ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM

Project: Port Aransas TX

INCIDENT REPORT OF SEA TURTLE TAKE BY DREDGING ACTIVITY

Date 6 / 19 / 99 Time(24hr) 1251

Species of Turtle Taken Caretta caretta (Loggerhead)

Dredging Site (channel, port, etc.) Port Aransas TX

Location of Take: Latitude 27° 49.608 N Longitude 97° 01.511 W

Vessel Name and Company B.E. Lindholm WEEKS Marine

Type of Dredging Activity Channel Maintenance

Load # [redacted] 193 Times: Start 1101 End 1158 Dump 1202

Sampling Method (overflow, inflow,etc.) inflow

Samples Recovered From AFT Lander

Condition of Screening very good

Draghead Deflector? Yes ✓ No

Condition of Deflector very good

Weather Conditions Hazy Winds E 8-14K Seas 2' Tide Ebbing

Water Temperature: Surface 28°C Column 28°C (C) or F (circle one)

Condition of Specimen(s) Sampled Smashed and broken body parts - NO HEAD - portions of plastron with Right rear flipper, and portions of carapace

Measurements--

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

Head Width NONE

Plastron Length 15"

Width half (to CENTER) WIDTH 8½"

Carapace S. L. Length UNABLE to determine

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Carapace O.C. Length "

O.C. Width

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

Comments Body size approximately matches head found in #176 (seventeen hours earlier, in same location). These body parts though, appeared very fresh: Some organs still intact; some blood still in vessels; a fresh appearance and no odor. No further parts found in next load.

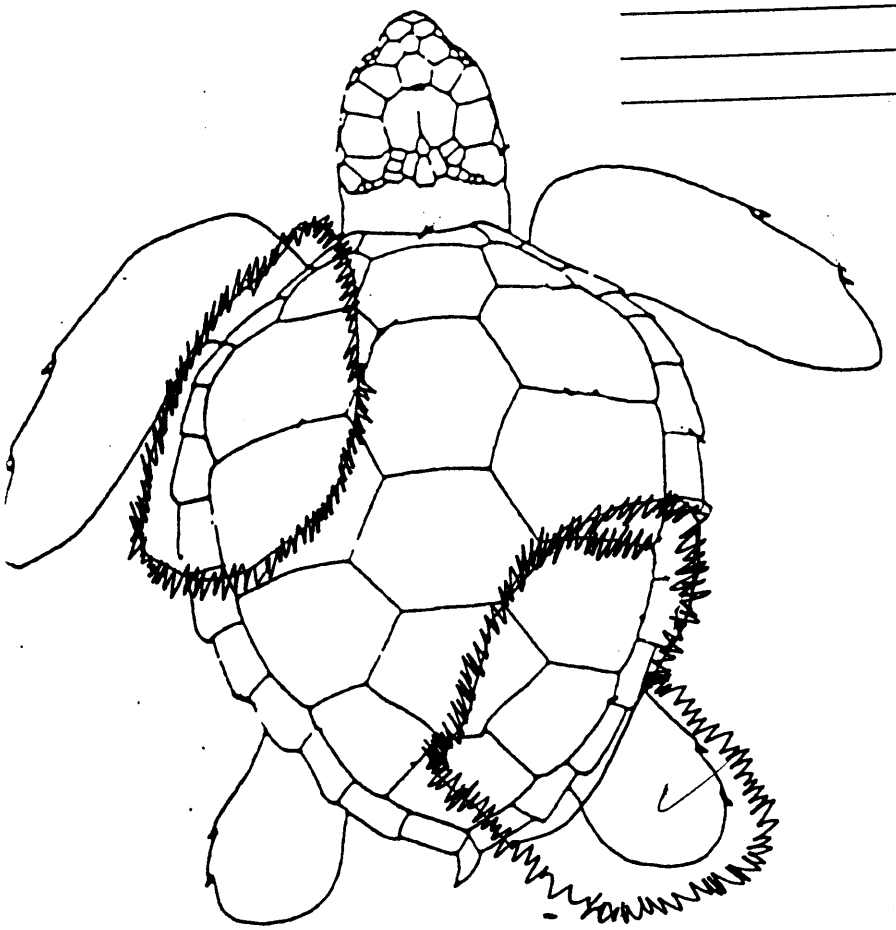
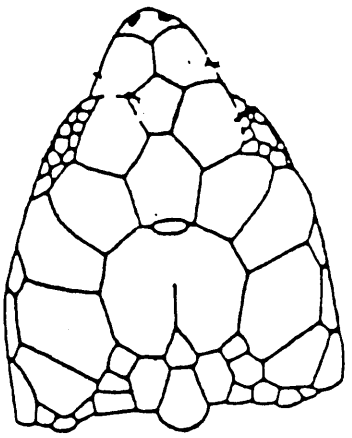
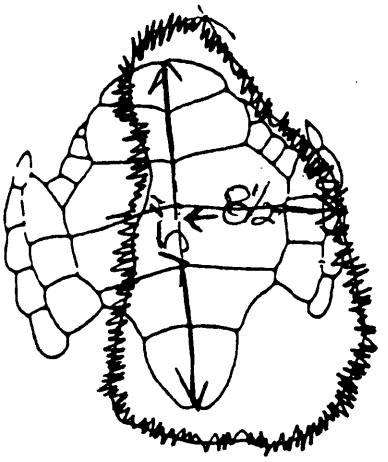
Observer's Name Andrew Brown / Rory Bahadur

Caretta caretta (loggerhead) Load # 193 PORT ARANSAS TX 6-14-99

Shade areas of turtle which are missing. Sketch cracks and lacerations.

Comments:

FORWARD left section of CARAPACE, And Right half of plastron found in AFT SCREEN. NO HEAD.

Plastron length 15". Half width to CENTER Line 8½".

UNable to MEASURE CARAPACE with An ACCURACY.