

Dungeness Crabs

Directions: As you read the assigned information on Dungeness crabs, look for the answers to the questions below. Use the space below each question to take notes on the data you find.

- What is the range of water depths in which Dungeness crabs can be found?
- In what months of the year are adult crabs most likely to bury themselves in large groups in the sandy/silty bottom of the water ocean floor?
- How might you explain this?
- What regular event coincides with the crab larvae hatching?
- Why is this good timing for the baby crabs to hatch?
- How do researchers explain the phenomenon of male and female adult crabs gathering together in groups or aggregates?
- How do the crab larvae “get around”?
- What about the last larva stage, the megalops? How does it travel?
- What do Dungeness crabs typically eat?
- In what two marine environments can adult, juvenile, or larval Dungeness crabs be found?