ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM
Dredge Dodge Island/**NATCO**
Brunswick Channel

DAILY REPORT

Date: 5/14 (5/15) 1991 Day/Night **Loads:** 390-401

Area Worked: Section 3, stations 315-275, 320-210 (outer channel)

Conditions: cloudy, some squalls, wind SW 10-15 kts seas 1-3'

Incidents: Incident - Turtle take, Load 397, 0042 hrs (5/15), while checking the lateral screens I found several pieces of intestine which I identified as turtle. I then discovered a loggerhead (caretta caretta) crammed into the port draghead, carapace up. The carapace was cracked nearly in two and some viscera had been sucked out. Specimen was photographed in the draghead and later on deck. Approx. carapace length was 26"; width 23" (over-the-curve measures). There were 4 pieces of intestine recovered from the screens - total length 56". I salvaged large pieces of lung, bronchial tube and intestine for use as reference material by other observers.

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1300 - 0800 (5/14)

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WEEKLY SUMMARY

Dates: 5/12 - 5/18 1991 Loads: 362 - 455

Areas Worked: Cedar Hammock Range / Section 3 (outer channel)

Incidents:

Turtle take Load 397, 0042 hrs. 5/15. Several pieces of turtle intestine recovered from lateral screens. Loggerhead (Caretta caretta) was then found in the port draghead, carapace cracked nearly in two, some viscera sucked out. Carapace length and width (over-the-curve) apprx. 26" x 23". Photos taken. See Daily Report for details.

Turtle take Load 444, 0200 hrs, 5/18 (night). Seven pieces of turtle intestine found in lateral screens along with what appears to be a piece of kidney, and fat and connective tissue. Five of the pieces of intestine were large intestine and may shed some light on the incident involving 2 eggs on 4/29/91 (see Daily Report). Size of the sample and what little content was found in the intestine suggest prob. species i.d. - loggerhead (Caretta caretta), probably an adult. Samples were frozen. See Daily Report for details.

Note: Dead loggerhead seen floating in the channel, 5/18. Also, note observations on skimmer screening 5/12. No sample of turtle take have been recovered from skimmers on the Dodge.

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