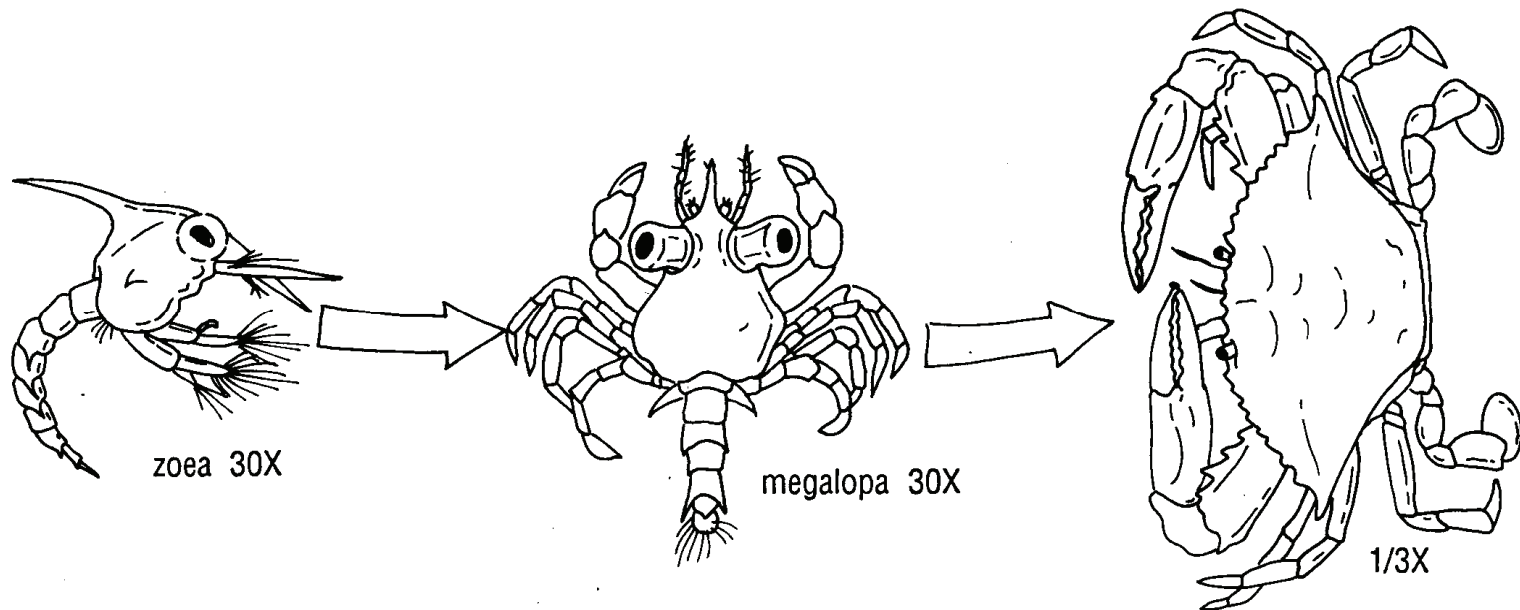




Life Stages of the Atlantic Blue Crab



In its early life stages, the blue crab is too small to fight the current and is considered zooplankton. Eventually, the crab grows large enough to swim against the current and moves into a different part of the food chain known as nekton (“free swimmers”).