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ing his brother Steve Kapela in 3rd. Longtime Ehukai Beach Park Lifeguard Pete Johnson got 4th. Aloha Surf-Lifesaving Water Patrol Captain Kenny Rust got 5th. Notorious Pipeline board surfer Dave Wassel got 6th. Thanks went to Glenn Moncato and Quiksilver, Auntie Faith for Tabulations, Jack Shipley for being Head Judge, the Lion of Judah for Announcing, and Lifeguard Rick Williams for pulling it all together!

Silikine Videos has moved to the old "Hawaii 5-0" space across from "Ace Hardware" in the Haleiwa Shopping Plaza. Chun's Store is back to their own videos as "The Movie Source" and still the coldest beer on the Shore. Kainoa's Bar keeps cranking up more and more musical entertainment all the time. North Shore UnderGround has some of the finest women in the country visiting daily. It's the place to meet the hottest chicks! Fox, Gravis, Electric Sunglasses and plenty Bob Marley stuff. Plus Kalani Robb's Closet is there. A store within a store. The Robbs are a surf family that works together! Their girls clothes are hot and sought after by plenty wahines all the time. Check it out! Aloha...Ace Cool!

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Howzit North Shore! Big swells dwindle into smaller swells on the North Shore as summertime approaches O'ahu like a turtle crawling up the beach to bask in the sun at the "honu lagoon" at Laniakea. Slow but steady. Soon the South Shore will begin to have some little swells here and there. The East Side and Sandy Beach and Makapuu will have trade wind swells coming and going all summer. Soon the tourists and vacationers will bust loose all over Paradise. For now, the turtles are catching all the one foot waves at Lani's Lagoon and getting spoiled by all the attention and "too many snacks" from all their "paparazzi"!

Speaking of those turtles basking in the summer sun... If you go down to the now massively popular "turtle beach" at the east end of Laniakea Beach this spring or summer, know the rules that have been set up by the DLNR to protect the Sea Turtles. Don't touch the turtles physically, and try not to let them bump or nip you in the water. Although the law would prefer that people don't try to feed them at all and let nature take care of itself, you may feed them a LITTLE of the green fresh limu only, and only in the water without touching them. But the rules DO insist... please don't touch them. There are hefty fines for doing so, and the cameras are always on. Let other locals know and inform the tourists. They have a disease they can and are passing to each other, and we humans can also transmit it from one turtle to another. It is slowly infecting all green sea turtles. The research scientists are working on a cure, but for now there is a heavy fine for touching these turtles. This

condition they have could seriously damage the world green sea turtle population! So let's help them out. Please...no touching. Let people know! There have also been some recent cases of humans getting "rashes" from the turtles. So best beware, there is danger there! Luckily, the researchers are on the way to getting to the bottom of this problem, but like cancer...there is no known cure yet!

By now, the best female surfers in the world have finished up the competition at the "Roxy Pro Fiji." The majestic Tavarua and Namotu Islands have world reknowned reef breaks. The event was slated for April 17-22. "Acclaimed as much for the quintessential surf experience it embodies as for its role as one of the nine events that will decide this year's World Champion, the Roxy Pro in Fiji is a favorite for many on tour." (ASP quote) "It's the isolation of Fiji that makes it so special. It's relaxing and fun and there just happens to be a contest happening at the same time," explains former six-time world champion Layne Beachley. "It's sort of like real-life Survivor, only one of us goes home a winner... but they get the bar tab." (ASP quote) "The Roxy Pro in Fiji also ups the ante financially with its \$75,800 prize money- the biggest prize purse on this year's women's professional tour." (ASP quote)

The "2005 Quiksilver Ke Kahanalu Hanana O Ehukai" body-surfing event at Pipeline was held on Wednesday, March 30 on a 4-6 foot plus decent, hollow and contestable NorthWest swell. When the "ehukai" sea spray cleared... it was Mike Stewart in 1st. Kai Santos got 2nd narrowly out-

Please don't harass the animals

Having been raised in Kailua to respect the ocean and all its amazing creatures, I was truly disappointed to see what I did at a small cove called "Turtle Beach" on the North Shore. Here is a magnificent place where the threatened honu has a wonderful source of food (limu), clean water and a comfortable beach. Unfortunately, the turtles' rich amenities are being endangered by the world's most disrespectful citizens: tourists. While there with friends, I was astonished by the obsessive need for some people to sit with, touch, photograph and bother the passive turtles and their nesting area. Case in point: One guy was in the water with mask and snorkel aggressively trying to get a photo of a turtle underwater, and as he tried to swim to get the shot, he hit another man standing in the water who fell onto the turtle! No one needs to get that close to any wild animal. The rubbish, human contact and harassment are not good for these animals. If we are not careful, we won't have any left to even look at.

If the Division of Aquatic Resources or other government office will not provide the turtles with a peaceful existence, I am urging the community and private industry to take action to help the turtles regain some serenity on that small, beautiful beach. All that needs to be done is to rope off the area so that people cannot get so close to the turtles, periodically monitor the site and educate the public with better signs. It is our obligation as the thinkers on this planet to protect that which needs to be protected.

*Peter Holzman
Leucadia, Calif.*

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Subject: Science in NOAA Fisheries
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In follow-up to my email of June 30th and response to several newspaper articles regarding the PEER Survey, attention continues to be focused on science in the agency and how reports, etc. have been changed to meet political needs. I feel I must point out some additional information.

These accusations sincerely bother me. In fact, I consider this to be an attack on me as a manager. As Head of NOAA Fisheries Service, I have never been asked to change a decision I have made. We have had discussions up the chain of command on issues, but I have always been told to follow the science.

I encourage each of you to talk to your supervisor, if you think decisions have been made that are not based on review of the data and the overall goals and objectives of the agency. We all must remember that many factors go into the complex decisionmaking we are involved with on a daily basis. All of our decisions must be based on the best scientific information available and must ultimately meet our Congressional mandates to rebuild and sustainably manage our living marine resources for the long-term utilization and enjoyment by all United States citizens.

If you feel you need to discuss this issue with me, please contact me by email or call me on 301/713-2239. This is a serious and important issue to me. We have a great agency that performs important duties for the United States and I am very proud of our record. I will not stand by and see it destroyed.

Thank you for your dedicated efforts. I want you to know that all of your work is extremely important to me and NOAA.

Bill Hogarth, Ph.D.
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries

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THURSDAY | May 12, 2005

HELP NEEDED

Tourists are bothering turtles on North Shore

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Please kōkua!

PETER HOLZMAN | Leucadia, Calif.

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Mr. Balazs,

Thank you for sending us the packet of research and information on sea turtles! My husband is currently away at school but I sent him the packet and he loves it! We'll take a picture of his turtle tattoos when he comes back.

Thanks again - I enjoyed our conversation that day!

-Sara Eighmey

Subject : Re: Illegally parked tour buses, vans and limos on Oahu's NorthShore

I spoke with a Maj. Thomas of HPD's Wahiawa Station who said police will cite for parking violations on PUBLIC property along Kamehameha Highway, basically from the bus stop onward. He said to call police at 911 if you see vehicles parked in the no parking areas along Kamehameha Highway.

The problem, he said, is that Pohakuloa Way is private property -- there are "no parking" signs there, but they are not city signs. It's up to the owner to take action if the vehicles are parked on his property.

He said his officers do check that area and that's the reason the tour vehicles are not usually cited.

June Watanabe
Kokua Line
on 6/26/05 1:16 PM

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Photos by WILLIAM ING/Tribune-Herald

At a protected cove between Punaluu and Ninole, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Natural Resource Program Manager Larry Katahira hands a Honu'ea, or Hawksbill hatchling, to one of the eager keiki waiting to carry baby turtles to the nearby ocean on Wednesday. **Top photo:** Katahira holds two Hawksbill hatchlings unearthed moments before from a shallow nest near Punaluu Wednesday afternoon.

Taking a swim

Baby hawksbill turtles
head for the ocean waves



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Hawksbill (Tort)



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"Heavenly Honu"
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LI AT HOME
AT HONU LANI

August 17, 2005

North Shore News

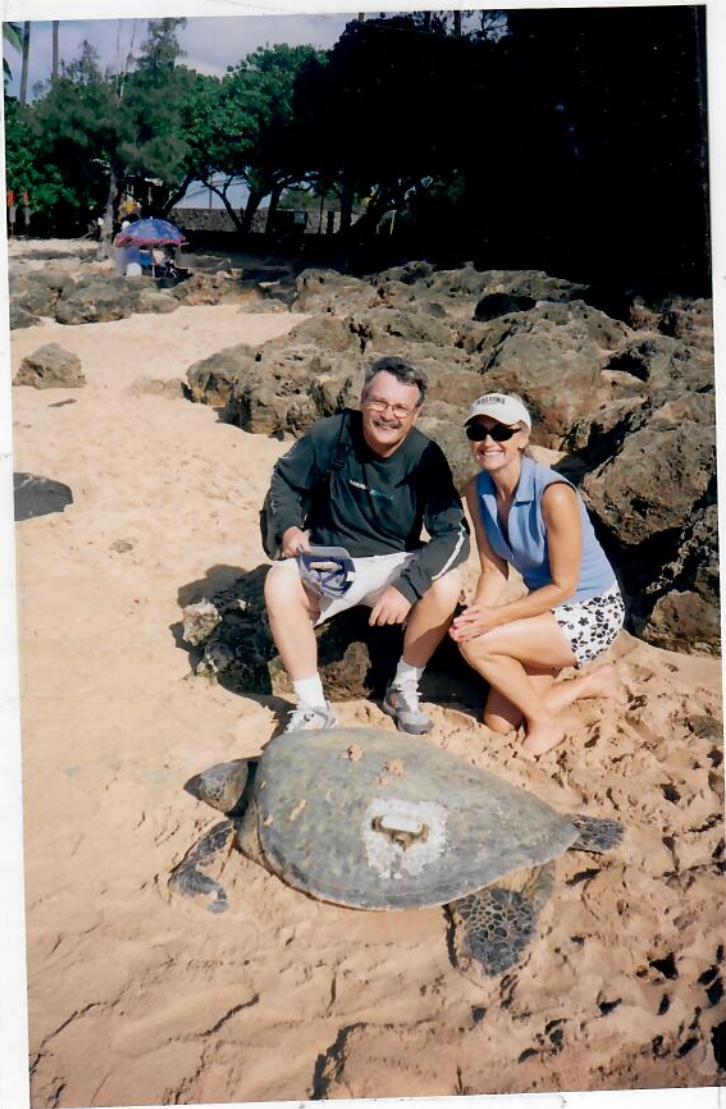
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CLASSIFIED ADS

Show North Shore Turtles
Some Aloha
Please Do Not Feed, Handle,
Crowd or Tease
Sea Turtles in Trouble?
Stranded Ashore Sick or Injured?
Report cases to NOAA/NMFS
983-5730
Authorized Federal Agency
See <http://www.turtles.org/nmfs>
or Request Literature 983-5730

*"The most terrifying words in the English
language are: I'm from the government and
I'm here to help."*

—Ronald Reagan



LENGTH

- 1 meter (m) = 100
- 1 millimeter (mm)
- 1 centimeter (cm)
- 1 decimeter (dm)
- 1 decameter (dkm)
- 1 hectometer (hm)
- 1 kilometer (km)

- (g) = 100 cg = 1,000 mg
- gram (mg) = .001 g
- gram (cg) = .01 g
- gram (dg) = .1 g
- gram (dkg) = 10 g
- gram (hg) = 100 g
- gram (kg) = 1,000 g

• There are eight parts of speech:

1. **NOUN**- the
2. **VERB**- an
3. **ADJECTIVE**-
4. **ADVERB**-

• Some verbs need

INCORRECT

- I be / You be
- I ain't / You ain't
- I got to
- I seen
- I done

CORRECT

- I am / You are
- I am not / You are not
- I have to
- I have seen / I saw
- I have done / I did

Lay or Lie?

To "lay" is to place an object. To "lie" is to recline.

Affect or Effect?

To "affect" is to influence. To "effect" is to cause.

• Punctuation

A **comma** is used to indicate a pause within a sentence, and to group words that belong together.

A **colon** is used prior to a list or long quotation.

A **semicolon** indicates a greater pause than that which is indicated by a comma; and is often used between groups of words separated by commas.

An **apostrophe** is used to indicate the possessive case of nouns as in *Jenny's pen*; to form a contraction as in *I've* or *they've*; and to form the plural of a letter or number as in the three *R's*, *7's* and *11's*.

An **hyphen** divides words in syllables such as compound words like *twenty-five*.

A **quotation mark** indicates the exact words someone spoke. Use with titles of songs, short stories, chapter titles, short plays, television programs, magazine articles and poems.

Underlining is used with the titles of books, movies, newspapers, magazines, long plays and poems.

Julie L. Mansur
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Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712

April 12, 2005

Dear Marine Turtle Research Program:

I am responding to your request for views on the turtle "encounter" at Laniakea Beach. I have been a North Shore resident for 25 years. My favorite surfing beach is Laniakea. These are my suggestions:

1. Leave the turtle "encounter" as it is. I think it is terrific!
2. Decommission the BUS stops on either side of the hwy. There are stops less than 1 mile in either direction.
3. Post PED-XING signs approaching Lani's in both directions.
4. "Fast track" the development of the beach park at Lani's.

Sincerely,

Julie Mansur

59-402 Kawowo Rd 638-9176

L2: Picture Book

1st version

Show view of Hudson (from above) Closing in on river
Dedication page Earth
(6) East side of Oaken

Cody's suggestions circled - Elizabeth

First view

View from to - below

Second view from going to

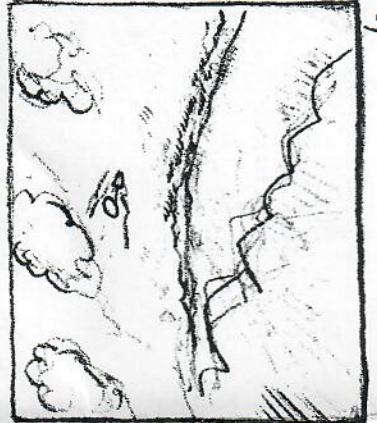


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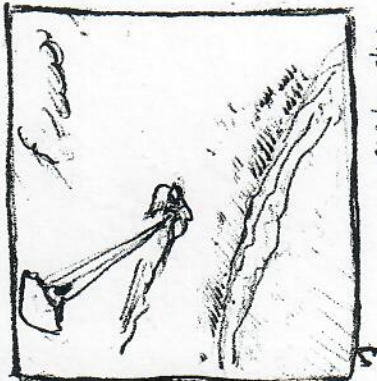


Show more oaks

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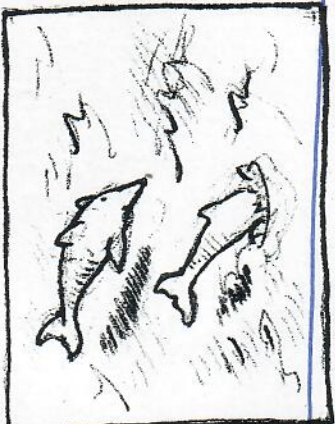
Maybe show pushing boat?



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Jellyfish?

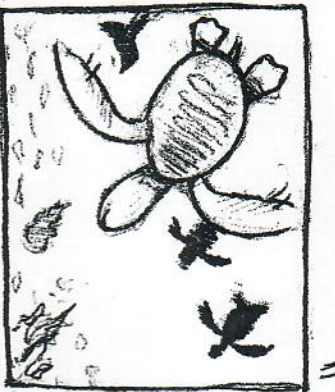
adult green sea turtles (like L2) are more likely at the surface breathing, swimming, etc.



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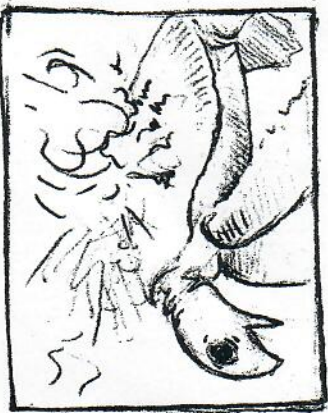
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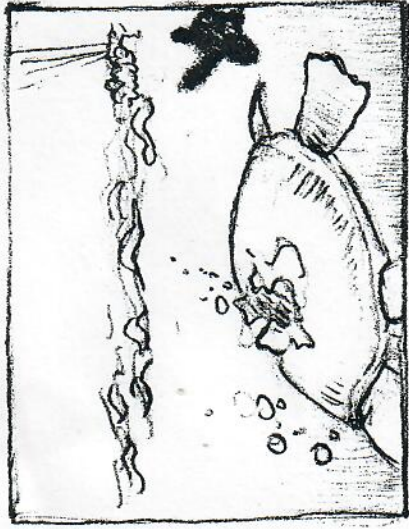
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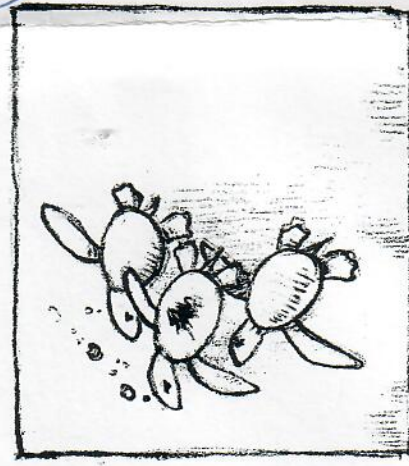
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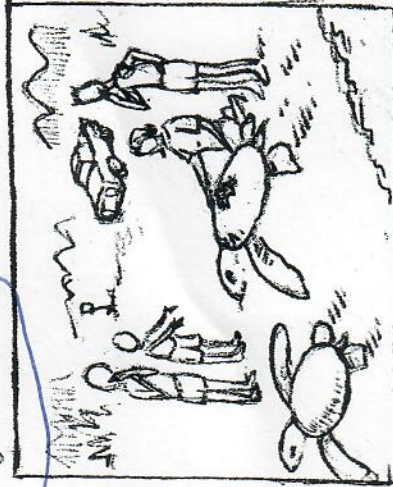
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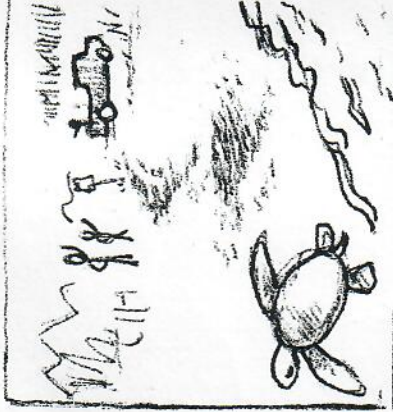
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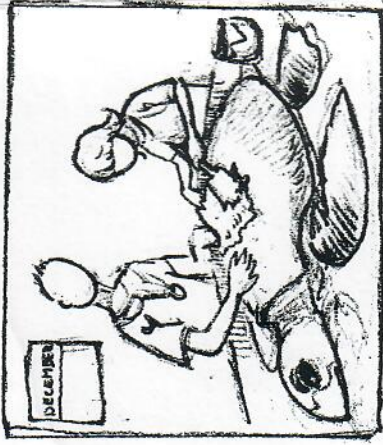
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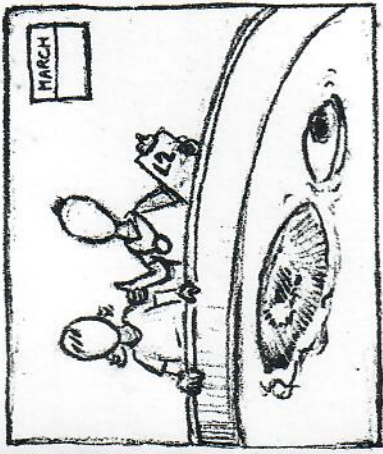
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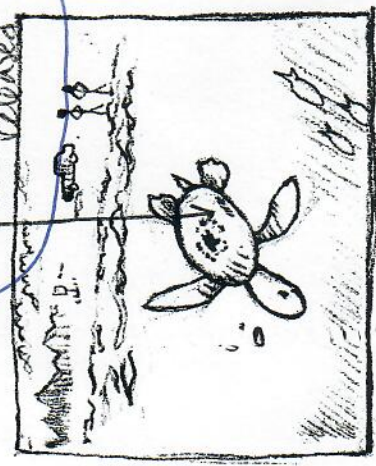
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 23 - 82 - Being released on beach
 24 - 82 - swimming w/ other turtles in beach
 25 - 82 - Map showing journey
 26 - 82 - going on beach in two from

21 in THINK - Dr's looking pleased

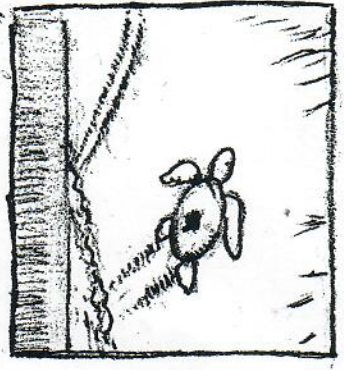


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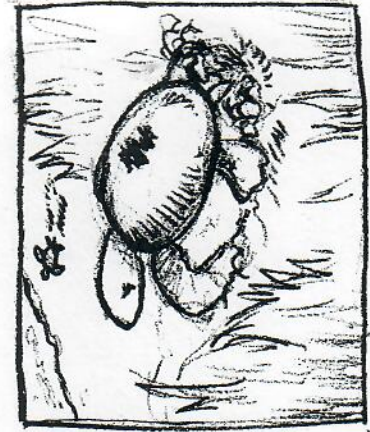
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Turtles mating:
 you can depict an underwater "kiss" if you feel its more appropriate for young audiences instead of the biologically accurate act (male on the back of female;) 24



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29 Learning - view of feeding c
 going into water
 30 Split the upper half
 31 STAFF A "sign" a (HERE GRACE)
 32 Sign on



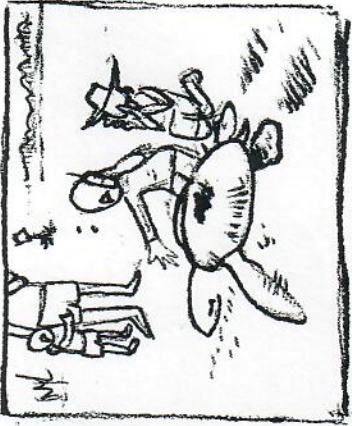
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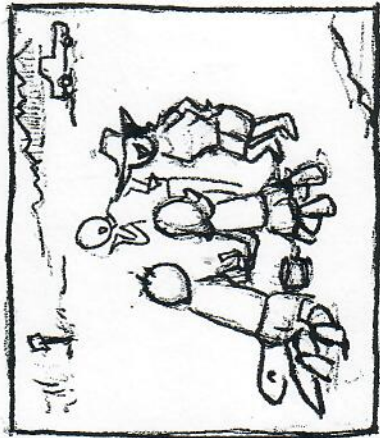


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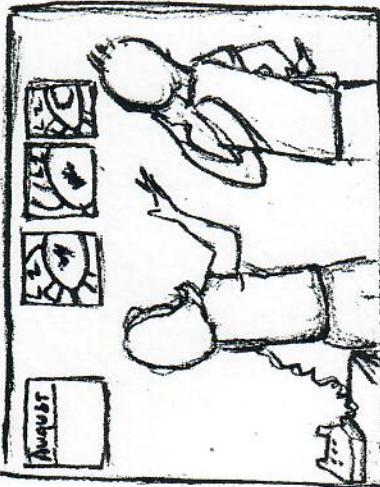
This is a ^{small} sign
temporarily ^{to} well -
I'm ^{fine} now.



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Date: Mon, 4 Jul 2005 23:42:33 -1000 (HST)
From: George H. Balazs <gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu>
To: Joanne Pettigrew <Jokaloke@aol.com>
Subject: Questions for Laniakea visitors (fwd)

Jo, here's what I was able to find stored in my eamil but I know have more written in my notebook, or, maybe shared those with you already?

Where do they lay their eggs?

What do they eat?

Can they eat when out of the water basking on the beach?

Can touching them give them a disease?

Can touching one turtle, and then another turtle, transfer disease between turtles?

Will sun screen or other lotion on your hands harm the turtles if you happen to touch them?

If they decided to do so, can they bite and hurt you?

Can the turtles give you a disease if they touch you or if you happen to touch them?

How old are they?

Why do they come ashore on this beach?

Lift their head when basking

Love them but don't ~~love~~ ^{you are not allowed to} ~~love~~ ^{smother them} ~~to death~~ w/love
them

SAND on back w/basking
SAND flipping

susan

TO: GEORGE BALAES

ALOHA & MAHALO: JEANNIE
MARTINSON

MEMO FOR PRACTICUM

638-7348

2. FAMILIARIZE WITH FUNCTIONS:

- a.) THE AGENCIES INVOLVED WITH RESOURCE AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT SUCH AS NOAA, MARINE TURTLE RESEARCH PROGRAM, DNR, DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES, PACIFIC ISLANDS FISHERIES SCIENCE CTR, THEIR JURISDICTIONS, RESEARCH METHODS, DUTIES AND SALARIES.
- b.) RESOURCE AND WILDLIFE LEGISLATION
- c.) THE HAWAIIAN GREEN SEA TURTLES - HONU - THAT BASK AT LANIAKEA BEACH ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU.

3. OBJECTIVES

- a.) LEARN AND PARTICIPATE IN CURRENT RESEARCH AND FIELDWORK TECHNIQUES WITH HAWAIIAN GREEN SEA TURTLES
- b.) RECOGNIZE SEA TURTLE PHYSICAL AND BEHAVIORAL CHARACTERISTICS
- c.) OBSERVE, RECORD AND ANALYZE THE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE TURTLES AND THE TOURISTS, LOCAL BEACH USERS AND RESIDENTS.
- d.) LEARN TO COMMUNICATE AND SHARE PROPER SEA TURTLE VIEWING BEHAVIOR, VERBAL AND WRITTEN WITH THE PUBLIC.

4. TASKS

- a.) IDENTIFY AND RECORD BASKING GREEN SEA TURTLES.
- b.) PROTECT THE TURTLES FROM ANY HARASSMENT, ASSIST WITH CROWD CONTROL AND TEACHING TURTLE WATCHING ETIQUETTE, - HONU ALOHA! -
- c.) ASSIST WITH TURTLE EMERGENCIES AND RESEARCH
- d.) ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY TURTLE-TRAFFIC RELATED MEETINGS.

Record
 - Observations of human-turtle and their interactions
 pattern of age gender ethnicity
 DAY TIMES
 of beach

by the public Counting of people and turtles at standardized techniques and intervals

- Education of outreach activities for respectful viewing of sea turtles at Lanikai on Oahu's north
- Basic sea turtle monitoring, censusing and related research at Lanikai

TO develop skills and knowledge
 TO assist the monitor
 TO provide assistance
 TO provide a type of a volunteer outreach group

Methodical
 TO become proficient in counting and basic sea turtle monitoring and related research at Lanikai

10 week

12 week 3 months

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6/25/05 - Laniakea

B. McBride ①

- 11:00am - arrive, restock literature
 - as restocking 2 ~12 yr. old boys ask me for literature to read so they can tell people to stop touching the turtles (I'm wearing NOAA MTR shirt)
- 11:25 - L2 hauls out in mid beach just above waterline
 - Japanese tour bus arrives w/ ~25 people. Take pics & leave after 5-10 min
 - Many people come over to see L2: take pics but only a handful actually touch L2 - she shows no reaction. One young woman lays down next to L2 for several moments to take pic & to check her out.
- 12:15 - 60 people on beach, 24 in water waist deep, 1 snorkeler. 2 turtles in water. People wading into water specifically to check out turtles: take pics. Turtles occasionally swim out & wave feet then return to group of people. 2 people actively feeding litter

6/25/05 - Laniakea

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- 12:42 - confirm L15 is one of the turtles hanging out in the water being fed limu. Another, smaller turtle I do not know in water w/ L15.
- 1:00pm - L2 returns to water. (While hauled out I moved the sandwich board near her. A dozen people asked me about her, I pointed out the story & some people didn't put the 2 together)
- myself & 2 others standing 5' from L2 when she decides to leave. ~5 people came over to watch & take pics as she crawls away.
- 1:25pm - 80 people on beach, 30 people in water: 1 dog (20 of those people looking at turtles: taking photos.
- confirm L15: "scallop" & the turtles in the water by people
- Polynesian Adventure tour bus stopped, but no one got out. Possibly b/c no baskets.
- Postock lit. A young woman tells me we need more signs b/c people do not know not to touch the turtles.

6/25/05 - Laniakea

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I explain the law: how many of our signs were destroyed but we also don't want too many for aesthetic reasons.

- 1:47pm - Subadult begins to haul out, turns around @ 1:50 & swim away. #2 on neck. #2 on each eye (left larger), #2 R/H
↳ later confirmed to be L8.

- 22 people came over to watch the turtle

- 2:05pm - 58 people on beach, 15 in water

~~1:55pm~~ - L6 hauls out in mid beach, just above water line, almost same place as L2 earlier. 40 people gather to watch, 32 others on beach, 15 in water

- 2:55pm
(snorkelers)
- 2 women ask me if we can get diseases from the turtles?

- 3:15pm - ENOA tour bus stops, 10 people get off, quickly take a pic of turtle & leave w/in 5min.

- woman tells me people are feeding the turtles. I explain the law... etc.

- a man yells 3 times w/in 10min to people in the water "Don't touch the turtles". He leaves (snorkel?) comes back for a bit and leaves w/out yelling again

6/26/05 - Lanikai

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- 3:50pm - Island Scenery tour bus stops. To get off to look @ L6; leave 10 min later
- 4:00pm - 42 people on beach, 12 in water, be taking pills of L6
 - do not see L15 or scallop in the water any more.
- 4:15pm - L6 returns to water
- 4:30pm - Oahu Nature Tours bus stopped, 18 people get off, leave w/in 10 min.
- 4:45pm - Restock literature. Depart Honolulu

Most Commonly Asked Questions -

- How old is this turtle? - How long do they live? - Is basking normal? - What are they doing on the beach? - What do they eat? - Where do they sleep? - What eats them? * Can I touch it? * (I do not encourage or discourage, the law states...)
- Is there someone (a person like me) out here everyday?

Overall Thoughts -

- I thought more people would approach me with biology questions and LE questions since I was wearing the NOAA shirt, but that wasn't the case. Many people thought it was great having someone there to explain things & answer questions. Overall a positive experience for me. No hassling! The human-turtle interactions I saw; the turtles showed no signs of being bothered.

Date: Fri, 27 May 2005 07:10:38 -1000
From: June Watanabe <jwatanabe@starbulletin.com>
To: George H. Balazs <gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu>
Subject: Re: Answer to June Watanabe- Kokua Line Honolulu Star-Bulletin

Thank you, Mr Balazs for your thoughtful and comprehensive answer.

You're right, I cannot use all of what you've explained, but you have given me a good background on which to respond to the reader's concerns. I think that, coming from you, it will give a whole new perspective on the situation.

I will also contact someone from the law enforcement side as well.

I'll target this for one of my Sunday columns, where I have a bit more space to get into issues.

June

on 5/27/05 5:55 AM, George H. Balazs at gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu wrote:

>
> Aloha Ms. Watanabe- The following message is far too long to run in your
> column. Nevertheless I have taken a bit of time writing it out so you
> will hopefully have a better understanding of the issue, the history, and
> my own thoughts with regard to our "people-tolerant" Hawaiian honu that
> have become so commonplace recent times.
>
> I have no doubt that the person writing to you is sincere in their concern
> for the well-being of the turtles of Hawaii. However, I would have to say
> that the specific problems sometimes perceived by the public almost
> certainly do not reflect reality in the minds and bodies of the turtles.
> And likely not at the legal level either, although I must emphasize I am
> not involved in, nor am I in any way an authority on, wildlife law
> enforcement. For information on that aspect you will need to contact the
> proper law enforcement authorities.
>
> I am aware, however, that there are discrete legal definitions for "harm"
> and "harassment" that arise from the US Endangered Species Act under which
> the turtles are protected. As a research biologist having spent a good
> part of my life in the field studying and observing Hawaiian sea turtles,
> I can comfortably estimate that 99% of some folks perception of harm or
> harassment, happening due to human closeness and interactions, has no
> basis in scientific fact. The vast majority of people seeing and being
> with the turtles demonstrate "good manners" that simply do not constitute,
> in my professional opinion, harm or harassment. Both residents and
> visitors benefit substantially from *legal* sea turtle encounters.
> People's hearts are touched by the magnificence of these ocean creatures
> viewed up close and personal in the wild. There is no doubt about this
> whatsoever in my mind, and especially when youngsters are involved. The
> positive effects favorable to conservation are lasting, perhaps for a
> lifetime.
>
> But sometimes some people do indeed exhibit "bad manners" (*in terms of
> human standards*) and still their actions do not necessarily constitute
> harm or harassment to the turtles. A perception of harm or harassment may
> exist by some who see socially bad behavior on the beach or in the water.
> And really that's not surprising. The sea turtle circumstances these days
> in Hawaii are so very different than most anywhere else in the world.
> And so very wonderful when one compares how dismal things were 33 years
> ago. Turtles are, in comparison to what they used to be, very numerous
> throughout the Hawaiian Islands. There is hardly a place where turtles
> can't be seen. Turtles have once again become a visible tangible part of
> the diverse community of Hawaii. In addition, the behaviors of the turtles
> have changed from having an outright mortal fear of humans hunting and
> killing them, to one of acceptance, curiosity, seeming "friendship" (if I
> may use that word), and making themselves available for close contact
> without harm or harassment to themselves, or to people. It might be said
> that "Sea turtles in Hawaii are now their own best Ambassadors for

> conservation." Hawaiian Ambassadors of Aloha. Essentially they show to
> residents and visitors alike the results of taxpayers' dollars used to
> protect, study, and aid in their recovery over the past three decades.

> The bottom line, in my professional judgment (but certainly not as any
> sort of official agency spokesperson), is that the turtles are in no way
> bothered by casual human contact. Contact with humans is a common daily
> experience for many turtles throughout Hawaii. The turtles knowingly come
> to beaches and coastal waters already occupied by people, sometimes a
> great many people. New habitats are being successfully used by the
> turtles, and the turtles seem very willing to share space with people.
> If the turtles really wanted "privacy" they wouldn't occupy these areas in
> the first place. If they weren't getting "peace" (as defined by the
> turtles themselves), they would leave the area for places where humans are
> scarce. Yes, in some cases turtles are surrounded closely by people
> exhibiting genuine thrill and amazement. And yes, numerous photographs
> are taken as life-long reminders of the special experience. And sometimes
> people act foolish. But there is no evidence, in my opinion, to suggest
> this alone constitutes harm or harassment. What may be perceived as
> foolish to one person, may be harmless fun or enjoyment to another. And
> so long as laws are not broken, and turtles are not harmed or harassed, we
> all possess the freedom in our nation for such latitude.

> In conclusion, if someone witnesses actions they believe are in violation
> of the US Endangered Species Act (both the Federal and State of Hawaii
> Acts), they should telephone law enforcement offices as follows:

> State of Hawaii DLNR DOCARE Law Enforcement- 808-587-0077

> US Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement- 808-861-8525

> NOAA Fisheries Law Enforcement- 808-541-2727 or 800-853-1964

> For illegal tour bus and vehicle parking, and other traffic violations,
> sometimes related to turtle watching on the North Shore of Oahu and
> elsewhere- call 911 and immediately tell the operator that the call is a
> Non-emergency for HPD police.

> For sick, injured, or dead turtles, call 808-983-5730 to receive a
> response involving veterinary treatment or carcass removal for scientific
> study.

> -----
> On Tue, 24 May 2005, June Watanabe wrote:

>> Hi, Mr. Balazs:

>> I found your e-mail address on the NMFS site and thought this might be the
>> easiest way to contact you. I want to update information about what people
>> should do if they see people touching or harassing any sea turtle, based on
>> thisquestion/complain I received recently:

>> "Since returning to the islands two years ago, I have been dismayed to find
>> how often the turtles resting on the beaches are bothered by human contact.
>> I have visited beaches on the North Shore and on the Big Island, and the
>> situation is the same. The turtles are allowed little privacy and peace.
>> Constantly they are being surrounded closely to be photographed and touched.
>> Even if there are signs to leave the turtles alone, they are ignored. Is
>> there any beach patrol to keep an eye on these creatures? It seems as if
>> this situation is tolerated to please the tourists. However, it is at the
>> expense of the world's remaining turtles."

>> The last time I did something about what the laws are regarding sea turtles
>> was in 2001 so it wouldn't hurt to do an update.

>> Is your office or any agency on the lookout for sea turtles or do you rely
>> on the public to report any sightings (or perhaps a combination of both)?

>> Are these still the pertinent numbers/points of contact and general

>> information?:

>>

>> * If you see a stranded sea turtle, call the National Marine Fisheries Service at 983-5730, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; or the state Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement at 587-0077 on weekends, holidays and after hours.

>> The numbers pertain only to sea turtles, which are protected under the U.S. Endangered Species Act and state wildlife laws. All sea turtles, dead or alive, are protected.

>> You are asked not to call 911, the Honolulu Police Department, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sea Life Park, the Hawaiian Humane Society or the Waikiki Aquarium.

>> * If you witness someone killing, harming or harassing a turtle, you can also call the fisheries service's law enforcement branch at 541-2727 or 800-853-1964.

>> *For more information and contact numbers for the neighbor islands, you can also check out the Web site www.turtles.org/nmfs.

>>

>> Any words of advice as to how close anybody should approach a turtle without it becoming a harassment or intrusion? Not all of them are stranded, I imagine, so should the public still call the NMFS or state if one is sighted just sunning itself?

>>

>> Thank you for whatever information you can provide to help people understand what to do when they do encounter a sea turtle.

>>

>> June Watanabe
>> Star-Bulletin Kokua Line
>> 500 Ala Moana, 7-210
>> Honolulu, HI 96813
>> PHONE: 988-4390

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Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 10:53:40 -1000
From: George H. Balazs <gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu>
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Shawn Murakawa <smurakaw@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu>
Subject: pit scams in nearshore waters at Honulani 9/18/04

I put a reader in a dry bag and walked around in knee deep water reading hind flipper tags. There were about 11 total. I was able to pick up pit tags in 6. Strangely I was only able to find ONE of the 6 on the HonuLani summary tagging list. Here are the numbers it will be interesting to see historicals for these- who are they where were they tagged?

Cody if Shawn doesn't have time to do this, you do it please. At least the historical part-- I'm sure she will want to do entries of the resights herself later on.

442E084F24 maturing male

433C707505= L9 (mototool not visible)

41362E2768 Adult female

41362B276B adult female

4234791556 adult female

4136043861 immature presumably femail

Historical Information for Turtle Tag 413570093A

Tag Information:

<u>Tag Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Tag Type</u>	<u>Tag Position</u>
413570093A	6/21/1999		RHF
413628276B	6/8/1999		LHF

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Encounter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Tumor Rank</u>	<u>Nesting Act.</u>	<u>Straight Carapace</u>	<u>Since Last Encounter</u>			<u>Overall</u>			
						<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Growth-Rates cm/mo</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Growth-Rates cm/mo</u>	
6/8/1999	Nesting	East	0	P	90.5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
6/21/1999	Nesting	East	0	C	90.5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
6/22/1999	Nesting	East	0	M	90.5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Historical Information for Turtle Tag 413570093A

Tag Information:

<u>Tag Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Tag Type</u>	<u>Tag Position</u>
413570093A	6/21/1999		RHF
41362B276B	6/8/1999		LHF

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Encounter</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>TumorRank:</u>	<u>NestingAct:</u>	<u>Curved Carapace</u>	<u>Since Last Encounter</u>			<u>Overall</u>		
						<u>Interval</u> Month	<u>Year</u>	<u>Growth-Rates</u> cm/mo	<u>Interval</u> Month	<u>Year</u>	<u>Growth-Rates</u> cm/mo
6/8/1999	Nesting	East	0	P	96.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
6/21/1999	Nesting	East	0	C	96.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
6/22/1999	Nesting	East	0	M	96.5	---	---	---	---	---	---

Historical Information for Turtle Tag 422D6E2A3B

Tag Information:

Tag Number	Date	Tag Type	Tag Position
422D6E2A3B	6/14/2002	PIT	RHF
4234791556	6/14/2002	PIT	LHF

Date	Type of Encounter	Location:	Tumor Rank:	Nesting Act:	Straight Carapace	Since Last Encounter			Overall				
						Interval	Year	Growth-Rates	Interval	Year	Growth-Rates		
						Month	Year	cm/mo	cm/yr	Month	Year	cm/mo	cm/yr
6/14/2002	Nesting	East	0	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Historical Information for Turtle Tag 422D6E2A3B

Tag Information:

Tag Number	Date	Tag Type	Tag Position
422D6E2A3B	6/14/2002	PIT	RHF
4234791556	6/14/2002	PIT	LHF

Date	Type of Encounter	Location	Tumor Rank	Nesting Act	Curved Carapace	Since Last Encounter			Overall		
						Interval Month	Year	Growth-Rates cm/mo	Interval Month	Year	Growth-Rates cm/mo
6/14/2002	Nesting	East	0	X	102.0	--	--	---	---	---	---

Historical Information for Turtle Tag 350E2159

Tag Information:

Tag Number	Date	Tag Type	Tag Position
350E2159	1/3/2000	PIT	RHF
36043861	1/3/2000	PIT	LHF

Date	Type of Encounter	Location:	TumorRank:	NestingAct:	Straight Carapace	Since Last Encounter			Overall			
						Interval Month	Year	Growth-Rates cm/mo	Interval Month	Year	Growth-Rates cm/mo	
12/14/1999	Stranding	Oahu, Chun's Reef 12-14-99A	2	-	61.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
12/14/1999	Near Shore	Oahu, Chun's Reef	2	-	61.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1/3/2000	Near Shore	Oahu, Kaneohe Bay	2	-	61.4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
3/19/2000	Stranding	Oahu, Haleiwa Beach Park	3	-	60.9	2.0	0.2	---	3.0	0.3	0.0	---
4/6/2000	Near Shore	Oahu, Kaneohe Bay, Kaneohe Beach Park	3	-	60.9	---	---	---	3.0	0.3	0.0	---

Historical Information for Turtle Tag 350E2159

Tag Information:

Tag Number	Date	Tag Type	Tag Position
350E2159	1/3/2000	PIT	RHF
36043861	1/3/2000	PIT	LHF

Date	Type of Encounter	Location	TurnorRank	NestingAct	Curved Carapace	Since Last Encounter				Overall				
						Interval Month	Year	Growth-Rates cm/mo	Growth-Rates cm/yr	Interval Month	Year	Growth-Rates cm/mo	Growth-Rates cm/yr	
12/14/1999	Stranding	Oahu, Chun's Reef 12-14-99A	2	-	65.5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
12/14/1999	Near Shore	Oahu, Chun's Reef	2	-	65.5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1/3/2000	Near Shore	Oahu, Kaneohe Bay	2	-	65.5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
3/19/2000	Stranding	Oahu, Haleiwa Beach Park	3	-	65.5	2.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
4/6/2000	Near Shore	Oahu, Kaneohe Bay, Kaneohe Beach Park	3	-	65.5	---	---	---	---	3.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0

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FAX COVER SHEET

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COMPANY..... NMFS

CC.....

FROM..... Marc Rice

DATE 5/24/04

NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER SHEET:

George,

A couple of dive profiles for L4 - looking

at individual dives while she was migrating.

Some of these dives seem to be too long for forage dives - some are 50-60 min long!

Resting dives? - most occur at night -

Needs the sun (daylight) to navigate?

Isn't safe on the surface at night?

I'll keep looking and thinking!

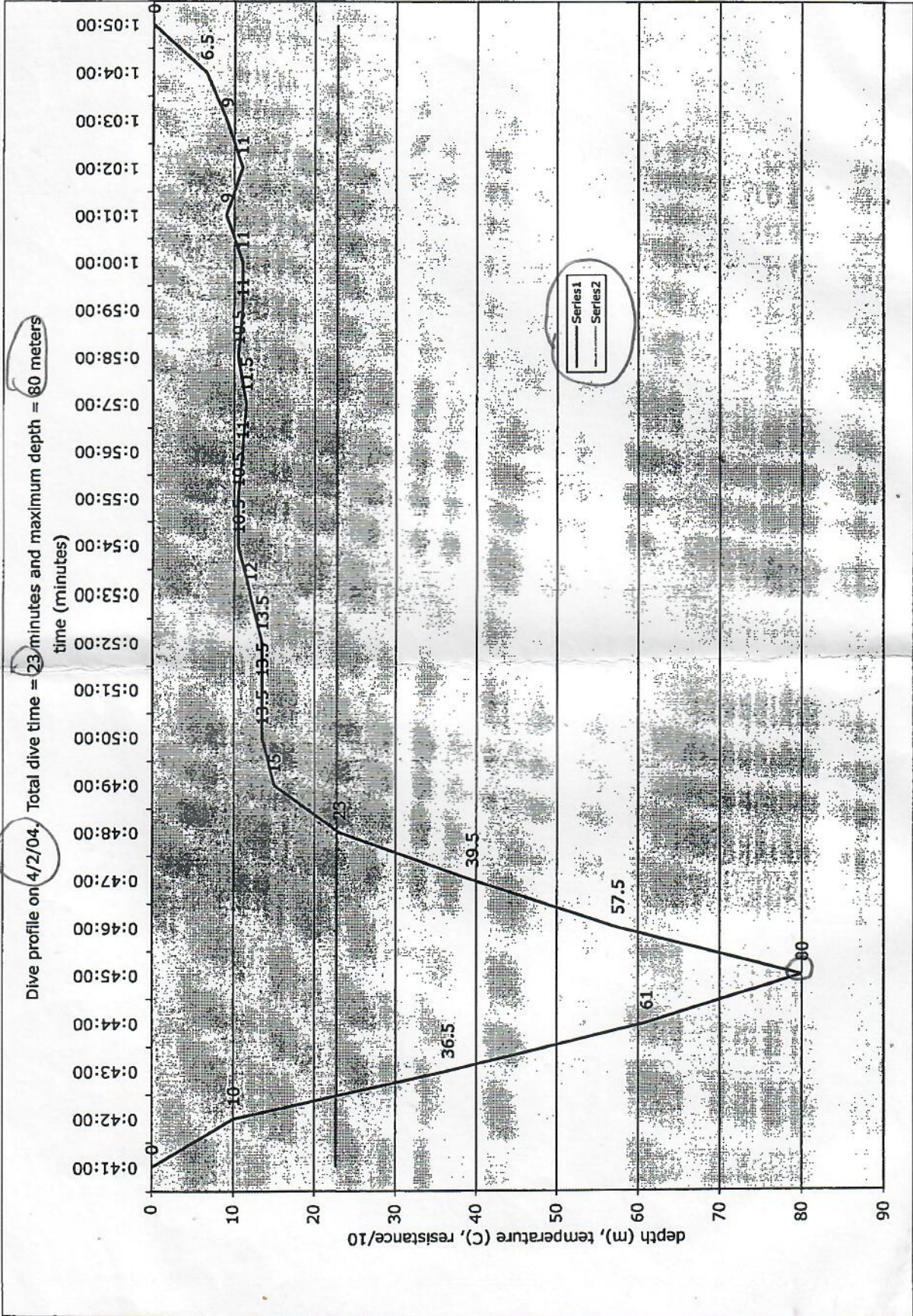
Best
Marc

What do loggers do? How long? See FB Polovina et al.

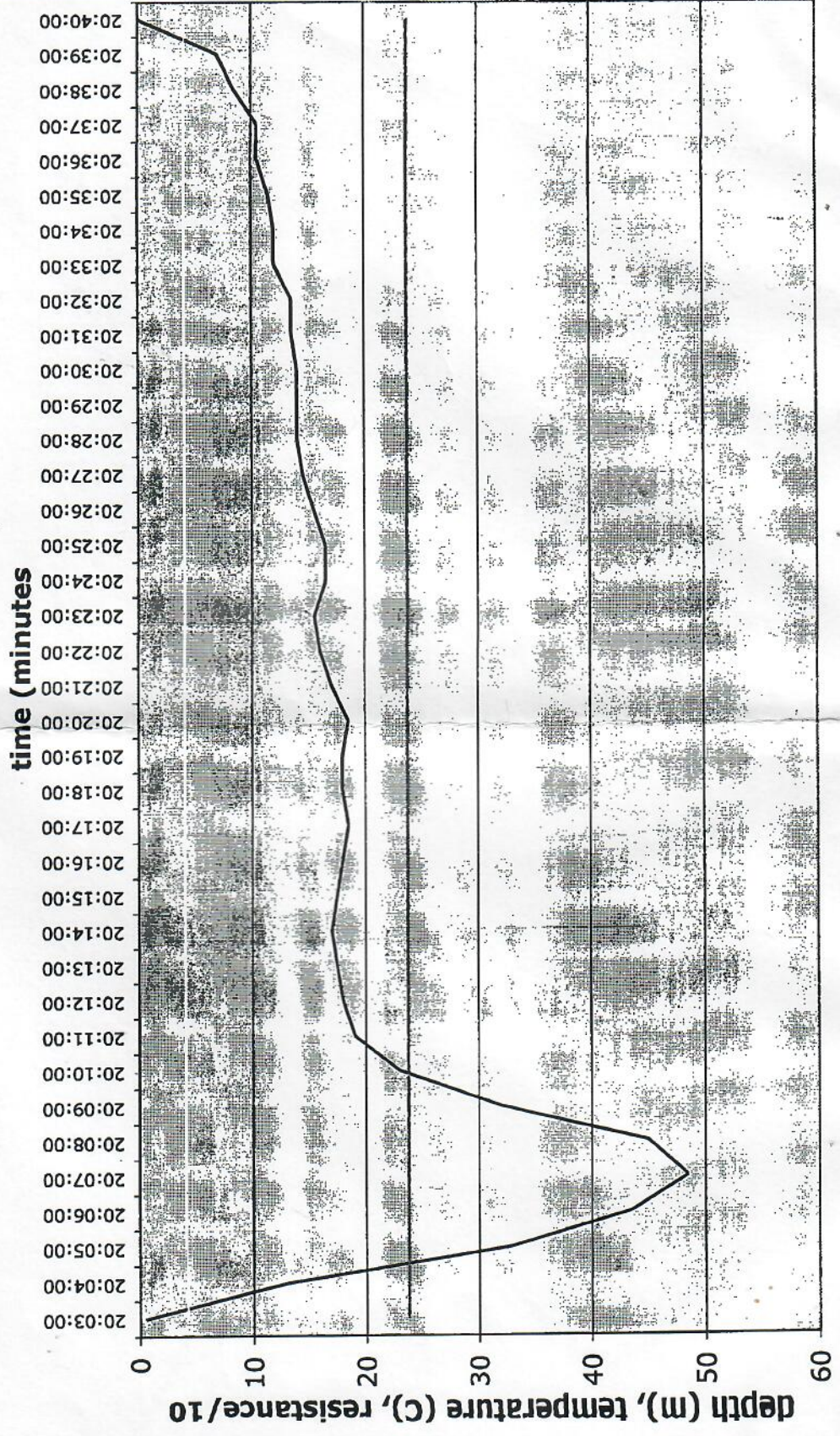
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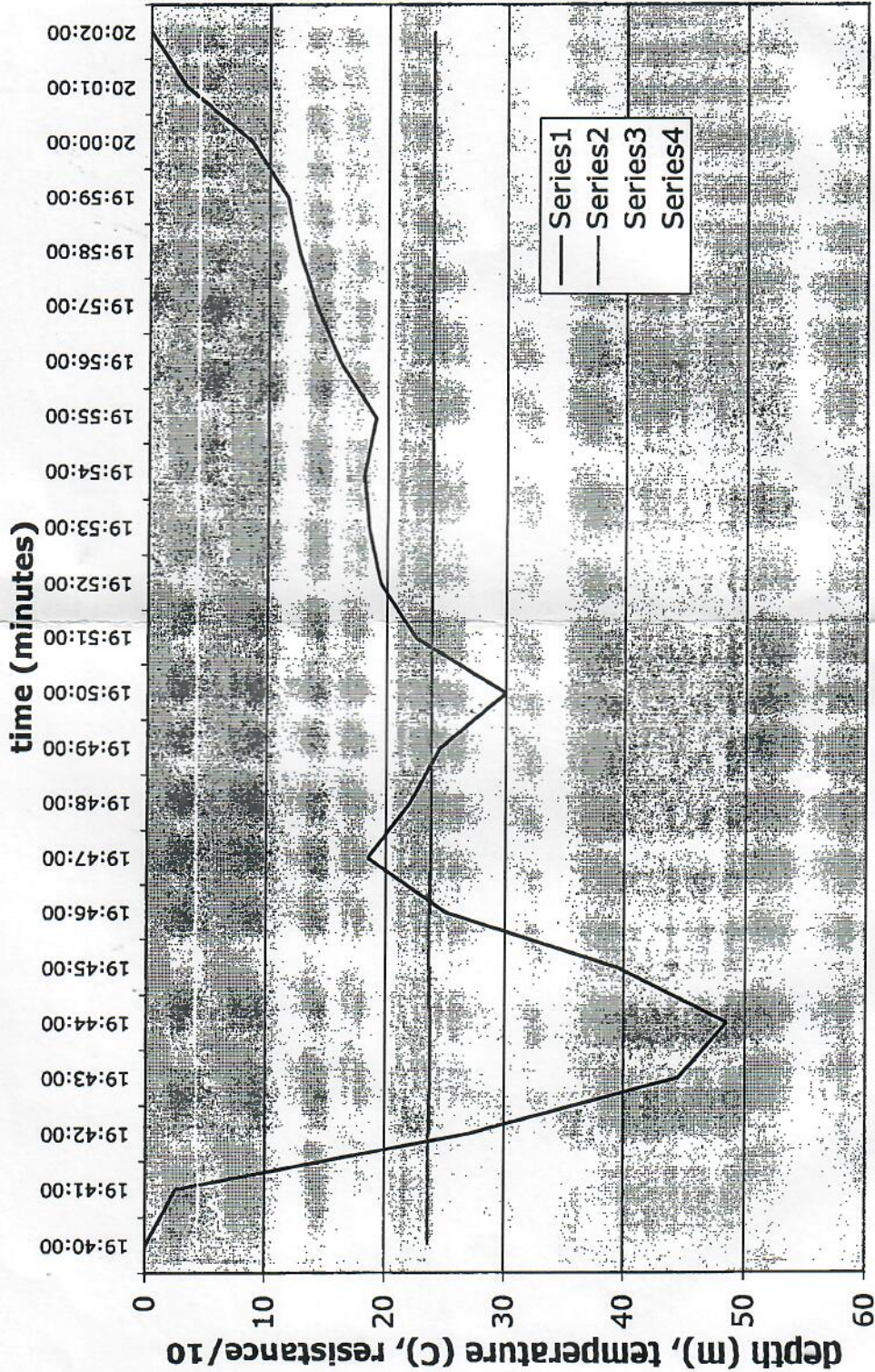
Dive profile on 4/2/04, Total dive time = 23 minutes and maximum depth = 80 meters



of Dive profile for 3/18. Total dive time = 36 min and maximum depth = 48.5 m.



Dive profile for a dive on 3/18. Dive length is 22 minutes and max depth is 48.5 meters.



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Historical Information for Turtle Tag W805

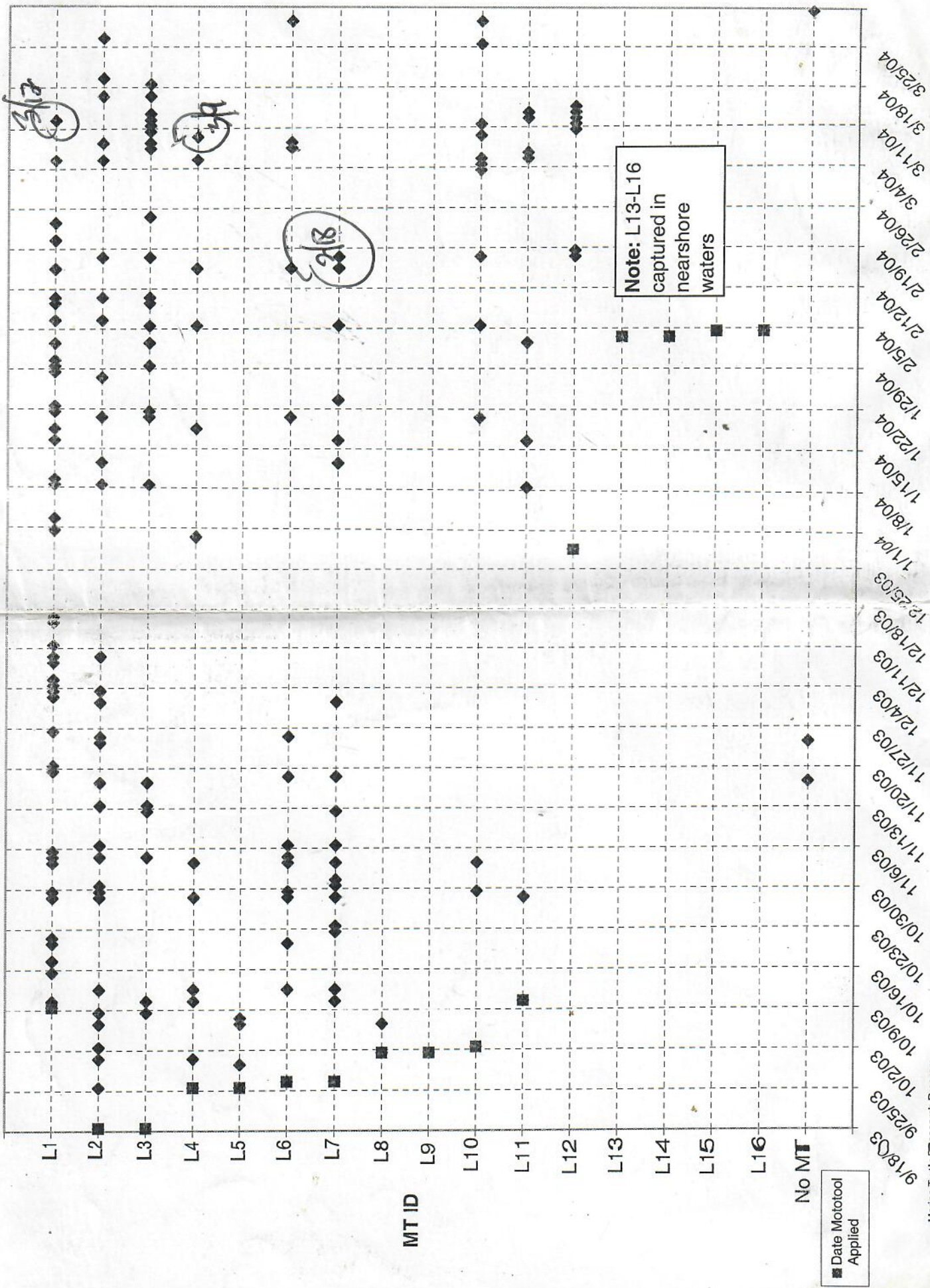
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G867	6/14/1996		LHF
G868	6/14/1996		RHF
W805	7/4/1990		LFL
W806	7/4/1990		RFL

Howlani Iki
U/No growing outback Basking on Rocks

Date	Type of Encounter	Location	Tumor Rank	Nesting Act	Straight Carapace	Since Last Encounter			Overall			
						Month	Year	Growth-Rates cm/mo	Month	Year	Growth-Rates cm/mo	
7/4/1990	Nesting	East	0	N	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
7/4/1990	Nesting	East	0	N	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
7/18/1990	Nesting	East	0	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
7/18/1990	Nesting	East	0	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
7/20/1990	Nesting	East	0	N	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
7/20/1990	Nesting	East	0	N	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
8/2/1990	Nesting	East	0	P	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
8/2/1990	Nesting	East	0	P	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
8/17/1990	Nesting	East	0	N	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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6/14/1996	Nesting	East	0	X	88.0	69.0	5.8	---	1.0	0.1	---	---
6/26/1996	Nesting	East	0	X	88.0	---	---	---	71.0	5.9	---	---
6/28/1996	Nesting	East	0	X	88.0	---	---	---	71.0	5.9	---	---
7/1/1996	Nesting	East	0	X	88.0	---	---	---	71.0	5.9	---	---
6/5/1999	Nesting	East	0	C	87.0	35.0	2.9	0.0	107.0	8.9	---	---
6/7/1999	Nesting	East	0	M	87.0	---	---	---	107.0	8.9	---	---
6/19/1999	Nesting	East	0	X	87.0	---	---	---	107.0	8.9	---	---
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Mototooled Green Turtles Observed Basking at Laniakea on Oahu's North Shore 9/03 to 3/04



Note: L13-L16 captured in nearshore waters

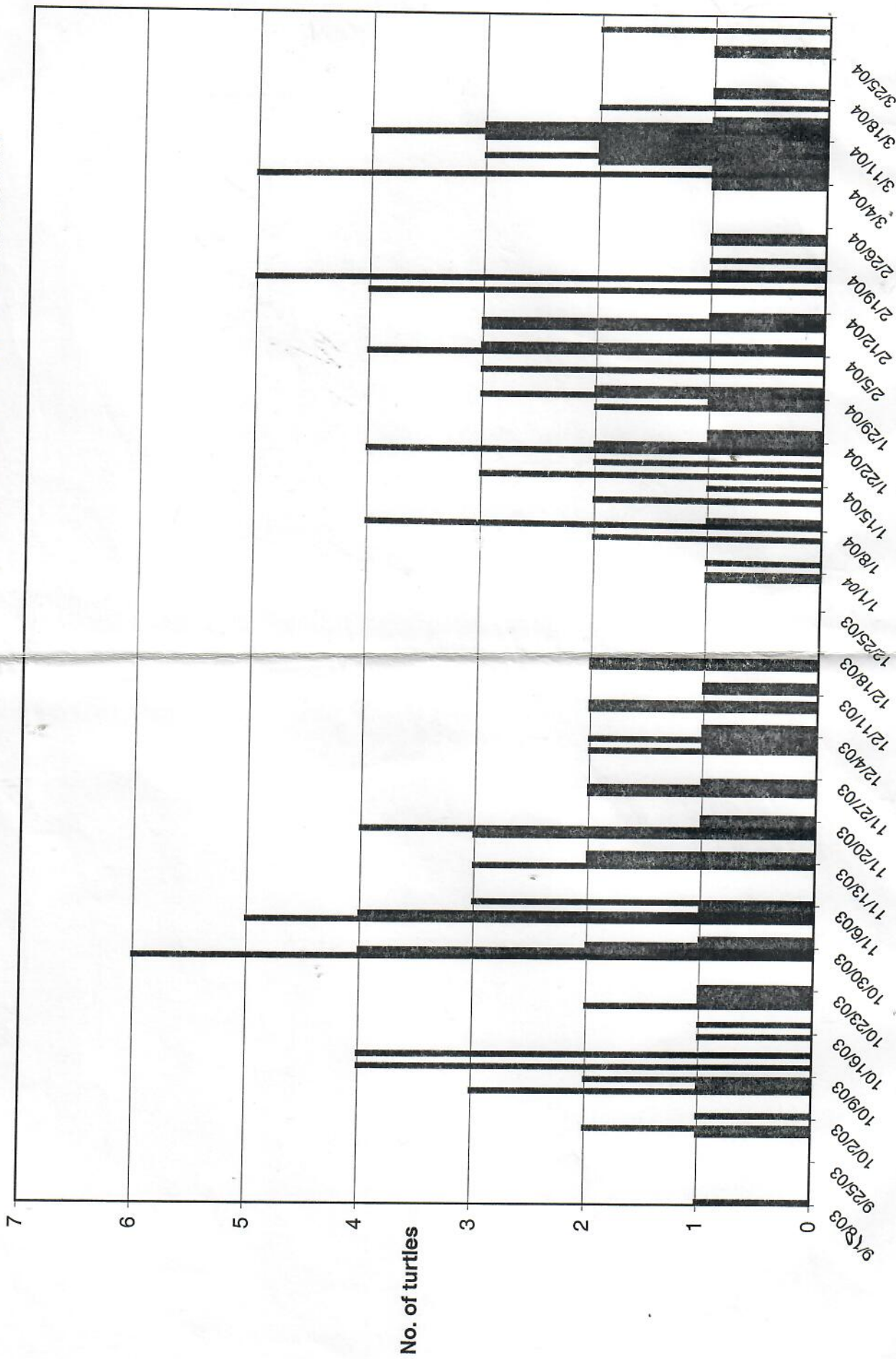
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Note: L13-L16 captured in nearshore waters

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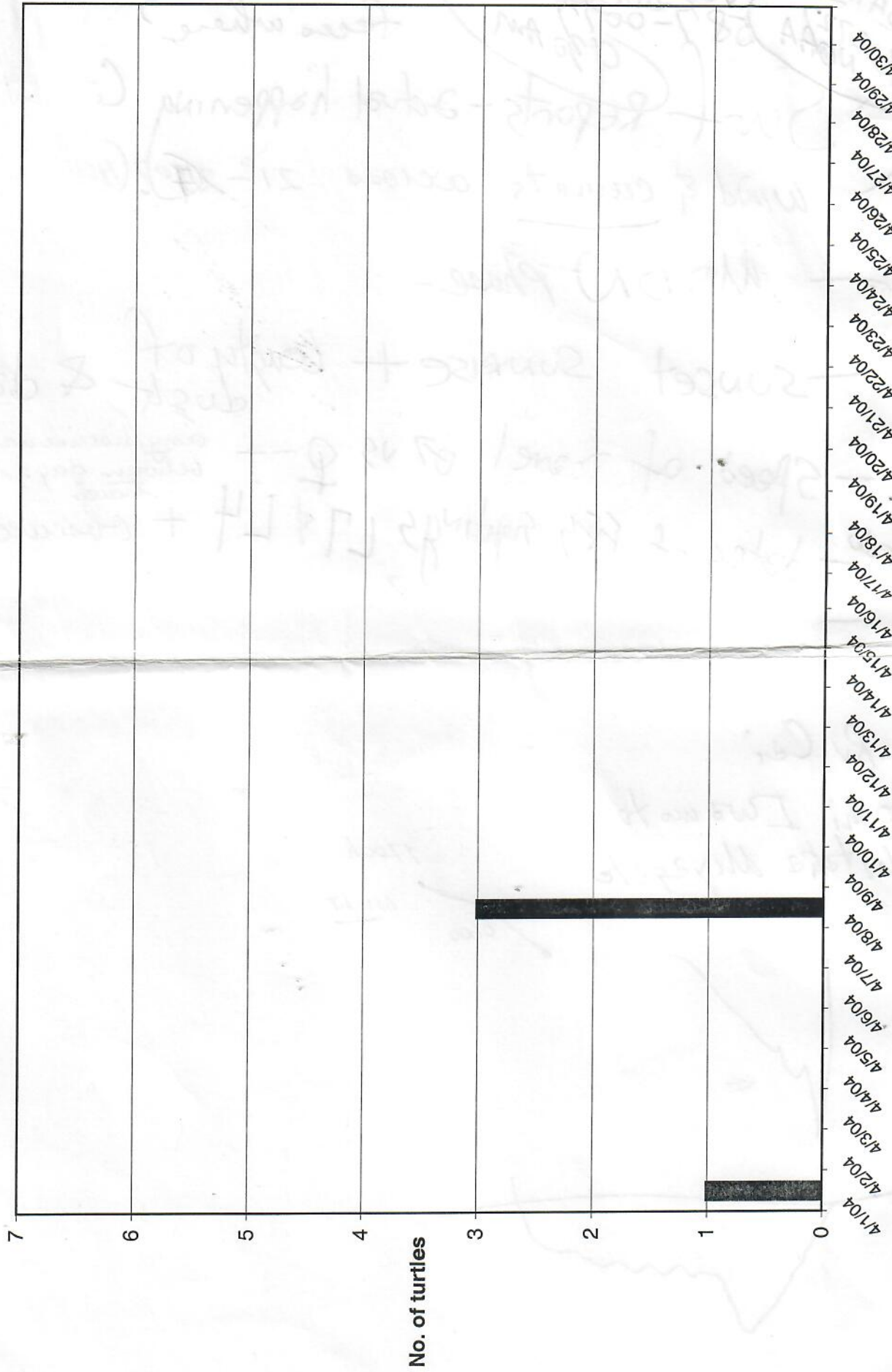
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Julie
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Scott 586-430 (99) 7/17

Roger DAINARD
541-2727
NOAA

~~Doc~~
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Sees where?

Surf Reports - actual happening C:
wind & currents across 21°-24°? (H. FS.)

~~9:30 AM~~
Michelle

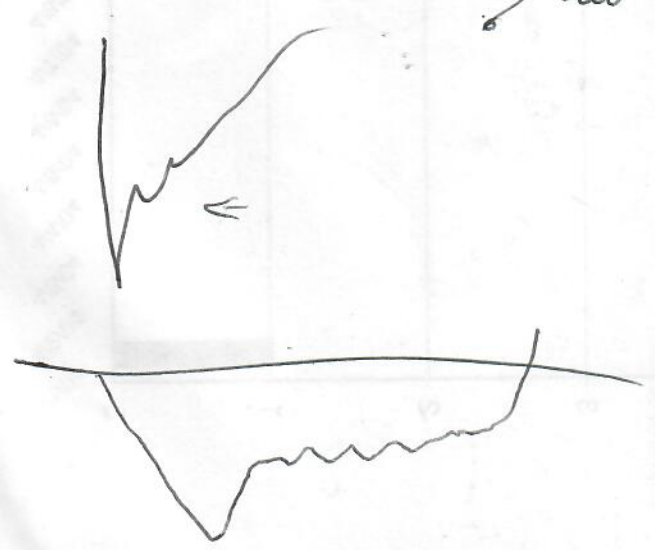
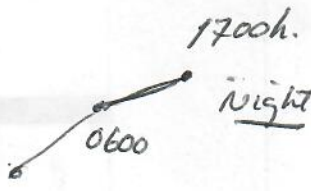
MOON phase -

- sunset sunrise + length of dusk & dawn

- Speed of travel ♂ vs ♀ - + any discrimination between day & night travel.

Mrs. C. Hpd. edu - dates of FFs sightings L7 & L4 + observed behavior

Y2-Rv Cas
Futoshi Iwamoto
Yoshitaka Miyagata



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