ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM

Dredge *OUACHITA* / Gulf Coast Trailing Co.

Savannah Harbor Entrance / USACE, Savannah Sistrict

DAILY REPORT

Date: 3 / 22 / 97 Loads: #155*, #157*-158 (project terminated @ 0957

Area(s) Worked: STA -320+00 — -180+00

Weather Conditions: Clear, Calm Winds Westerly 10-12K Seas 1-3'

Range of H_2O Temperature: Surface 64°F Below Mid-Depth 62°F

Condition of all screening apparatus: N/A

Are there incidents involving endangered or ~~protected~~ THREATENED species? Yes ✓ No____

Comments (type of material being dredged, biological specimens, etc.):

* Caretta caretta taken during load #155 in Stbd deaghead.

* Caretta caretta taken during load #157 in Stbd. deaghead

See attached incident sheets for both takes.

Project halted by Corps @ 0957 due to 2 takes in one day.

Remains of both turtles weighted with scrap metal and disposed of at the dump site

No Whales Sighted!

Bridge Watch Summary

Species	# of Sightings	# of Animals	Comments
Tt	1	9	Nothing unusual.

Observer(s) On Duty: Andrew Brown

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WEEKLY SUMMARY

Dates: 3 / 17 / 97 - 3 / 22 / 97 Loads: 119 – 158

Range of H_2O Temperature: Surface 64 °F Below Mid-Depth 62 °F

Area(s) Worked: STA -395+00 — -320+00 — -180+00

Are there incidents involving endangered or protected species? Yes ✓ (THREATENED) No

Comments: No Whale sightings NOR INCIDENTS

→ Two turtles (Caretta caretta) taken 3/22/97, closing us down during load # 158 at 0957, sending us to the dump for the last time. SEE ATTACHED INCIDENT REPORTS.

Full range of viewing conditions, mostly fair – good.

Project terminated

Bridge Watch Summary

Species	# of Sightings	# of Animals	Comments
Tt	8	25	Nothing unusual.

Observers On Duty: Andrew Brown