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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **Port of New Bedford Recognized as Top Fishing Destination by Luxury Travel Guide**

*Luxury Travel Guide calls New Bedford “the seafood hub of New England”*

**New Bedford, Massachusetts-** The New Bedford Office of Tourism and Marketing has announced that Luxury Travel Guide has selected New Bedford, Massachusetts as the Top Fishing Destination of the Year 2016.

New Bedford impressed Luxury Travel Guide judges with its rich maritime history spanning three centuries, status as the number one fishing port in America and authentic port that blends commercial industry with recreational boating.

Kerry Payne, Account Manager, at Luxury Travel Guide said, “The Luxury Travel Guide Awards represent the pinnacle of hospitality achievement, championing the best in their respective fields. Therefore, to come out on top is truly an achievement you should be proud of.”

The Luxury Travel Awards recognize and celebrate excellence across all sectors of the affluent travel and tourism industry in Europe, The Americas, Asia & Australia, and Africa & Middle East. All winners of the Luxury Travel Guide Awards are subject to the same rigorous assessment criteria, carried out by their in-house professionals. This ensures only the most deserving firms and individuals walk away with one of these prestigious accolades and gain a place in their awards winners’ guide, which will be distributed to over half a million professional & affluent people around the world.

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**LuxuryTravelGuide**  
THE AMERICAS AWARDS 2016  
- WINNER -  
FISHING DESTINATION OF THE YEAR - USA  
NEW BEDFORD

*With much to offer both the beginning fisherman and the die-hard enthusiast, few communities in the world are more fashioned for anglers and their needs than this Southeastern Massachusetts city with its eclectic mix of Cape Verdean and Portuguese influences. As the inspiration of Herman Melville’s deep-sea classic, Moby Dick, the main Port of New Bedford has a history of seafaring traditions and a variety of moorings, shipyards and anchorage areas available for both commercial and recreational maritime vessels.— Luxury Travel Guide on New Bedford, Massachusetts*