ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM

Project: MRGO 0004 ASSIGNMENT #2

INCIDENT REPORT OF SEA TURTLE TAKE BY DREDGING ACTIVITY

Date 10 / 22 / 96 Time(24hr) 1435

Species of Turtle Taken CARETTA CARETTA

Dredging Site (channel, port, etc.) MRGO STATIONS 3815+00 → 3755+00

Location of Take: Latitude MILE 5.4 - (-) 6.3 Longitude

Vessel Name and Company MANHATTAN ISLAND, NATCO

Type of Dredging Activity CHANNEL MAINTENANCE

Load # 029 Times: Start 1321 End 1415 Dump 1426

Sampling Method (overflow, inflow,etc.) INFLOW

Samples Recovered From FOR/AFT PORT INFLOW DISCHARGE

Condition of Screening EXCELLENT

Draghead Deflector? Yes ____ No X

Condition of Deflector N/A

Weather Conditions NW10 S@18, SEAS 3-4', SKY PTY/CLDY, 85°F Tide 1.50 L1615 (EBB)

Water Temperature: Surface 75°F Column 75°F C or (F) (circle one)

Condition of Specimen(s) Sampled DEAD - ONLY FOUR NONCONNECTING SECTIONS OF THE CARAPACE AND ONE SMALL LENGTH OF INTESTINE WERE FOUND. ALL OF THE SPECIMENS TAKEN WERE WEIGHTED AND DISCARDED AT THE DUMP SITE W/ LOAD #033.

Measurements--

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

Head Width N/A

Plastron Length N/A Width N/A

Carapace S. L. Length N/A S.L. Width N/A

Carapace O.C. Length N/A O.C. Width N/A

Turtle Tagged? Yes N/A No N/A Tag # N/A Tag Date N/A

Comments FOUR SPECIMEN SAMPLES OF THE CARAPACE AND ONE (1) SPECIMEN OF INTESTINE, WERE TAKEN. THOUGH THERE WE NOT ENOUGH PIECES OF CARAPACE TO GIVE A FULL VECTEBRAL OR MARGINAL SCUTE COUNT, THE COLOR AND PRESENCE OF MANY BARNACLES WAS USED TO HELP IDENTIFY THE SPECIES TAKEN. BETH MORD OF THE TECHNICAL SUPPORT BRANCH, NOD USACE WAS NOTIFIED W/I ONE HOUR OF THE INCIDENTAL TAKE.

Observer's Name DANA ROSS