

INCIDENT REPORT OF SEA TURTLE TAKE BY DREDGING ACTIVITY

Date 12 MAY 03 Time (24 hr) 2302
 Species of Turtle Taken Caretta caretta
 Dredging Site (channel, port, etc.) Aransas PASS, TX
 Location of Take: Latitude 27° 49.115 N Longitude 97° 00.581 W
 Vessel Name and Company A+Chalupa, B+B Dredging
 Type of Dredging Activity hopper dredging
 Load # 289 Times: Start 2125 End 2302 Dump _____
 Sampling Method (overflow, inflow, etc.) inflow, screening
 Samples Recovered From draghead
 Condition of Screening good
 Draghead Deflector? Yes No _____
 Condition of Deflector: good
 Weather Conditions: partly cloudy, hazy, wind ^{10+20 knots} Tide _____
 Water Temperature: Surface 81°F Column _____ °C or (circle one)
 Condition of specimen(s) sampled when turtle was brought up in draghead. Turtle was still alive and breathing. Flippers were intact. No visible tags. Carapace was cracked.
 Measurements (metric if possible): metric
 Give estimate of entire carapace dimensions, as well as fragments samples:
 Head Width 11 cm
 Plastron Length 52.5 cm Width 41
 Carapace *S.L. Length 59.0 cm S.L. Width _____
 Carapace **O.C. Length 62.0 cm O.C. Width _____
 Turtle Tagged? Yes _____ No Tag# _____ Date 1/1
 Comments: Carapace had 3 cracks. in ~~the~~ Plastron left side @ 3rd coastal scute hole ^{is present}. Right side of plastron ~~was~~ piece hanging off. Insides of turtle were sucked out. ~ 10 mins after removing turtle ~~and~~ from draghead it died.
 Observer's Name Erwin Smith

* S.L. = straight line

**O.C. = overall curved

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

Comments first crack on right
side of carapace was 12 cm in length
Middle crack was 23 cm in length
from middle ~~of~~ carapace to 3rd costal
sawte. 3rd crack was 12 cm
Crack from middle head to middle
of carapace 40 cm long.
4th scute was hanging from side.

