ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERBER PROGRAM

Dredge: Liberty Island

Project: St Johns River, Jax Fl

Date: 3/23/03

Load # 257 Start 1100 End 1819 Dump 1917

Location (lat/long, stations) Mayport cut Range Tide Stage Ebbing

Weather (wind dir, beaufort, sea state, temp, etc.) Winds NE 10 knots Seas 2-3' Water Temp., Surface 69°F Below Mid-Depth 63°F

Are there incidents involving endangered or protected species? **YES** **NO**

Note biological samples:

Port Draghead Weed, cable, net, trash Deflector Good

Stbd Draghead Loggerhead sea turtle, tires, weed Deflector Good

Overflow, Primary Clay, shell, blue crab, trash Fore Trash

Comments (material being dredged, effectiveness of screening, additional info on by-catch, incidents, etc.);

During the load the draghead were brought up for cleaning. Between two tires a fresh dead Loggerhead sea turtle was sampled. Photographs taken of the sea turtle in the dreghead. The turtle was documented. The turtle was weighted down and disposed of at the dump-site at 1917.

Bridge Watch Summary

Species	# of Animals	Time/ Location/ Comments

Observer(s) On Duty: ERIC Westerman