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### Memorandum

To: Whitney Granger, Data Manager, Gulf Coast Inventory and Monitoring Network

From: Darrell Echols, Chief of Science and Resources Management *DE*

Subject: Identification of Common Snapping Turtle near Pond A at Padre Island National Seashore

On October 16, 2007, Park Ranger Perky Wheeler located a common snapping turtle crossing the Bird Island Basin Road at Pond A (3039335.40 N 668079.11 E (NAD83, UTM Zone 14N)). The animal was collected and transported to Park Headquarters so that the animal could be documented and released the following day.

Biological Technicians Shawn McLane and Wade Stablein photographed and released the animal at Pond A on October 17, 2007. Photographs are attached.

Please add this observation to the NPSpecies database.





**Figure 1. Pond A along Bird Island Basin Road where common snapping turtle was found and released on 10/17/2007.**



**Figure 2. Dorsal view of common snapping turtle found on 10/17/2007 near Pond A.**



**Figure 3. Head view of common snapping turtle found on 10/17/2007 near Pond A.**