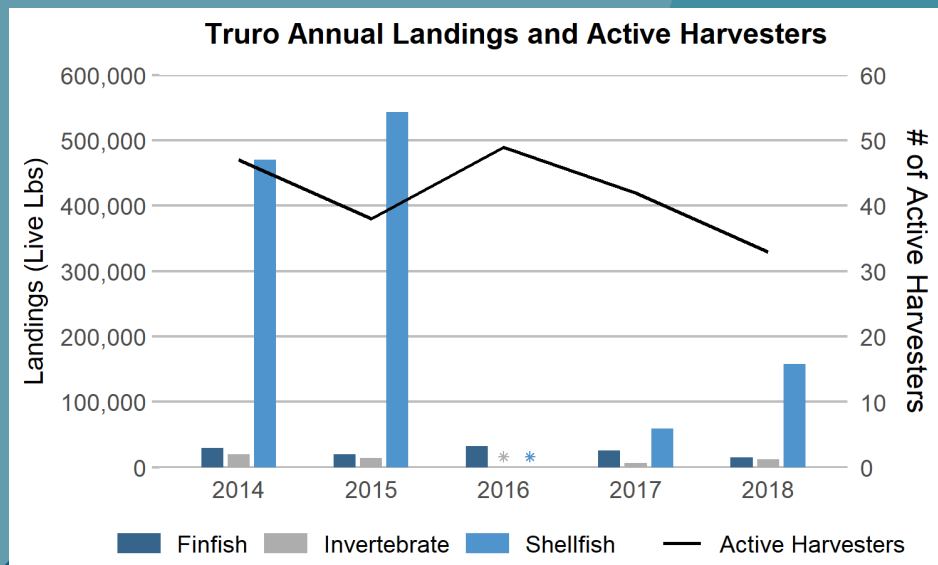
**185,524** pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$341,460**

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

- Sea Scallop
- Striped Bass
- American Lobster

# 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

Truro's commercial fishing fleet consists mostly of trailered vessels, and the number of trailered commercial fishing vessels has increased in the last 10 years due to Truro's proximity to fishing grounds. Additionally, anecdotal information reports that the fisheries operating out of Truro have slightly grown in the last 10 years.

## Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



### Current infrastructure:

#### Challenges

- Lack of docking space and moorings (long wait list)
- Shallow water/need for dredging (time of year restrictions are limiting)
- Limited parking (23 spaces)
- Conflicts with other users
- Permitting process for infrastructure

#### Needs

- Docks and poles need repair
- Ramp and hoist need repair
- Parking spaces
- Repair to mooring blocks and chains
- Dredging to allow for slips
- More space for Harbormaster office
- Better security



### Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: None; there is a mooring waiting list for all boaters
- Slips: None
- Broadside berthing: None



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

- Moorings: \$360/year for deep water; \$240/year for shallow water
- Waterways fee: \$25/year for residents; \$75/year for non-residents
- Launch: \$10 for launch and \$10 for waterways fee



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