

MASSACHUSETTS COMMERCIAL FISHING PORT PROFILES

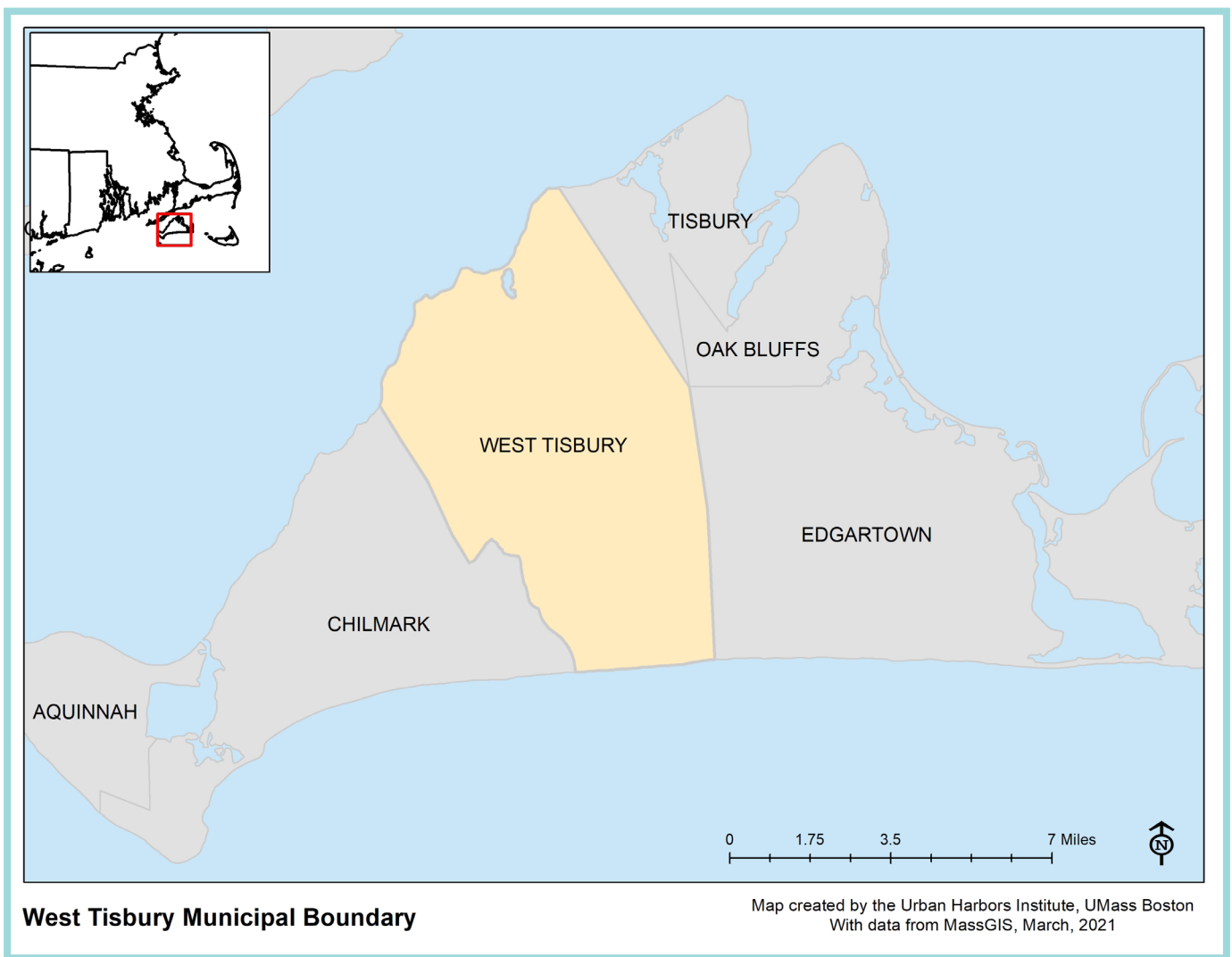
The **Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles** were developed through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the University of Massachusetts Boston's Urban Harbors Institute, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Using data from commercial regional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

WEST TISBURY

West Tisbury is located on Martha's Vineyard and does not have a defined harbor. The main permitted commercial fishery, which may or may not be active during the survey period, is Shellfish (by hand). According to DMF statistical data from 2014-2018, the combined ex-vessel value of landings in West Tisbury averaged under \$100,000 per year. The landings consisted of soft shell clams, eastern oyster, and lobster.




In 2018, West Tisbury's commercial fishery had:

- 36** permitted harvesters with a West Tisbury address
- 0** vessels with a West Tisbury homeport
- 98** trips landing in West Tisbury
- 7** active permitted harvesters landing in West Tisbury
- 3** active dealers purchasing in West Tisbury

Fishery Status

The softshell clams and oysters are harvested out of Tisbury Great Pond, which is shared with the Town of Chilmark. The majority of softshell clams harvested commercially on the Island of Martha's Vineyard (or in Dukes County) are harvested from Tisbury Great Pond. The oyster population struggles from oyster disease (*Dermo Perkinsus marinus*), as well as challenges from boring sponge (*Cliona sp.*) and mud blister worms (*Polydora websteri*) which reduce the market value. Locally aquacultured oysters take the majority of the market share.

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

Source: 2019 Harbormaster and Harvester Survey Data; DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse