DUNGENESS CRAB

Metacarcinus Magister
(Cancer Magister)

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HARVEST PROFILE

HARVEST SEASON

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

Southeast Alaska
Gulf of Alaska
Bering Sea / Aleutian Islands

ECONOMY

Source: NOAA

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Dungeness Crab vessels ~190

GEAR TYPE

pots

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IN ALASKA, PROTECTING the future of both the stocks and ENVIRONMENT TAKE PRIORITY over opportunities for commercial harvest. State managers use harvest data from previous and ongoing seasons to determine both predicted and actual crab numbers. They compare these, and will shut down the fishery if there are too few crabs in the water. Through these methods, managers ENSURE ALASKA DUNGENESS CRAB will be AVAILABLE for GENERATIONS TO COME.

The Dungeness crab harvest is limited by the 3 S’s: SIZE, SEX, AND SEASON.

Only males with a carapace of at least 6.5 inches can be caught, and harvest is not permitted during mating and molting!

SUSTAINABILITY

PRODUCTS

FRESH

LIVE

WHOLE COOKED CLUSTERS/SECTIONS

FROZEN

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PICKED MEAT / LEG MEAT

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“Dungeness crab is a sweet and savory treat that I like to incorporate in pasta dishes or salads. It has a delicate flavor that is less briny than other crab species. Tender Dungeness crab morsels are always worth the time spent picking.”

CHEF SHANE MOORE
South Restaurant + Coffeehouse
Anchorage, Alaska

The Wild Alaska Dungeness Crab:
• Hunters and scavengers, Dungeness crab both actively seek prey and opportunistically take what floats down to the seabed.
• A widespread species sticking close to shore that prefers waters 27 meters or shallower.
• Variable in size, though males average 2-3 lbs., crabs of up to 10 lbs. have been caught.
• Wary of danger, it is known to bury itself in sand or roll onto its back to defend itself with its claws if threatened.

Some females in Alaskan waters fast for at least 6 months while carrying eggs, an anomaly not seen in the species elsewhere. It’s also only in Alaska that they spawn biennially rather than annually.

Benefits of Vitamin B-12
• Helps form red blood cells and prevent anemia
• Risk reduction of macular degeneration
• Prevents neuron loss
• Supports bone loss and prevents osteoporosis
• Supports healthy skin, hair, and nails

Variety of Recipes
Dungeness Mac & Cheese | Alaska Cioppino | Dungeness Crab Provencial | Dungeness Crab Española
Alaska Dungeness Crab Cake Benedict | Stuffed Avocado with Alaska Dungeness | Lemon Wild Alaska Crab
Find these and more at WILDALASKASEAFOOD.COM/RECIPES