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Project: Mississippi River Gulf outlet Dredge McFarlan

INCIDENT REPORT OF SEA TURTLE TAKE BY DREDGING ACTIVITY

Date 04 / 05 / 98 Time(24hr) 0420

Species of Turtle Taken Caretta caretta

Dredging Site (channel, port, etc.) Channel

Location of Take: Latitude N 29°27' Longitude W 89° 01'

Vessel Name and Company McFarland, Army Corps of Engineers

Type of Dredging Activity Maintaining Channel

Load # 430 Times: Start 0241 End 0329 Dump 0359

Sampling Method (overflow, inflow, etc.) inflow

Samples Recovered From Port Discharge Box

Condition of Screening Excellent

Draghead Deflector? Yes X No ____

Condition of Deflector Excellent

Weather Conditions Ptly cloudy, winds 15-20KTS seas 4-5' Tide ——

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

Condition of Specimen(s) Sampled Badly Damaged

Measurements--

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 X Tag # ____ Tag Date / /

Comments Specimen was so badly damaged that no measurements could be taken.

Observer's Name Andrew Jackson

Shade areas of turtle which are missing. Sketch cracks and lacerations.

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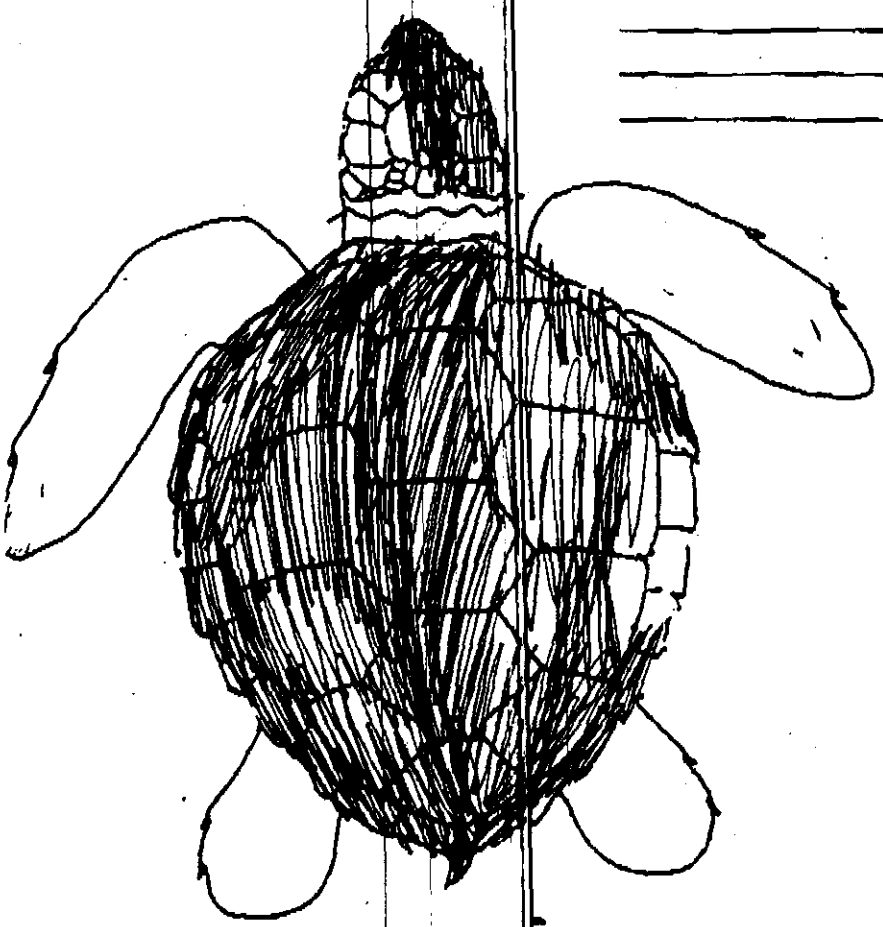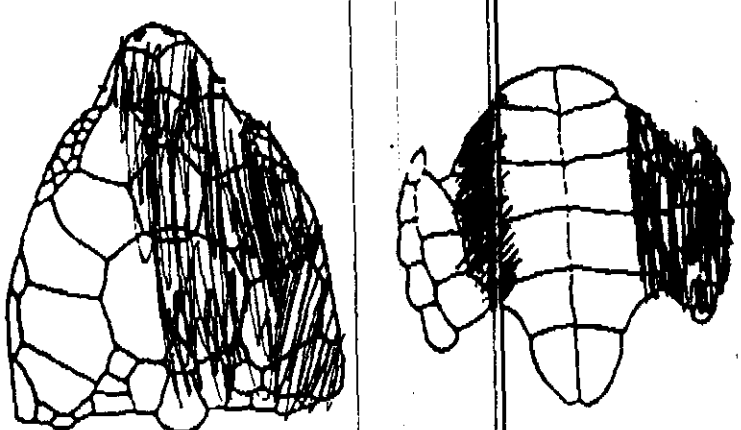
Comments: Most of the right side of the head was missing. Head seperate from body. Top and bottom tomium remained. Top tomium lacks alveolar groove. All except a small portion of the periphery of the carapace was missing. Front flippers, hind flippers, and plastron seperate from the rest of the body. Skin held the remainder of the plastron and flippers together.