ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM
Dredge Dodge Island/NATCO
Brunswick Channel

DAILY REPORT

Date: 5/25/91 Day Loads: 536 - 541

Area Worked: Section 4 Station 320 - 350

Conditions: p. cloudy, wind NE 10 kts, seas 2-4'

Incidents: Turtle take. Observer boarded dredge at 0800 hrs. and spotted intestines in the lateral overflow screens (during load 536). Approx. 6' of intestine, 2 pieces of colon, and a piece of lung were retrieved. All parts are identical to samples from known loggerhead takes, suggesting species i.d. of loggerhead (C. caretta). No appreciable gut content other than green fluid and some small shell fragments. Bright color of samples indicate that the turtle was probably taken during load 534 or 535 (early AM). Samples frozen.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY

Dates: 5/19 - 5/25 1991 Loads: 467 - 541

Areas Worked: Section 3 station 320 - 520
Section 4 station 320 - 455 (clean up)

Incidents: Turtle take 5/21 at 2015 hrs. Crew found a loggerhead (Caretta caretta) in the port diagonal and reported it to the observer when he boarded the next morning. Intestine was found in the screens. See Daily Report 5/22.

Turtle take 5/25, 0800 hrs. Observer found intestines in the lateral overflow screens upon boarding; total length - 6' plus 2 pieces of colon and a piece of lung. Samples were frozen. Pieces taken on loads 534 or 535 (early AM). Species id. - prob. loggerhead (Caretta caretta). See Daily Report 5/25.

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