

## Life and Death at 300 Metres <sup>[1]</sup>

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A juvenile giant Pacific octopus, *Enteroctopus dofleini*, pounces on a passing tanner crab, *Chionoecetes bairdi*. Once the crab is secured the octopus retreats and will consume its meal in the safety of its den. *E. dofleini* is a stealth predator that primarily eats crustaceans, other mollusks and fish. This video was captured on the Strait of Georgia webcam at 300m depth.

### References

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