ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM

Project: Mississippi River Gulf Outlet

INCIDENT REPORT OF SEA TURTLE TAKE BY DREDGING ACTIVITY

Date 07.24.01 Time(24hr) 2240

Species of Turtle Taken Caretta caretta, Loggerhead sea turtle

Dredging Site (channel, port, etc.) Mississippi River Gulf Outlet

Location of Take: Latitude 29°27.1799'N Longitude 089°02.6992'W

Vessel Name and Company Manhattan Island, Natco

Type of Dredging Activity Hopper (Maintenance)

Load # 934 cut two Times: Start 2142 End 2240 Dump 2309

Sampling Method (overflow, inflow, etc.) 100% inflow screening

Samples Recovered From Port draghead, Port aft inflow box

Condition of Screening Good

Draghead Deflector? Yes X No ____

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Weather Conditions Winds southerly 10 knots, sea 2-3' Tide low

Water Temperature: Surface 85°F Column ____ C or F (circle one)

Condition of Specimen(s) Sampled Fresh dead, fresh blood, no foul odor, no discoloration of the skin, heart still pulsating for a little time.

Measurements--

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

Head Width 16.5 cm

Plastron Length 57 Approximate Width 53 Approximate c

Carapace S. L. Length 76 cm Approximate S.L. Width 63 cm Approxim

Carapace O.C. Length NA O.C. Width NA

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

Comments The head and six pieces of the carapace were sampled in the aft inflow box. The main body was caught in the Port draghead. Measurements are approximate due to the crushed condition of carapace and plastron

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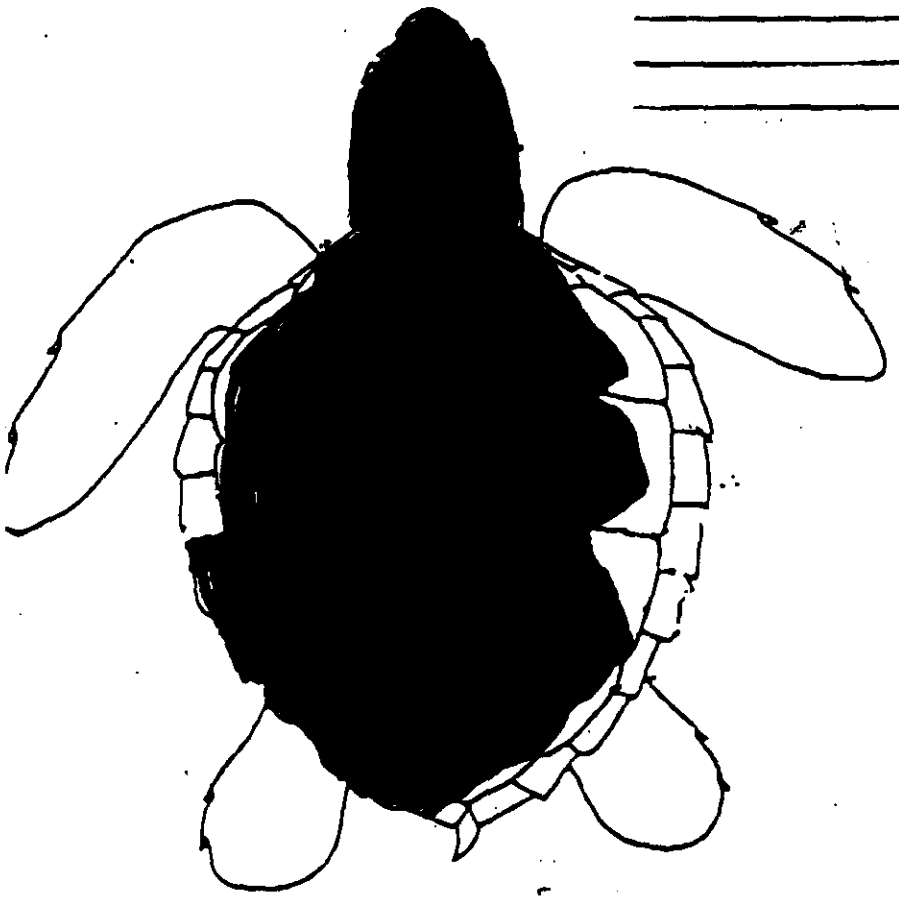
Comments: Sampled in the Port aft inflow cage was six pieces of the carapace and th head. Port drogheed sampled main carcass with flippers.



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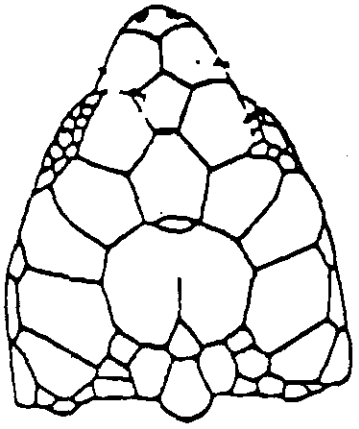

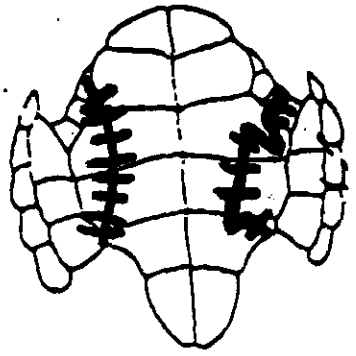
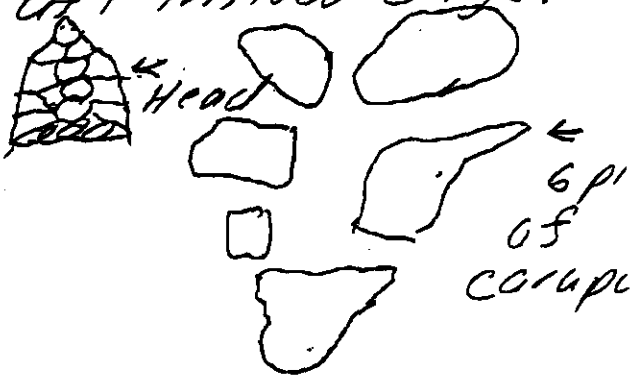
SIX pieces of carapace and head samples in the Port aft inflow cage.