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## INCIDENT REPORT OF SEA TURTLE TAKE BY DREDGING ACTIVITY

Date 3/19/02 Time (24 hr) 0255-0536

Species of Turtle Taken Chelonia mydas

Dredging Site (channel, port, etc.) BRAZOS SANTIAGO PASS, BROWNSVILLE, TX

Location of Take: Latitude 26°03.98N Longitude 97°08.02W

Vessel Name and Company B.E. LINDHOLM WEEKS MARINE

Type of Dredging Activity DREDGING CHANNEL SECTION → DUMPING AT DISPOSAL SITE

Load # 49 Times: Start 0255 End 0536 Dump 0551

Sampling Method (overflow, inflow, etc.) INFLOW AND OVERBOARD SCREENING

Samples Recovered From STARBOARD DRAGHEAD

Condition of Screening GOOD; NO DAMAGE

Draghead Deflector? Yes X No ____

Condition of Deflector: GOOD; ABRASIVE SURFACES SHINY

Weather Conditions: CLOUDY, HAZY, 69°F, WIND 14KTS SE Tide FLOOD

Water Temperature: Surface 16° Column ____ °C or °F (circle one)

Condition of specimen(s) sampled MOST COSTAL SCUTES MISSING WITH MARGINAL SCUTES MOSTLY INTACT. FLESH REVEALS PINK MUSCLE TISSUE WHEN CUT WITH BLADE. NO ODOR OF DECAY

Measurements (metric if possible): SEE BELOW / SEE DIAGRAM

Give estimate of entire carapace dimensions, as well as fragments samples:

Head Width NA

Plastron Length NA Width ____

Carapace *S.L. Length 46.5 cm S.L. Width 38 cm (EST.)

Carapace **O.C. Length ____ O.C. Width ____

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

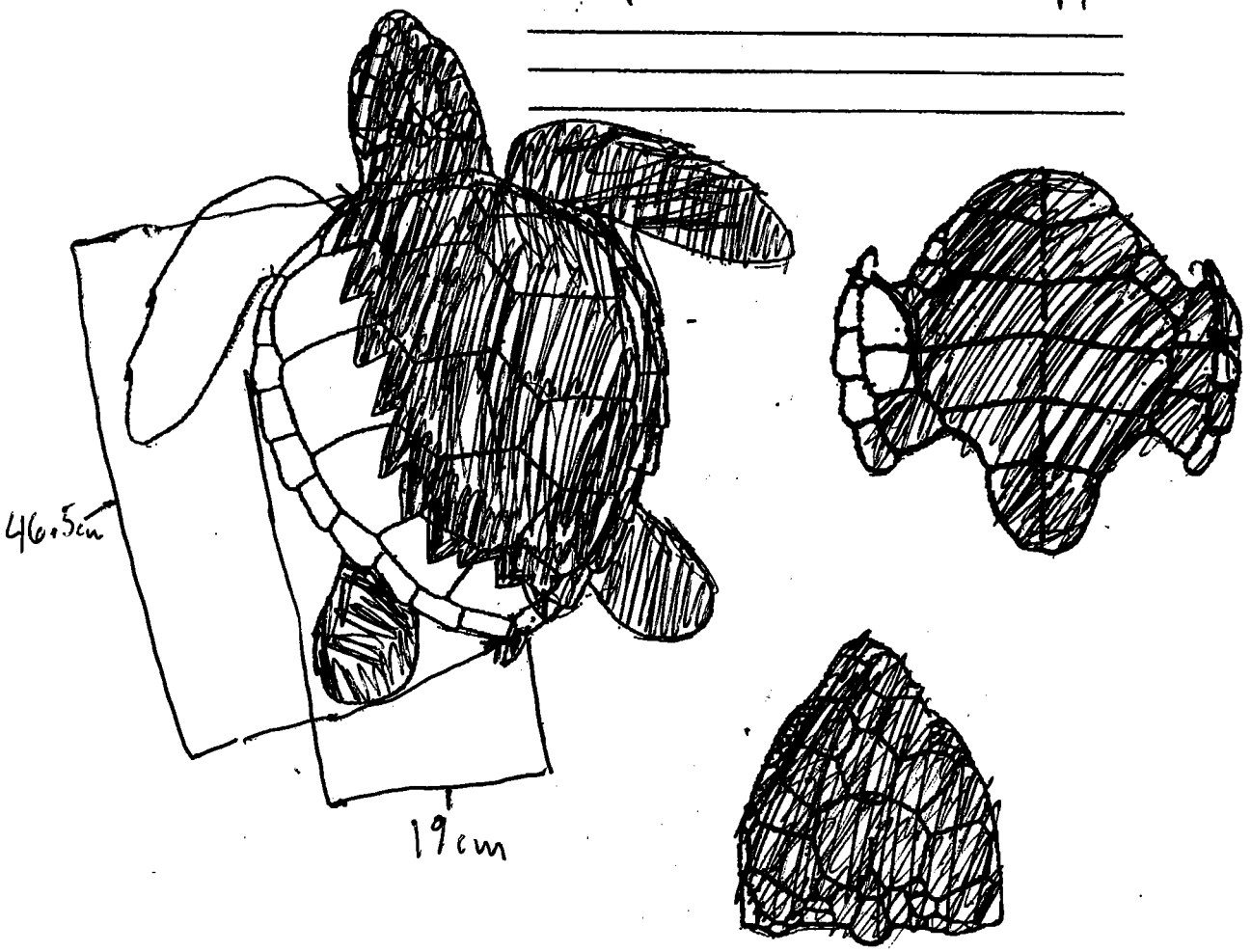
Comments: ____

Observer's Name GARY SUNDIN

* S.L. = straight line **O.C. = overall curved

Chelonia mydas

Blacken/shade parts which are missing.
Sketch any visible cracks and lacerations.

Photos TAKEN

Comments LEFT SIDE OF CARAPACE WITH LEFT FRONT FLIPPER AND MUSCLE TISSUE. SMALL PLASTRON FRAGMENT ATTACHED. FLIPPER LENGTH 25cm. OVERALL LENGTH 46.5cm. ESTIMATED WIDTH OF 1/2 CARAPACE 19cm. SCUTES WITH LIGHT BROWN AND DARK ASTRAL PATERNS. 4 COSTAL SCUTES. NO PORES. 1 CLAW ON FLIPPER.