ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM

Project: MRGO CONTRACT # DACW29-96-C-0068

INCIDENT REPORT OF SEA TURTLE TAKE BY DREDGING ACTIVITY

Date 09 / 23 / 96 Time(24hr) ca. 1030h

Species of Turtle Taken NO POSITIVE I.D. (THE BEST ESTIMATE IS CARETTA CARETTA)

Dredging Site (channel, port, etc.) MISSISSIPPI RIVER GULF OUTLET

Location of Take: Latitude STATIONS: 1147+57 → 1175+00 Longitude

Vessel Name and Company "STUYVESANT" – DREDGE OPERATORS

Type of Dredging Activity HOPPER DREDGE – CHANNEL MAINTENANCE

Load # 305 Times: Start 0850 End 0957 Dump 1027

Sampling Method (overflow, inflow,etc.) INFLOW

Samples Recovered From INTACT LEFT HINDFLIPPER AND ASSOCIATED TISSUE

Condition of Screening GOOD

Draghead Deflector? Yes ____ No ✓

Condition of Deflector N/A

Weather Conditions WIND NE/LT.-MOD., SEAS 2-3', SKY PTLY. CLDY. Tide H: 0749 L: 1815

Water Temperature: Surface ____ Column 79-82°F C or (F) (circle one)

Condition of Specimen(s) Sampled FLIPPER IN GOOD CONDITION, BUT AFFILIATED TISSUES BEGINNING TO DECOMPOSE

Measurements-- SEE BELOW

Give estimate of entire carapace dimensions, as well as fragments sampled (in metric when possible, indicate if not):

Head Width ____

Plastron Length ____ Width ____

Carapace S. L. Length ____ S.L. Width ____

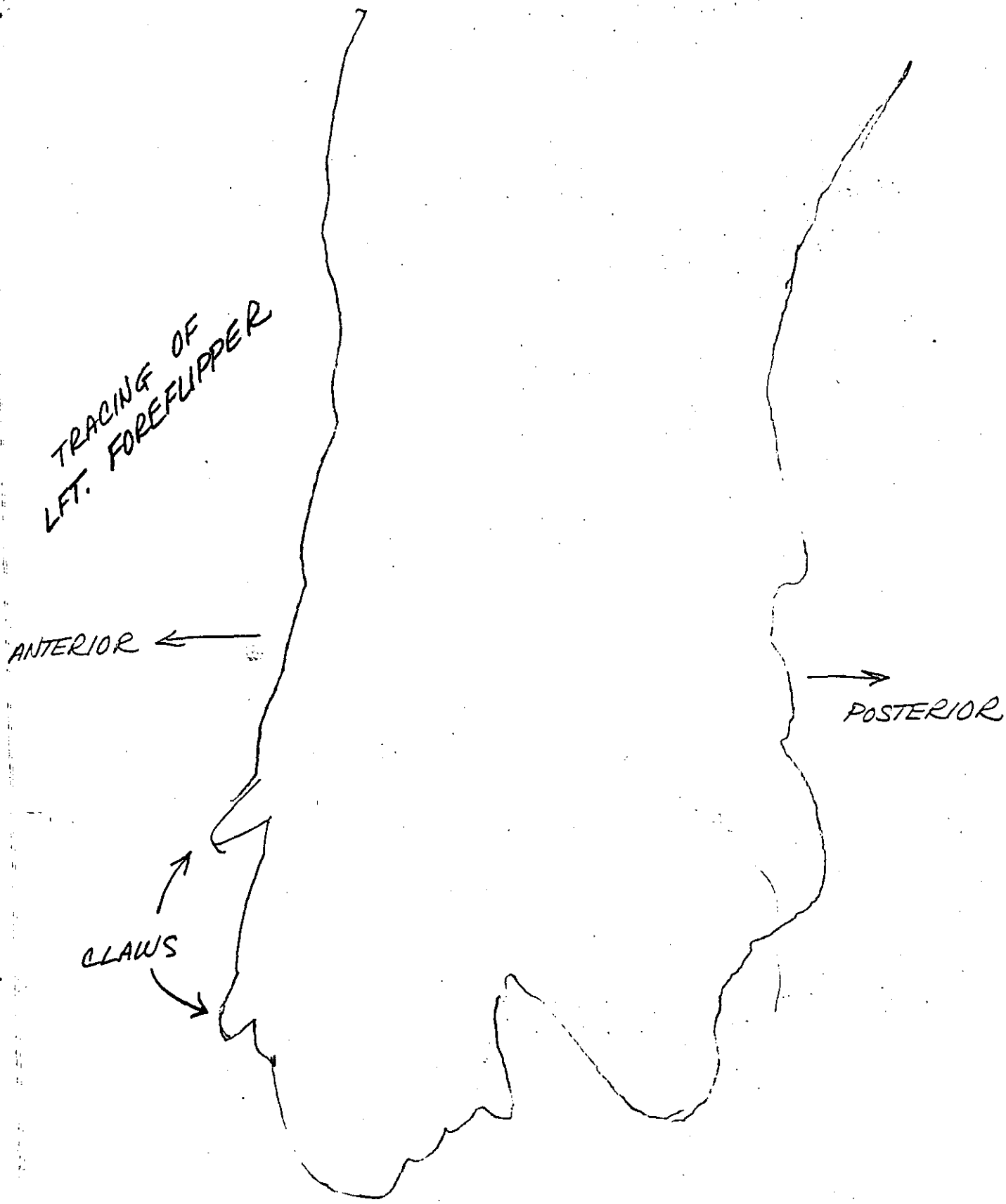
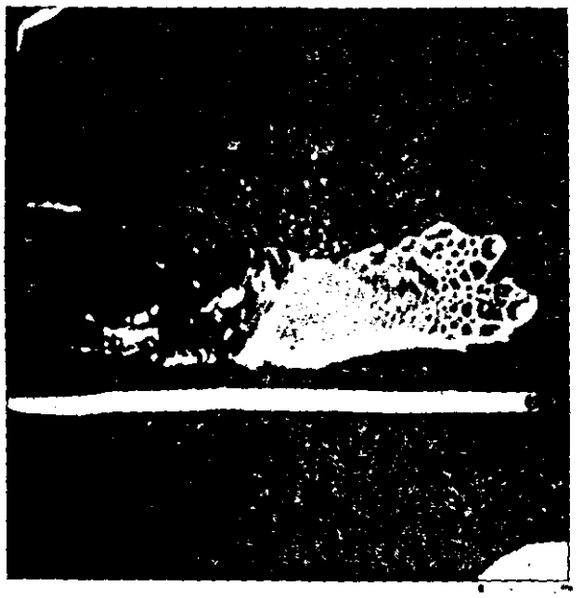
Carapace O.C. Length ____ O.C. Width ____

Turtle Tagged? Yes ____ No ✓ Tag # ____ Tag Date / /

Comments HINDFLIPPER WAS APPROXIMATELY 22 mm IN LENGTH BY ABOUT 10 mm IN WIDTH, WITH A SPACE OF ca. 4 mm BETWEEN THE TWO CLAWS ON THE ANTERIOR SURFACE. TISSUE WAS SMOKEY-GREY TO BLACK IN COLOR AND BEGINNING TO ROT (SMELL). BONE BREAKS APPEARED TO BE MANY HOURS TO DAYS OLD. THE SPECIMEN COLLECTED WAS MEASURED & PHOTOGRAPHED.

Observer's Name MICHAEL NEWCOMER

→ FLIPPER COLOR WAS BUTTERSCOTCH BROWN.


TRACING OF
LFT. FOREFLIPPER
ANTERIOR
POSTERIOR
CLAWS