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Please see attached PSL Monthly Turtle Report for October 2023.

Thank, Vince

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## November 14, 2023

Ms. Meghan Koperski FWC Imperiled Species Mgmt. Tequesta Field Office 19100 SE Federal Highway Tequesta, Florida 33469

RE:

ST. LUCIE POWER PLANT

CONDITION IX.C.1, MARINE TURTLE AUTHORIZATION

Dear Ms. Koperski,

Enclosed please find the monthly summary of marine turtle removals for the St. Lucie Power Plant for the month of October 2023. These activities were performed under required by Site Certification Condition IX.C.1.

The enclosure includes:

- 1) Email to Meghan Koperski Regarding Marine Turtle Removal Monthly Summary
- 2) Capture Summary Table
- 3) Marine Turtle Removals
- 4) Capture Notes

If you should have any questions, please contact Anessia Michaels at (772) 349-7252.

Sincerely,

Vince Munné

Land Utilization Supervisor

St. Lucie Plant

Enclosure: Monthly Summary of Marine Turtle Removals

cc: FDEP Siting Office

Florida Power & Light Company

Mrs. Meghan Koperski Tequesta Field Laboratory 19100 SE Federal Highway Tequesta, FL 33469

Subject: Marine Turtle Removal Monthly Summary October 2023

Attached, please find the monthly summary of marine turtle removals for October 2023. This month we captured 20 Caretta caretta and 37 Chelonia mydas in the intake canal of the St. Lucie power plant on Hutchinson Island. One sea turtle was sent for rehabilitation (non-causal), and there were no mortalities recorded this month. As with all sea turtle strandings at the St. Lucie Plant, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) was consulted, and stranding forms were filed with the state through the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network.

One sea turtle was sent to rehab for non-causal injuries this month. On October 23rd, a sub-adult loggerhead was encountered with a 10 x 4 cm wound and a 5 cm wound with bone tissue exposed. This turtle was taken to the Loggerhead Marinelife Center in Juno Beach for rehab. Because these injuries were unrelated to the power plant, they were classified as non-causal strandings.

The primary 5-inch barrier net encountered negligible-to-light amounts of algae and negligibleto-severe amounts of jellyfish this past month. IRG performed around-the-clock monitoring of the intake canal and barrier net system either as warranted by sufficiently high debris intrusion levels or whenever directed by FPL oversight personnel. Furthermore, Underwater Engineering Services (UESI) divers inspected and cleaned the 5-inch barrier net as needed. Altogether, the primary barrier net has performed as designed and no turtles have been observed beyond the 5-inch net.

The tag numbers and morphometric data for all turtles captured during the month have been included with this report (see attachments/addendums). Also included is a spreadsheet for all captures, mortalities, injuries, and causal events delineated by species and by month for 2023. In addition, this spreadsheet tracks fresh scrapes incurred on captured turtles for the current month, as well as the entire year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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## MARINE TURTLE REMOVALS ST. LUCIE PLANT INTAKE CANAL

Date	Species	Note	Tag #'s	SMCL (cm)	SSCL (cm)	CSCL (cm)	CMCW (cm)	SMCW (cm)	SMPL (cm)	Weight (kg)	Method
10/1/2023	Chelonia mydas	1	FFT436/FFT437	60.0	60.0	64.0	58.2	49.1	53.9	33.2	North net
10/2/2023	Chelonia mydas		FFT439/FFT438	32.1	32.6	34.0	28.1	25.9	26.8	4.3	South net
10/2/2023	Chelonia mydas		IRG0239/IRG0240	26.5	26.9	27.7	23.7	21.9	23.4	2.4	Dip net
10/2/2023	Chelonia mydas		FFT440/FFT441	50.8	51.9	55.7	47.3	38.1	41.9	16.1	North net
10/3/2023	Chelonia mydas		FFT442/FFT443	61.5	62.0	66.2	52.6	43.9	49.6	30.7	South net
10/4/2023	Chelonia mydas	2	1	33.8	33.9	35.3	30.4	27.3	28.5	4.8	South net
10/5/2023	Chelonia mydas	3	FFS033/FFS034	49.6	49.8	53.0	48.1	38.5	41.6	16.8	South net
10/5/2023	Chelonia mydas	4	FFT440/FFT441	50.8	51.6	55.9	47.4	38.1	42.0	16.0	South net
10/5/2023	Chelonia mydas		FFT444/FFT445	29.7	30.1	31.2	26.8	24.3	24.3	3.1	South net
10/5/2023	Caretta caretta	5	FFT446/FFT447	77.0	77.5	84.8	76.9	60.9	60.0	67.2	North net
10/5/2023	Chelonia mydas		FFT448/FFT449	63.5	63.9	69.5	60.2	49.7	52.5	32.9	South net
10/6/2023	Chelonia mydas	6	FFT410/FFT411	47.3	47.6	49.7	42.7	36.2	40.4	14.7	Dip net
10/6/2023	Chelonia mydas		FFT450/FFT451	32.6	32.8	34.0	30.0	26.9	27.5	4.7	Dip net
10/6/2023	Chelonia mydas		FFT452/FFT453	30.6	31.0	32.4	26.5	23.9	26.0	3.7	Dip net
10/6/2023	Chelonia mydas		FFT454/FFT455	40.7	40.7	43.2	39.4	34.1	33.8	9.3	Dip net
10/6/2023	Chelonia mydas		IRG0241/IRG0242	28.5	29.4	30.5	27.1	24.0	23.8	2.9	Dip net
10/6/2023	Chelonia mydas		IRG0243/IRG0244	26.9	27.1	28.2	22.3	20.6	22.2	2.4	Dip net
10/7/2023	Chelonia mydas		FFT456/FFT457	42.0	42.5	44.3	36.7	31.3	34.3	8.8	South net
10/7/2023	Chelonia mydas		FFT458/FFT459	44.3	44.6	46.4	40.2	34.6	36.3	10.9	Dip net
10/7/2023	Chelonia mydas		FFT460/FFT461	56.7	57.2	60.6	55.5	45.2	46.7	24.1	South net
10/7/2023	Chelonia mydas		IRG0246/IRG0247	26.7	27.4	28.9	24.9	23.2	23.0	2.6	Dip net
10/8/2023	Caretta caretta	7	FFE439/FFE440	68.0	69.6	73.0	67.7	54.1	51.6	44.4	North net
10/11/2023	Chelonia mydas		FFT462/FFT463	73.4	74.2	78.4	74.1	59.5	60.4	58.3	South net
10/11/2023	Caretta caretta		FFT464/FFT465	63.5	64.8	68.2	65.5	51.5	49.9	35.9	North net
10/12/2023	Chelonia mydas	8	FFE635/FFE636	44.9	45.6	47.5	40.9	34.1	36.9	12.2	North net
10/12/2023	Chelonia mydas	9	FFT334/FFT335	40.6	40.7	43.3	36.7	31.0	33.0	9.3	North net

	10/13/2023	Chelonia mydas		FFT466/FFT468	50.1	50.7	53.0	45.2	38.1	39.9	16.3	South net
	10/13/2023	Chelonia mydas		IRG0249/IRG0250	28.0	28.6	30.0	26.9	23.2	22.8	2.3	Dip net
	10/14/2023	Caretta caretta	10	FFT282/	70.6	71.7	77.8	69.8	56.6	53.2	52.2	South net
	10/15/2023	Chelonia mydas	Marabath State Control of the Contro	/FFT470	32.1	32.3	34.2	29.6	26.1	26.5	4.4	Dip net
	10/16/2023	Chelonia mydas		FFT471/FFT472	46.8	46.9	49.2	44.4	37.8	39.1	13.4	South net
	10/16/2023	Caretta caretta	11	FFT473/FFT474	90.6	91.5	97.9	89.6	62.6	63.7	90.8	South net
	10/16/2023	Caretta caretta		FFT475/FFT476	77.8	79.5	86.5	78.6	64.2	59.1	72.1	South net
	10/17/2023	Caretta caretta		FFT477/FFT478	61.0	61.7	65.7	64.9	51.6	48.6	34.3	North net
	10/17/2023	Caretta caretta		FFT479/FFT480	58.4	59.9	62.1	60.6	48.7	47.5	33.3	South net
	10/17/2023	Caretta caretta		FFT481/FFT482	65.6	66.9	70.6	72.6	56.3	51.4	40.5	South net
	10/18/2023	Chelonia mydas	12	1	69.4	69.5	74.6	65.1	53.0	56.1	45.6	South net
	10/18/2023	Chelonia mydas	13	FFE635/FFE636	45.2	45.6	47.6	40.9	35.3	37.8	12.0	Dip net
	10/18/2023	Chelonia mydas	14	FFM082/FFM083	51.5	52.2	54.7	51.3	41.1	43.0	19.5	South net
	10/18/2023	Chelonia mydas	15	FFS145/	32.6	32.8	34.5	28.2	24.5	26.6	4.3	Dip net
- resource and resource and re-	10/18/2023	Chelonia mydas	urouma Australia (anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-	FFT483/FFT484	30.5	30.7	31.8	25.9	24.6	25.8	3.4	Dip net
	10/18/2023	Caretta caretta		FFT485/FFT486	72.2	73.8	79.5	74.0	57.9	57.1	64.7	South net
	10/19/2023	Caretta caretta	16	FFT288/FFT289	77.7	79.3	85.2	72.3	59.2	61.1	62.1	South net
	10/19/2023	Caretta caretta	17	FFT487/FFT488	83.4	86.2	92.1	80.7	64.1	65.5	88.3	South net
	10/19/2023	Caretta caretta		FFT489/FFT490	65.2	67.0	71.1	65.2	51.4	52.4	41.1	South net
	10/20/2023	Caretta caretta		FFT491/FFT492	71.3	71.6	77.5	71.1	56.6	56.6	47.2	South net
	10/21/2023	Chelonia mydas		IRG0251/IRG0252	28.9	29.6	30.6	25.1	22.8	23.8	2.8	Dip net
	10/21/2023	Caretta caretta		FFT493/FFT494	67.6	68.7	72.5	70.5	56.5	53.1	40.6	South net
	10/23/2023	Caretta caretta	18	I	73.5	74.9	80.3	73.6	61.2	55.5	52.0	North net
	10/23/2023	Chelonia mydas	19	FFE530/FFT495	69.9	70.3	75.8	68.6	54.6	54.7	45.1	North net
	10/25/2023	Caretta caretta		FFT496/FFT497	65.7	66.4	71.1	68.1	54.3	52.7	43.0	South net
	10/26/2023	Chelonia mydas	20	FFT440/FFT441	50.9	51.7	55.0	47.1	38.0	42.2	15.9	South net
	10/26/2023	Caretta caretta		FFT498/FFT499	68.7	70.6	74.6	71.2	56.8	54.2	49.1	South net
	10/28/2023	Chelonia mydas	21	/FFM431	54.1	54.1	57.6	52.7	41.9	44.5	20.8	South net
	10/29/2023	Caretta caretta	22	1	82.4	83.2	89.0	79.1	63.7	64.3	86.2	South net
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10/29/2	023	Caretta caretta	23	FFE439/FFE440	67.9	69.8	72.6	67.4	54.9	51.9	42.2	South net
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## **NOTES**

- 1. PAPILLOMAS (Balazs Tumor Score = 1 {light}, Total Tumor Score = 2). Healed notches on posterior carapace and distal RFF. Extra vertebral scute.
- 2. RECAPTURE, from: 1/31/22. Missing 20% LRF, healed. Extra vertebral and right costal scute. No new inconel tags applied due to tag scars.
- 3. RECAPTURE, from: 11/22/19, 5/6/23, 5/17/23.
- 4. RECAPTURE, from: 10/2/23. Kyphotic carapace. Missing 30% of LRF, healed. Healed notch on distal LFF.
- 5. RECAPTURE, from: 4/20/23, 8/18/13. New inconel tags applied to both FFs.
- 6. RECAPTURE, from 10/7/17, 9/30/22, 9/23/23. Large indentation in right anterior carapace from previous healed injury. Vomited jellyfish.
- 7. RECAPTURE, from: 10/19/21, 5/3/22, 10/22/22, 11/12/22, 1/15/23, 2/21/23, 4/1/23, 4/27/23, 7/8/23, 9/7/23. PAPILLOMAS (Balazs Tumor Score = 1 {light}, Total Tumor Score = 5). LRF 10% missing, healed.
- 8. RECAPTURE, from 5/20/22, 11/13/22, 11/16/22. PAPILLOMAS (Balazs Tumor Score = 1 {light}, Total Tumor Score = 6). Paps at flipper tag sites. Pap on ventral base of RFF, bulbous and at injury site, healed.
- 9. RECAPTURE, from 6/16/22, 8/4/22, 8/31/23. Tags were both re-crimped.
- 10. RECAPTURE, from 8/11/23.
- Adult male loggerhead. TL= 439 mm. Healed notch missing from LFF. Multiple healed propeller strikes on carapace.
   RECAPTURE, from 10/29/08, 1/17/14, 5/7/14, 1/27/15, 3/1/15, 12/23/15, 1/30/16, 6/2/16, 1/5/17, 6/1/17, 9/27/17,
- 12. 1/2/18, 7/3/18, 8/28/18, 4/18/19, 10/4/19, 11/30/20, 1/23/21, 12/12/22, 5/6/23, 5/15/23. Missing 10% RRF, healed. No new inconel tags due to multiple tag scars.
- 13. RECAPTURE, from 5/20/22, 11/13/22, 11/16/22, 10/12/23. PAPILLOMAS (Balazs Tumor Score = 1 {light}, Total Tumor Score = 5). Bulbous end at old injury site, healed.
- 14. RECAPTURE, from 12/13/20, 12/2/22, 2/7/23. Turtle missing 5% LFF.
- 15. RECAPTURE, from 5/17/23,
- 16. RECAPTURE, from 10/9/11, 1/8/12, 2/5/12, 5/24/12, 7/5/12, 4/3/13, 4/20/13, 8/31/13, 10/5/20, 8/12/23. Multiple tag scars in both front flippers.
- 17. Adult female loggerhead. TL= 175 mm. Flipper damage missing (healing) 50% LFF, missing (healing) 40% RFF. Healing wounds on ventral side of LFF and LRF. Healing wound on dorsal side of RFF. Old shark rakings on plastron.
- REHAB (NON-CAUSAL): STSSN#. Turtle transported to LMC for 10 x 4 cm healing wound and 5 cm with bone exposed and 5 cm open wound to plastron. No tags inserted due to transport to rehab. Healed notch in RFF. 25% RRF and 5% LRF missing, healed. CMCL: 79.3 cm OB.
- 19. RECAPTURE, from 2/15/15, 1/28/22. PAPILLOMAS (Balazs Tumor Score = 1 {light}, Total Tumor Score = 1). FFT495 newly applied to RFF.
- 20. RECAPTURE, from: 10/2/23, 10/5/23. Kyphotic carapace. Missing 30% of LRF, healed.
  - RECAPTURE, from 7/19/18, 12/10/18, 3/31/19, 12/9/19, 1/7/20, 2/15/20, 5/5/20, 8/11/20, 10/25/20, 1/13/21,
- 21. 4/22/21, 1/5/22, 3/17/22, 10/6/22, 12/22/22, 4/8/23, 6/2/23, 6/9/23. 5% missing healed LFF. 15% missing healed LRF, 30% missing healed RRF. Small healed notches on left pygal. No new metal tag applied to LFF due to extensive tag scarring.
- 22. RECAPTURE, from 8/4/02, 9/17/02, 11/5/02, 4/15/03, 7/1/03, 2/16/04, 4/11/05, 6/19/06, 9/16/06, 8/15/07, 8/7/08, 7/28/09, 11/9/09, 12/3/12, 12/2/13, 2/13/14. No new Inconel tags inserted due to tag scars.
- 23. RECAPTURE, from: 10/19/21, 5/3/22, 10/22/22, 11/12/22, 1/15/23, 2/21/23, 4/1/23, 4/27/23, 7/8/23, 9/7/23, 10/8/23. PAPILLOMAS (Balazs Tumor Score = 1 {light}, Total Tumor Score = 6). Healed wound on LRF.

SMCL = Straight Minimum Carapace Length

SMCL = Straight Standard Carapace Length

CSCL = Curved Standard Carapace Length

CMCW = Curved Maximum Carapace Width

SMCW = Straight Maximum Carapace Width

SMPL = Straight Midline Plastron Length

mod/sev scrapes	Percent with	Severe	Moderate	Minor	None	Fresh Scrapes	Sent to rehab	Causal Injuries	Non-Causal Mortalities	Causal Mortalities	Captures		
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5.2%		0	21	358	26	Year to Date	7	H	0	0	405	Year to Date	Green turtles (Chelonia mydas)
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0.0%		0	0	0	1	Year to Date	0	0	0	0		Year to Date	Hawksbills (Eretmochelys imbricata)
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0.0%		0	0	2	0	Year to Date	0	0	0	0	2	Year to Date	Leatherbacks (Dermochelys coriacea)
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