ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM

Project: YORK RIVER ENTRANCE CHANNEL

INCIDENT REPORT OF SEA TURTLE TAKE BY DREDGING ACTIVITY

Date 10 / 27 / 98 Time(24hr) 0100 HOURS

Species of Turtle Taken Caretta caretta

Dredging Site (channel, port, etc.) YORK RIVER ENTRANCE CHANNEL

Location of Take: Latitude 37° 10' N Longitude 76° 13' W

Vessel Name and Company DODGE ISLAND / NATCO

Type of Dredging Activity MAINTENANCE DREDGING

Load # 393 Times: Start 2144 End 2400 Dump 0047-0052

Sampling Method (overflow, inflow,etc.) INFLOW AND OVERFLOW

Samples Recovered From PORT DRAGHEAD

Condition of Screening EXCELLENT

Draghead Deflector? Yes X No _____

Condition of Deflector EXCELLENT

Weather Conditions PARTLY CLOUDY; LIGHT AIRS; CALM SEAS Tide FLOOD

Water Temperature: Surface 18° Column 18° (C) or F (circle one)

Condition of Specimen(s) Sampled LIVE TAKE, INJURED. SPECIMEN IMPALED THROUGH LEFT MARGINAL SCUTES BY TWO TEETH OF PORT SIDE DRAGHEAD. SPECIMEN EXTREMELY ACTIVE. REMOVED AND PLACED IN HOLDING TANK WITH FRESH SURFACE SEA WATER.

Measurements--

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

Head Width 14 cm

Plastron Length _____ Width _____

Carapace S. L. Length _____ S.L. Width _____

Carapace O.C. Length 86 cm O.C. Width 61 cm

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

Comments

SPECIMEN DELIVERED TO THE VIRGINIA MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE.

Observer's Name BRETT JOHNSON