Dredge *WHEELER* - Freeport, TX
USACE, Galveston District - Maintenance Dredging

DAILY REPORT

SATURDAY

Date: 7 / 13 / 96 Loads: 1-14 (163-176 cumulative)

Area(s) Worked: Freeport Harbor Channel, from a little before "G7" to just beyond "R6"

Weather Conditions: mostly clear skies, S wind 10-20 knots seas ~3'

Range of H_2O Temperature: Surface 29-30°C Below Mid-Depth 27-28°C (hopper wa

Condition of all screening apparatus: FINE

Are there incidents involving endangered or protected species? Yes X No ____

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

stations 0+00 - 26+00
We took 1 Loggerhead (C. caretta) in load #9 on the day, sometime around 1400 Hrs. See Incident Report for more details.
We are digging some fine silty material, & some real muck, and clay. Clay loads are variable. sometimes each turtle box is packed, at least half full, of clay. Sometimes just one or two have enough clay to warrant flushing w/ the ships pumps. Sometimes there's just a little (clay).
In addition we find bits & pieces of wood & lumber, lots of misc trash - as were working between jetties now, some old whelk & oyster shell, & some rocks.
Biological take includes shrimp, blue crabs, cutlass fish, a small fish (?) & a 4' shark, besides the afore mentioned turtle.
Ctr Drayhead not in use.

Bridge Watch Summary

Species	# of Sightings	# of Animals	Comments
T.T.	8	~20	we see the same groups on each load. I wonder if some don't swim along w the dredge.

Observer(s) On Duty: Brett Johnson, John Knecht