Cancer magister

Dungeness crab

General

1. Marine crab

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Pacific Coast
2. Introduced: Atlantic Coast from Maine to Virginia
3. Habitat
    - Shallow sandy areas of the sublittoral zone, from low waters to 90 m, eelgrass beds
    - Larvae distributed in estuarine waters, optimum hatching occurs at a salinity of 15 ppt
    - Optimal temperature for larval crabs 10 - 14°C

Sources

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