ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM

Project: St. Simon's Channel, Brunswick, Georgia

INCIDENT REPORT OF SEA TURTLE TAKE BY DREDGING ACTIVITY

Date 1 / 5 / 00 Time(24hr) 1530

Species of Turtle Taken Loggerhead (Caretta Caretta)

Dredging Site (channel, port, etc.) St. Simon's Channel

Location of Take: Latitude 31° 04' N Longitude 81° 17' W

Vessel Name and Company Dredge Newport Manson

Type of Dredging Activity Maintenance

Load # 173 Times: Start 1428 End 1516 Dump 1539

Sampling Method (overflow, inflow,etc.) inflow, overflow

Samples Recovered From port forward inflow

Condition of Screening EXCELLENT

Draghead Deflector? Yes X No

Condition of Deflector GOOD

Weather Conditions clear sky, seas=2-3, wind=NNE @ 10 Tide Flooding (low @ 1246)

Water Temperature: Surface 54 F @ 1200 Column C or F (circle one)

Condition of Specimen(s) Sampled Fresh Kill. Viscera present, Most of animal present with exception of vertebral and partial costal scutes.

Measurements--

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

Head Width ≈ 13.5 cm

Plastron Length ? Width 61 cm

Carapace S. L. Length 61.5 cm S.L. Width ≈ 49 cm

Carapace O.C. Length 62.5 cm O.C. Width 61 cm

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

Comments May be same as turtle Part collected last night. Barnacles look very similar in size & species.

Observer's Name Meghan Piercy

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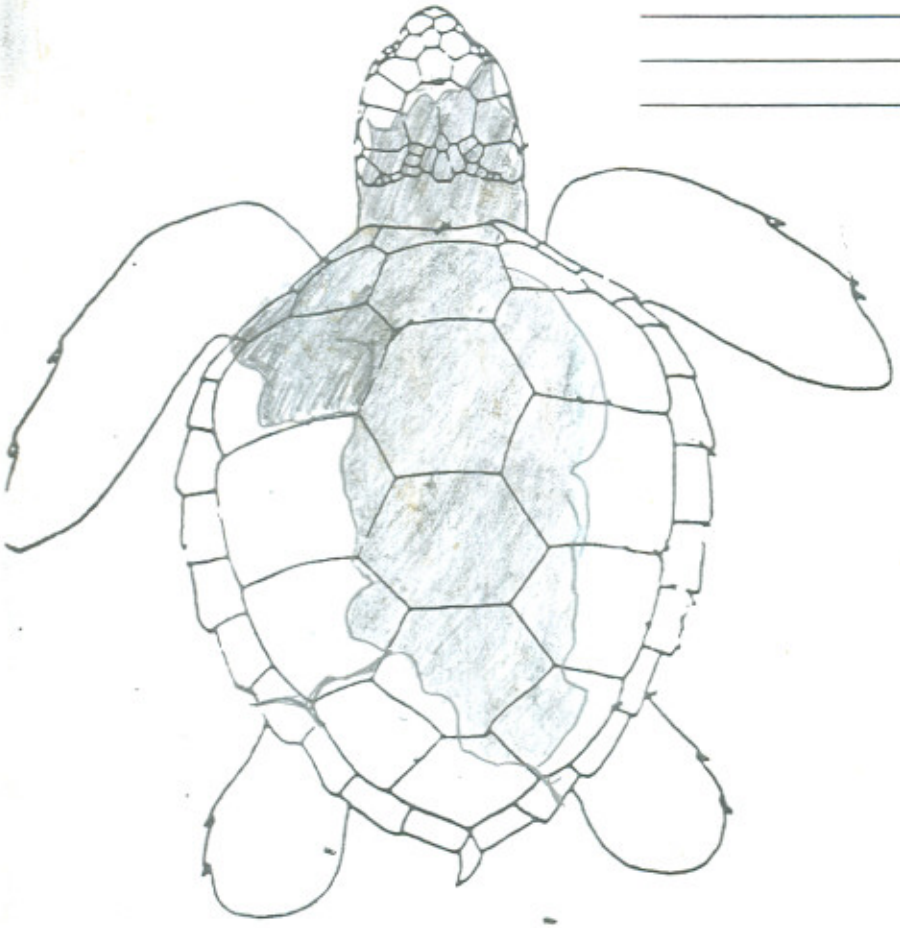
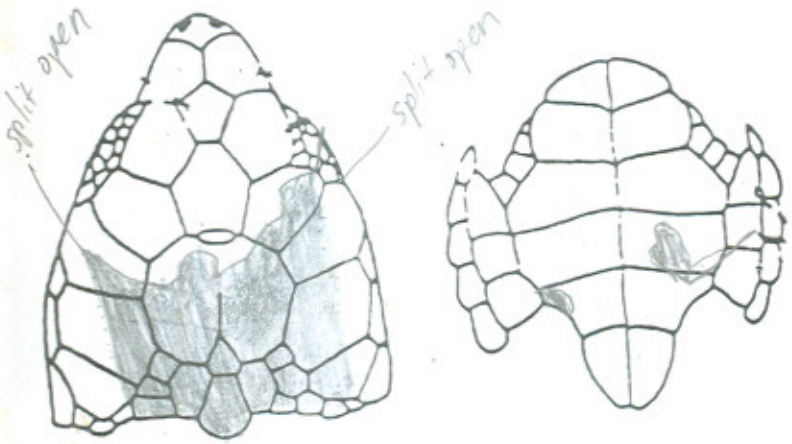
of turtle which are missing. Sketch cracks and lacerations.

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