

# Welcome to the Port of New Bedford

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New Bedford is the world's most famous whaling era seaport, the number one commercial fishing port in America, and the premier location to assemble, construct, deploy, operate and maintain industrial offshore wind.

While our history is rich both on land and at sea, it is the city's future that excites leaders in business, development, government, and education. Each day my Administration works closely with the private sector to spur economic growth. All of us recognize that new development in a growing economy creates jobs that can enable families to build homes, send their children to college, and otherwise pursue the American Dream.

My administration has spent considerable effort and resources to guide economic development. We have focused on cultivating an export-based economy by leveraging the city's assets—none more critical than our working waterfront. Today, the Port of New Bedford is home to over 200 maritime businesses, a commercial fleet of 500 fishing vessels, two inter-island ferry services, an active cargo shipping industry, a newly established IoT lab, a cruising industry, bulk and break-bulk cargo facilities, and numerous shipyards and vessel repair facilities.

We have sought to take a regional, metropolitan-based approach to development while emphasizing the centrality of the city and our working waterfront in the region's identity. We also are elevating the city's quality of life through school reform, urban beautification, and more effective municipal management.

I believe that all of these efforts help to create the environment needed for private sector investment and transformative development throughout the City, and our recent track record of success is delivering value to our private sector partners, residents, and visitors.

Our talented maritime workforce, development potential, and prime location along Buzzards Bay creates excellent opportunities for business relocation, growth, and development.

I thank you for your interest, and welcome discussing your next offshore wind project.

Please enjoy all that New Bedford has to offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Mitchell". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light background.

JON MITCHELL  
MAYOR, CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

