

**ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM**  
 Dredge *WHEELER* - Freeport, TX  
 USACE, Galveston District - Maintenance Dredging

DAILY REPORT

Date: 07 / 11 / 96 Loads: 1-10 (141-150 CUMULATIVE)  
 Area(s) Worked: FREEPORT HARBOUR CHANNEL MARKERS "G7" TO "R6"; STATIONS -24+00 - -10+00  
 Weather Conditions: CLEAR TO PTLY CLOUDY SKIES; WINDS S/SE 5-16 KNOTS; SEAS 2-3'  
 Range of H<sub>2</sub>O Temperature: Surface 30°C Below Mid-Depth 28°C  
 Condition of all screening apparatus: FINE

Are there incidents involving endangered or protected species? Yes  No

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

LOAD # 6 CONTAINED A PIECE OF TURTLE CARAPACE EDGE WITH ATTACHED PLASTRON OF A  
LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE. SEE INCIDENT REPORT FOR FURTHER DETAILS. ALL DRAGHEADS AND  
DEFLECTORS WERE CHECKED AND ARE INTACT, FULLY FUNCTIONAL, AND IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.  
SEVERAL PASSES WERE MADE OVER DREDGE SITE FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT TO ENCOURAGE ANY TURTLES  
TO LEAVE PRIOR TO DIGGING LOAD # 7. THE INCIDENT REPORT WAS COMPLETED AND FAXED TO  
NMFS, TAMPA, FL. AND CORPS OFFICIALS IN GALVESTON, TX.

DREDGE MATERIAL HAS CONTINUED TO BE HARD PACKED SAND WITH VERY LITE CLAY.  
MOST OF THE LOADS HAVE BEEN CLEAN WITH OCCASIONAL GARBAGE SAMPLES INCLUDING  
WOOD, ROCK, ROPE, CABLE, NETTING, AND MISC. TRASH. BIOLOGICAL SPECIMENS HAVE INCLUDED  
BLUE CRABS AND A FLOUNDER. DREDGING TEMPORARILY CEASED AT 0943 FOR MISC. ENGINE REPAIRS.  
ALL ELSE IS WELL AND IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

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**Bridge Watch Summary**

Species	# of Sightings	# of Animals	Comments
<u>T. TRUNCATUS</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>IN AND ABOUT JETTY AND CHANNEL</u>

Observer(s) On Duty: BRETT JOHNSON, JOHN KNECHT