

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

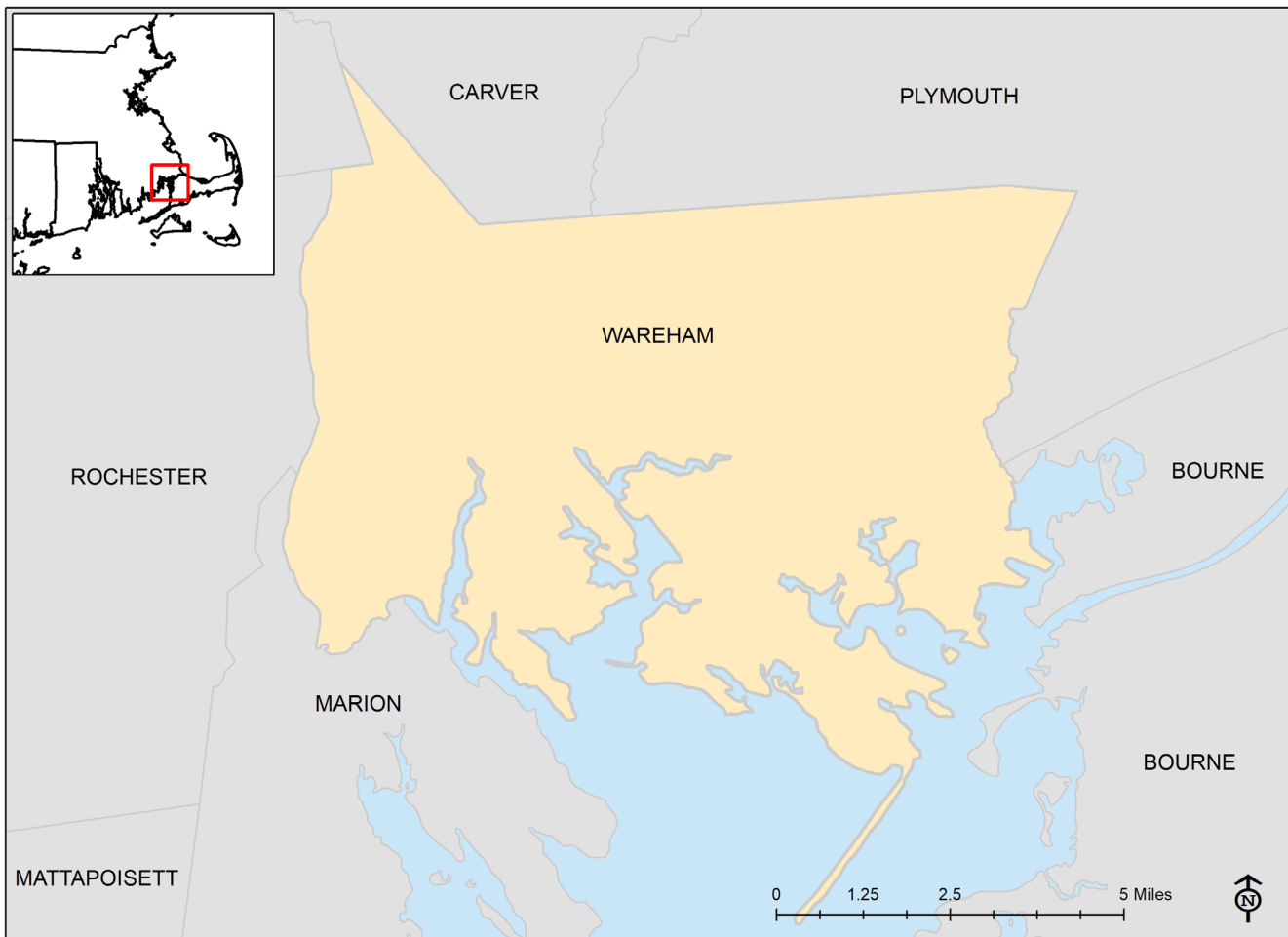
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional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

WAREHAM

Located on the South Coast, Wareham has eight main harbors: Agawam River, Broad Cove, Butler Cove, Crab Cove, Millers Cove, Onset Bay, Wareham River, and Weweantic River.

Permitted commercial fisheries, which may or may not be active during the survey period, include: Shellfish (by hand), For Hire/Charter, and Aquaculture.



2018 Overview

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Wareham's commercial fishery had:

- 60 permitted harvesters with a Wareham address
- 62 vessels with a Wareham homeport
- 1,595 trips landing in Wareham
- 50 active permitted harvesters landing in Wareham
- 15 active dealers purchasing in Wareham



Commercial harvesters landed the following in Wareham in 2018:

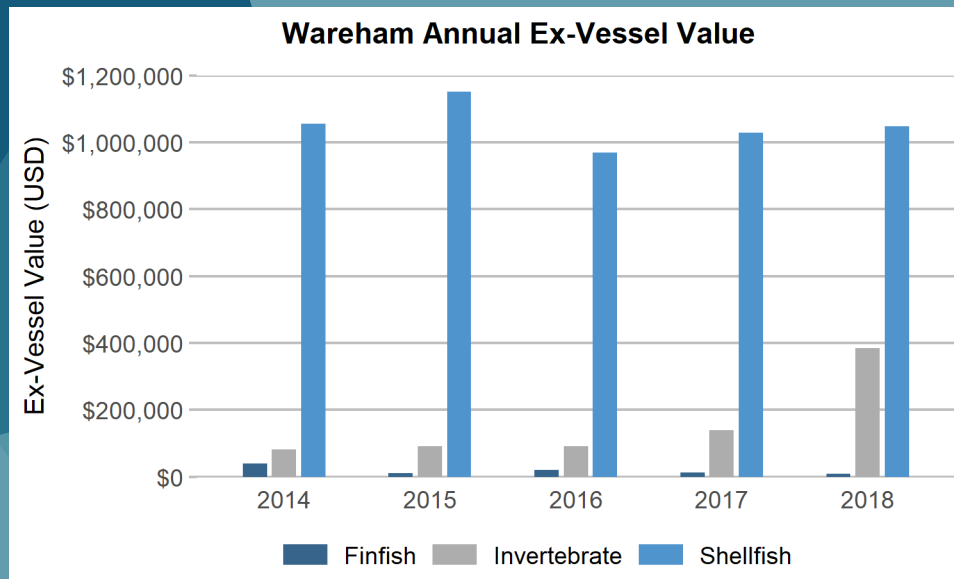
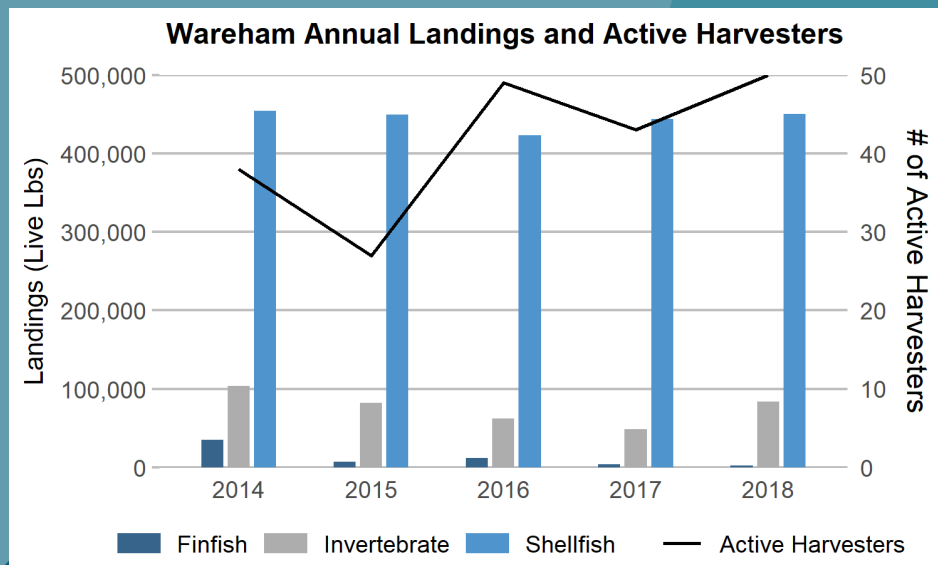
536,048 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$1,442,185**

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

- Eastern Oyster
- Northern Quahog
- American Lobster

5 Year Trends in Commercial Landings and Value

Source: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse



Status of the Commercial Fishing Industry

Source: 2019 Harbormaster and Harvester Survey Data

In the last 10 years, Wareham has experienced an increase in commercial shellfishing, charter boats, and private aquaculture sites. Wareham's commercial fishing fleet consists primarily of trailered vessels, with some non-trailered as well. Anecdotal sources report that the number of commercial fishing vessels has increased due to more shellfishing opportunities augmented by the Town's aquaculture efforts.



Commercial Fishing Infrastructure



Infrastructure upgrades in last ten years:

- Dock extensions and ramp restructuring



Current infrastructure

Challenges

- Limited parking
- Conflicts with other users
- Lack of docking space
- Shallow water/need for dredging
- Permitting process for infrastructure

Needs

- Revamping or expansion of the Onset Pier
- Dredging of Wareham River
- Town facility upgrade
- More trash disposal
- Additional moorings and transient accommodations
- Shellfish offloading facility
- Homeport wholesalers/market







Infrastructure dedicated solely to commercial fishermen:

- Moorings: Onset has approximately 3 moorings used seasonally
- Slips: Private facility and 3 charter boats docked at Onset Pier
- Broadside berthing: 1 charter boat docked at Onset Pier



In 2018, the municipality charged for the following services:

- Moorings: \$75 plus \$3/foot
- Slips: \$85/foot at Onset 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