ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM
MAINTENCE DREDGING
Cape Henry/York Spit - Chesapeake Bay, Virginia
Dredge Dodge Island (NATCO)
5/28/94

Load# 83 Start 0411 End 0847 Dump 0940

Location stations 36+00 - 98+00 R&G (between buoys 5-7 Chesapeake channel)

Conditions clear, winds SW 5Kts, seas 1', temp. 60°, sea temp. 62° Tide ebb / low

Port Skimmer Clean

Stbd Skimmer Clean

Port Draghead Clean TED: NA

Stbd Draghead probable sea turtle parts TED: NA

Port Lat. Screen whelk egg casings, trash, h'shoe crabs

Stbd Lat. Screen croaker, whelk egg casings, h'shoe crab parts

Port Dis. Box - Fore h'shoe crabs 8-10, barndoor skates 5-7, whelks, rock

Port Dis. Box - Aft NA flounder(1), whelks

Stbd Dis. Box - Fore h'shoe crabs (10-12), barndoor skates (8-10), spidercrabs (4-6)

Stbd Dis. Box - Aft h'shoe crabs (6-8), barndoor skates (6-8), spidercrabs (6-8), whelks, rock

Comments: Observer examined contents of discharge boxes extremely carefully. No other possible turtle parts were found. The sample taken from the starboard draghead was double bagged and put in the captain's freezer until it can be sent to a lab for verification. The sample has skin that is very 'turtle-like' and some bone and cartilage. The exposed breaks in the cartilage as well as the skin appear relatively fresh. The rest of the sample is so inundated with mud and sand that it is impossible for observer to discern which body parts they might be.

Observer(s) On Duty: Conger