### DELAWARE REEF GUIDE 2005

IF YOU BUILD IT



THEY WILL COME



Concrete is one of the world's best reef building materials, with a calcium carbonate composition, similar to coral reefs. The Delaware Reef Program has deployed 70,000 tons of concrete since 1995.

### **ABOUT THE COVER**

Other reef materials like sunken vessels, Army tanks and subway cars may get more "press", but concrete products constitute the backbone of the Delaware Reef Program. Like all reef building materials, concrete is stable on the bottom, non-toxic to fish and invertebrates and very durable. Because it is continuously submerged, reef concrete is not subjected to wetting and drying or freezing and thawing that degrades structural concrete. Concrete in reef applications may last for 1,000 years. Our large, high profile patch reefs have proven to be very stable and have not subsided into the sediment despite storms and the scouring of tidal currents. Concrete may be the ideal reef building material.



Captain Jerry Blakeslee 1940-2004

The 2005 Reef Guide is dedicated to the memory of Captain Jerry Blakeslee, long-time President of the Lewes Charterboat Captains Association and a supporter of the Delaware Reef Program, from its inception. Jerry was an excellent fisherman and captain and was active in fisheries management issues. In the early 1990's, as the large weakfish declined, Jerry became concerned about considerable fishing effort being shifted to tautog. He was a leader in a citizen effort to persuade the Delaware legislature to pass legislation instituting size limits, creel limits and seasons to conserve the tautog resource, years before regional management began. Jerry was of great help to the Division of Fish and Wildlife, serving on Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Advisory Panels and on the Delaware Reef Advisory Committee. Fisheries managers came to expect to see him at public hearings, when fisheries management options were being discussed. His opinions and comments were well-reasoned and respected. He was an influential voice for southern Delaware recreation fishing interests and he will be missed on a professional and personal level.

### THE DELAWARE REEF PROGRAM

Delaware has eleven permitted artificial reef sites in Delaware Bay and along the Atlantic Coast. Development of these sites began in 1995 and will continue in the future. The Delaware Reef Program is one part of a comprehensive fisheries management effort and is designed to enhance fisheries habitat, benefit structure-oriented fish and provide fishing opportunities for anglers.

Reef construction is especially important in the Mid-Atlantic Region, where near shore bottom is usually featureless sand or mud. We have neither the natural rocky outcrops common in New England nor the coral reefs of our Southeastern Atlantic Coast. Durable, stable, non-toxic reef materials can develop an invertebrate community which is hundreds of times richer than adjacent bottom, providing food and physical protection for reef fish such as tautog, seabass, scup, spadefish and triggerfish. In addition, gamefish such as flounder, bluefish, striped bass weakfish, and sharks are attracted to baitfish, which congregate around reef structure.

Recycled materials have supported reef development efforts to date. Donated concrete culvert pipe and other concrete products are the primary material used at the eight Delaware Bay sites. Ballasted tire units have been deployed at the three ocean sites. To date, over 70,000 tons of concrete products, 8,000 tons of ballasted tire units and 86 decommissioned military vehicles have been deployed on our sites. Vessels on Delaware reef sites include "P3" and "Dolphin" (Site #7), "Golden Eagle" (Site #8) "Delilah" (Site #11) and Margie Ann (Site #11). The Navy barge, "YC 1479" (Site #11). The Navy barge YON 80, (Site #10), and the commercial Bucchannon barge (Site #6). A total of 619 "Red bird" subway cars have been deployed on site #11.

The reef program uses DGPS (Differential Global Positioning System) to accurately place materials on site. The site charts in the reef guide show where reef materials have been deployed from 1995 - 2003. Locations (latitude - longitude) noted for each site indicate the position of deployments of reef material from an anchored barge. In the case of large, concentrated reef deployments, a latitude or longitude range, may be given such as: N 39° 15.377'- 402'. This indicates material occurs between 39 degrees, 15.377 to 15.402 minutes north latitude. Due to variability between DGPS receivers, slight variations in readings may occur. It is suggested you use your GPS and a good fathometer to locate reef structure, then note the coordinates on your own GPS.

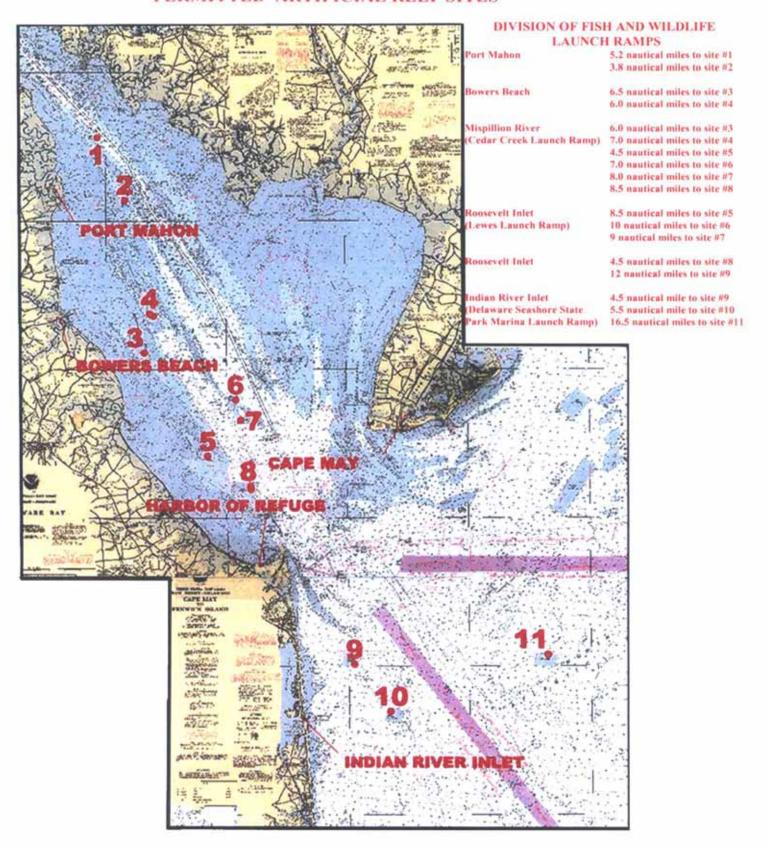
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Key to Reading the Reef Charts.

Reef material plotted from periodic sidescan sonar surveys

= Position of reef material on deployments made since the last sidescan survey of the site.

### GENERAL LOCATION OF DELAWARE'S ELEVEN PERMITTED ARTIFICIAL REEF SITES



Total area of site - 0.41 square nautical miles
Depth range - 17-30' (mean low water)

Distance from port - 5.2 nautical miles from Port Mahon Invertebrate Colonization - oyster, barnacle, hydroid community

Fish - sea bass plus pelagic species (weakfish, striped

bass)

### **Deployments**

1. 500 tons of concrete culvert deployed from an anchored barge 3/28/96. Depth about 30'.

N 39° 15.559' W 075° 20.689'

2. 500 tons of concrete culvert deployed from an anchored barge 9/15/98. Depth about 29'.

N 39° 15.377' - .402' W 075° 20.750' - .777'

3. 1,690 tons of concrete culvert deployed from an anchored barge 1/09/03.

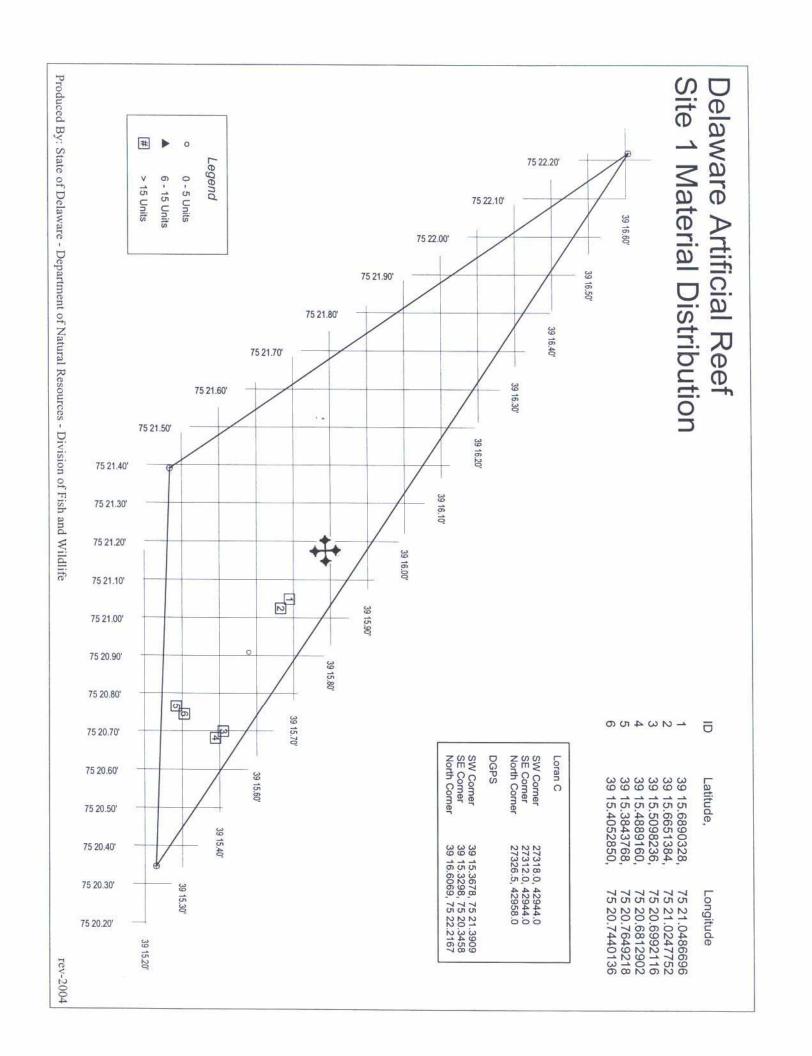
N 39° 15.685' W 075° 21.032'

4. 782 tons of concrete culvert deployed from an anchored barge 7/3/04.

N 39° 15.685' W 075° 21.032'

5. 1,582 tons of concrete culvert deployed from and anchored barge 7/10/04.

N 39° 15.788' W 075° 21.177'



Total are of site - 0.71 square nautical miles
Depth range - 16-28' (mean low water)

Distance from port - 3.8 nautical miles from Port Mahon Invertebrate Colonization - oyster, barnacle, hydroid community

Fish - sea bass plus pelagic species (weakfish, striped

bass)

### **Deployments**

1. 500 tons of concrete culvert deployed 3/28/96. Depth about 22'.

N 39° 11.335' W 075° 18.379'

2. 500 tons of concrete culvert deployed 9/15/98. Depth 26'.

N 39° 11.038' W 075° 18.033'

3. 886 tons of concrete culvert deployed 6/20/00. Depth 28.5'.

N 39° 10.565 - 70' W 075° 17.774 - 86'

4. 1,100 tons of concrete culvert deployed 5/11/02. Depth 28'.

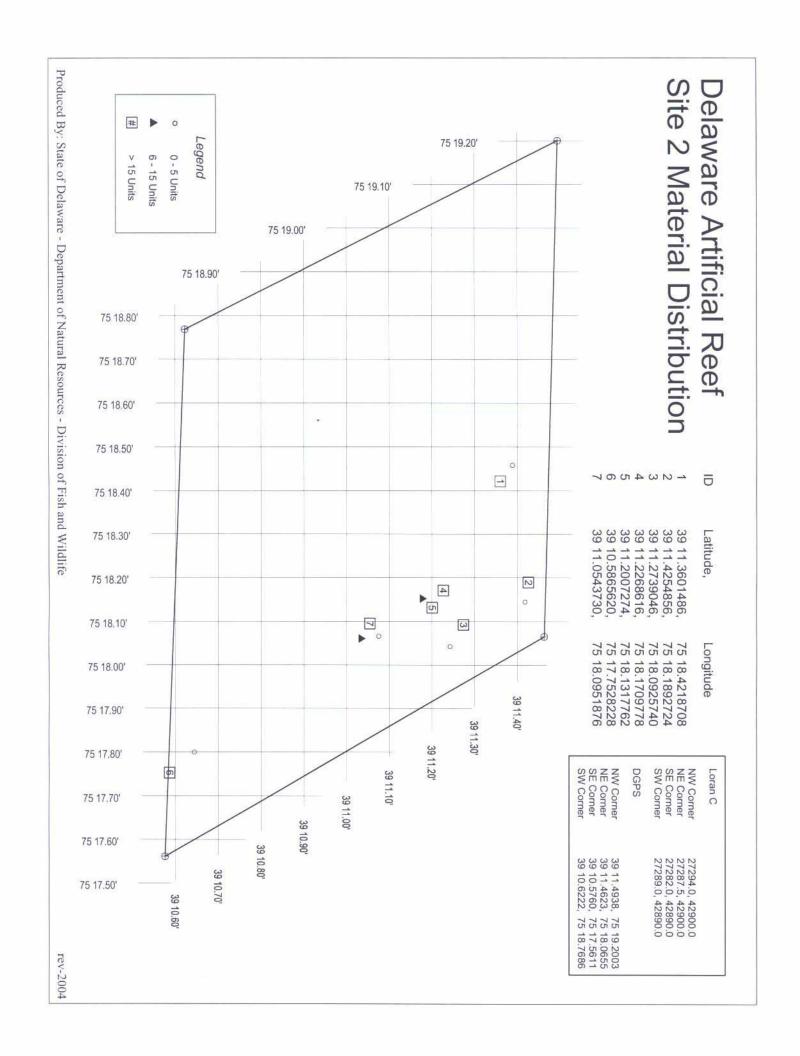
N 39° 11.265' W 075° 18.097'

5. 1,000 tons of concrete culvert deployed 12/23/02. Depth 28'.

N 39° 11.181' W 075° 18.146'

6. 1,610 tons of concrete culvert deployed 11/07/03.

N 39° 11.426' W 075° 18.177'



Total area of site - 0.68 square nautical miles
Depth range - 18-28' (mean low water)

Distance from port - 6.5 nautical miles from Bowers Beach

6.0 nautical miles from Mispillion River

Invertebrate Colonization - blue mussel, sulfur sponge community
Fish - sea bass, weakfish, striped bass, bluefish

### **Deployments**

1. 500 tons of concrete culvert deployed 1/15/96.

2. 1,000 tons of concrete culvert deployed from an anchored barge 5/14/97. Water depth about 32'.

N 39° 01.054' - .087' W 075° 16.882' - .895'

3. 807 tons of concrete culvert deployed 6/1/00. Depth 30'.

N 39° 00.881' - .84' W 075° 16.749' - .772'

4. 961 tons of concrete culvert deployed 7/7/00. Depth 34'.

N 39° 00.928' - .81' W 075° 16.914' - .29'

5. 1,300 tons of concrete deployed 7/15 / 01.

N 39° 01.888'

W 075° 17.936'

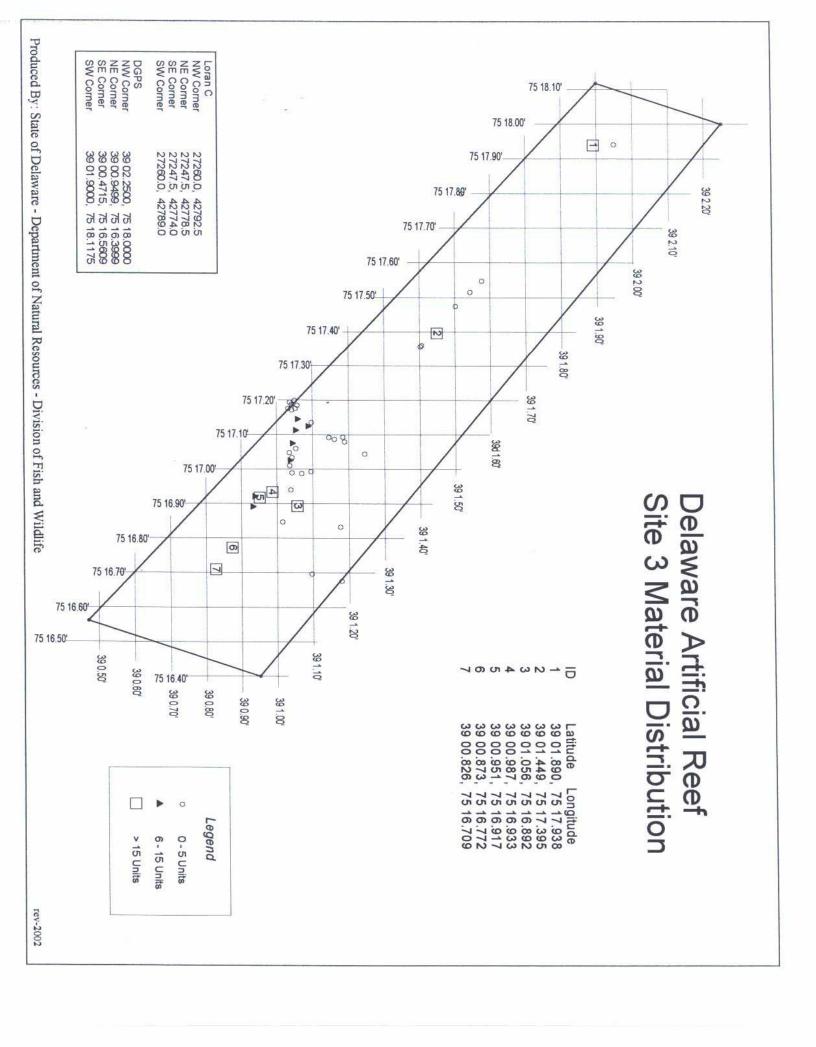
6. 1,000 tons of concrete deployed 6/10/02. Depth 28'.

N 39° 01.449' W 075° 17.395'

7. 1,092 tons of concrete deployed 4/14/03. Depth 26.

N 39° 01.730'

W 075° 17.640'



Total area of site - 0.63 square nautical miles
Depth range - 30-38' (mean low water)

Distance from port - 6 nautical miles from Bowers Beach

7 nautical miles from Mispillion River

Invertebrate Colonization - blue mussel community

Fish - sea bass, weakfish, striped bass, tautog

### **Deployments**

1. 500 tons of concrete culvert deployed from a moving barge.

2. 900 tons of concrete culvert deployed from an anchored barge on 2/12/97. Depth about 38'.

N 39° 03.712'

W 075° 16.051'

3. 1,000 tons of concrete deployed on 10/2/97. Approximate depth 35'.

N 39° 03.560' W 075° 16.070'

4. 1,100 tons of concrete deployed on 3/21/99. Depth 37'.

N 39° 03.358 – 386' W 075° 5.990 – 16.031'

5. 850 tons of concrete deployed on 4/8/99. Depth 42'.

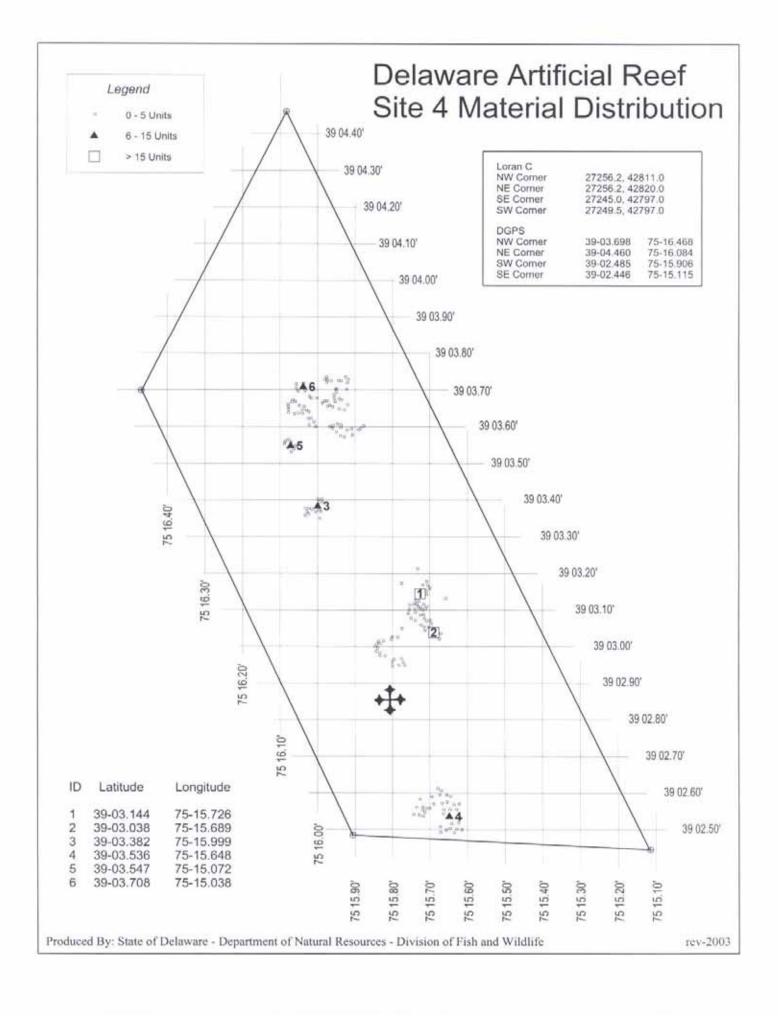
N 39° 02.621' W 075° 15.695'

6. 1,192 tons of concrete deployed 3/28/03. Depth 38.

N 39° 03.065' W 075° 15.724'

7. 1,511 tons of concrete deployed 7/7/04.

N 39° 02.853' W 075° 15.805'



Total area of site - 0.65 square nautical miles
Depth range - 18-24' (mean low water)

Distance from port - 4.5 nautical miles from Mispillion River

8.5 nautical miles from Roosevelt Inlet

Invertebrate Colonization - blue mussel, sulfur sponge community

Fish - sea bass, tautog, scup, weakfish

### **Deployments**

1. 91 large rectangular concrete structures deployed from a moving barge 7/6/95. Depth about 22'.

2. 1,000 tons of concrete culvert deployed on 8/17/97. Approximate depth 25'.

N 38° 54.095' W 075° 11.670'

3. 997 tons of concrete culvert deployed on 7/12/00. Depth 26'.

N 38° 54.476 – 96' W 075° 12.224 - 59'

1,100 tons of concrete deployed on 6/11/01.

N 38° 54.218' W 075° 11.952'

1,300 tons of concrete deployed on 8/10/01.

N 38° 54.092' W 075° 11.732'

6. 1,098 tons of concrete deployed on 7/29/02.

N 38° 54.850' W 075° 12.715'

7. 1,087 tons of concrete deployed on 12/29/02.

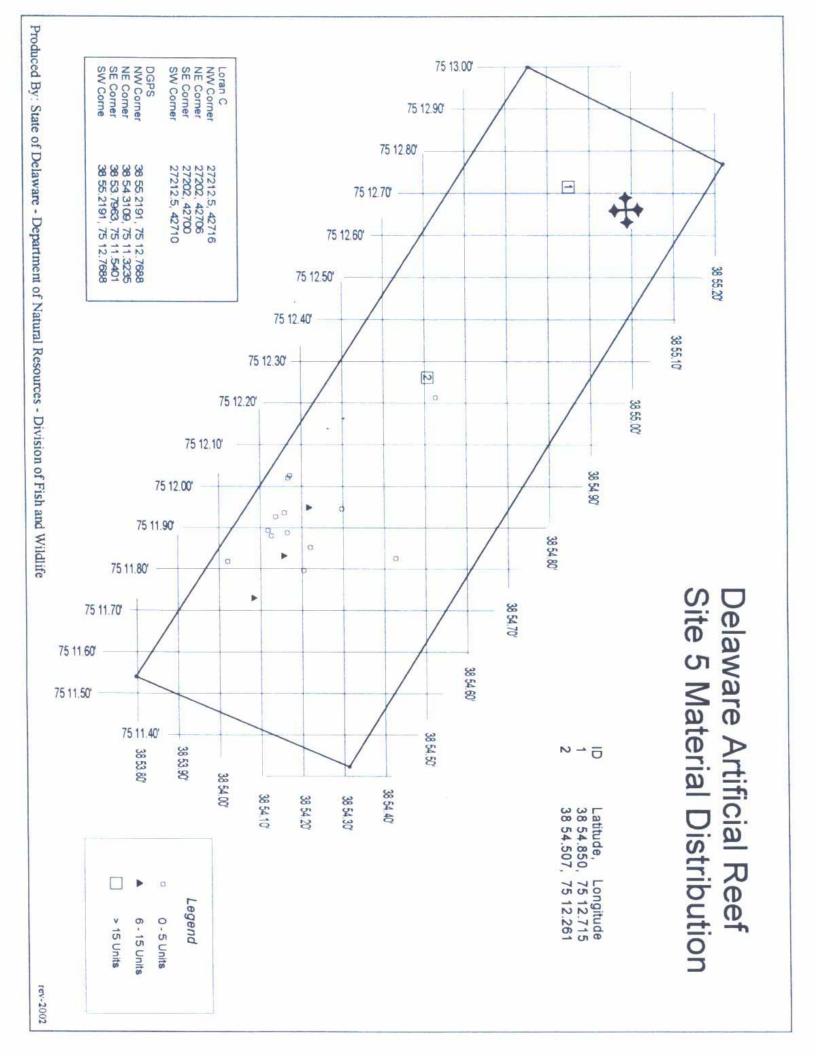
N 38° 54.638' W 075° 12.567'

8. 1,085 tons of concrete deployed on 4/25/03.

N 38° 54.303' W 075° 11.684'

9. 1,588 tons of concrete deployed on 8/24/04.

N 38° 54.983' W 075° 12.657'



Total area of site - 0.28 square nautical miles
Depth range - 20-43' (mean low water)

Distance from port - 7 nautical miles from Mispillion River

10 nautical miles from Roosevelt Inlet

Invertebrate Colonization - blue mussel community

Fish - sea bass, tautog, scup, weakfish, striped bass,

bluefish

### **Deployments**

1. 500 tons concrete culvert deployed from a moving barge - 10/20/95.

2. 500 tons concrete culvert deployed from an anchored barge - 6/21/96.

N 38° 57.776' W 075' 09.349'

3. 900 tons of concrete deployed from an anchored barge 9/25/99. Depth 39'.

N 38° 57.814 – 877' W 075° 09.577 – 588'

4. 900 tons of concrete deployed from an anchored barge 11/19/99. Depth 43'.

N 38° 57.900 – 913' W 075° 09.515 – 548'

5. 1,000 tons of concrete deployed on 8/9/02. Depth 41'.

N 38° 58.108' W 075° 09.725'

6. 1,119 tons of concrete deployed on 4/3/03. Depth 40'.

N 38° 57.960' W 075° 09.842'

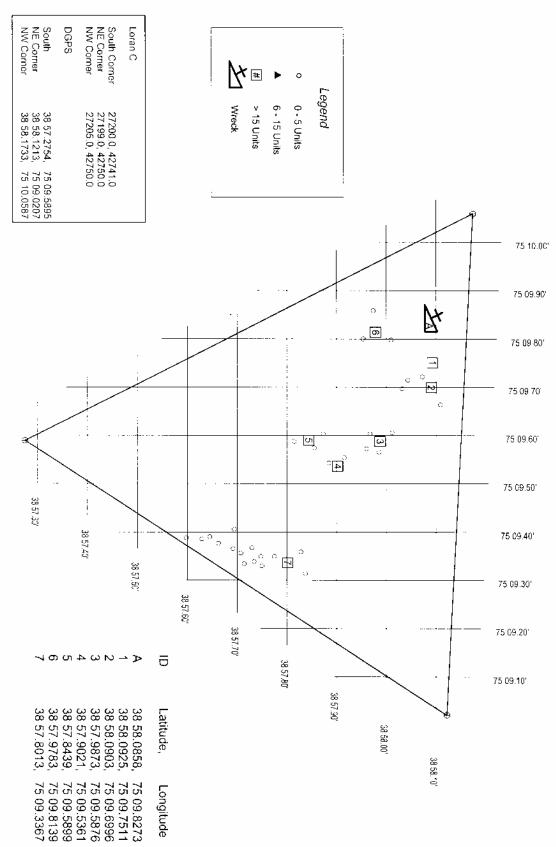
7. 1,636 tons of concrete deployed on 11/02/03. Depth 40'.

N 38° 57.988' W 075° 09.582'

8 120' x 40' steel barge (Bucchannon) was deployed 3/18/04.

N 38° 58.086' W 075° 09.825'

### Delaware Artificial Reef Site 6 Material Distribution



Total area of site - 0.41 square nautical miles
Depth range - 30-40' (mean low water)

Distance from port - 8 nautical miles from Mispillion River 9 nautical miles from Roosevelt Inlet

Invertebrate Colonization - blue mussel community

Fish - sea bass, tautog, scup, weakfish, striped bass,

bluefish

### **Deployments**

1. 500 tons of concrete culvert deployed from a moving barge 10/20/95.

2. 500 tons of concrete culvert deployed from an anchored barge 5/3/96.

N 38° 56.511' W 075° 08.896'

3. 950 tons of concrete deployed from an anchored barge 8/12/98. Approximate depth 38'.

N 38° 56.519' - .525' W 075° 08.535' - .545'

4. 700 tons of concrete plus 35' and 42' steel vessels ("P3" and "Dolphin") 4/19/99. Depth 42'.

N 38° 56.460 – 467' W 075° 08.508 – 537'

5. 900 tons of concrete deployed from an anchored barge 7/16/99. Depth 36'.

N 38° 56.648 – 669' W 075° 08.839 – 846'

1,100 tons of concrete deployed on 12/27/01.

N 38° 56.500' W 075° 08.200'

7. 1,098 tons of concrete deployed on 8/20/02. Depth 38'.

500+ tons N 38° 56.540' N 38° 56.470' W 075° 08.680' W 075° 08.680'

8. 1,085 tons of concrete deployed on 5/15/03.

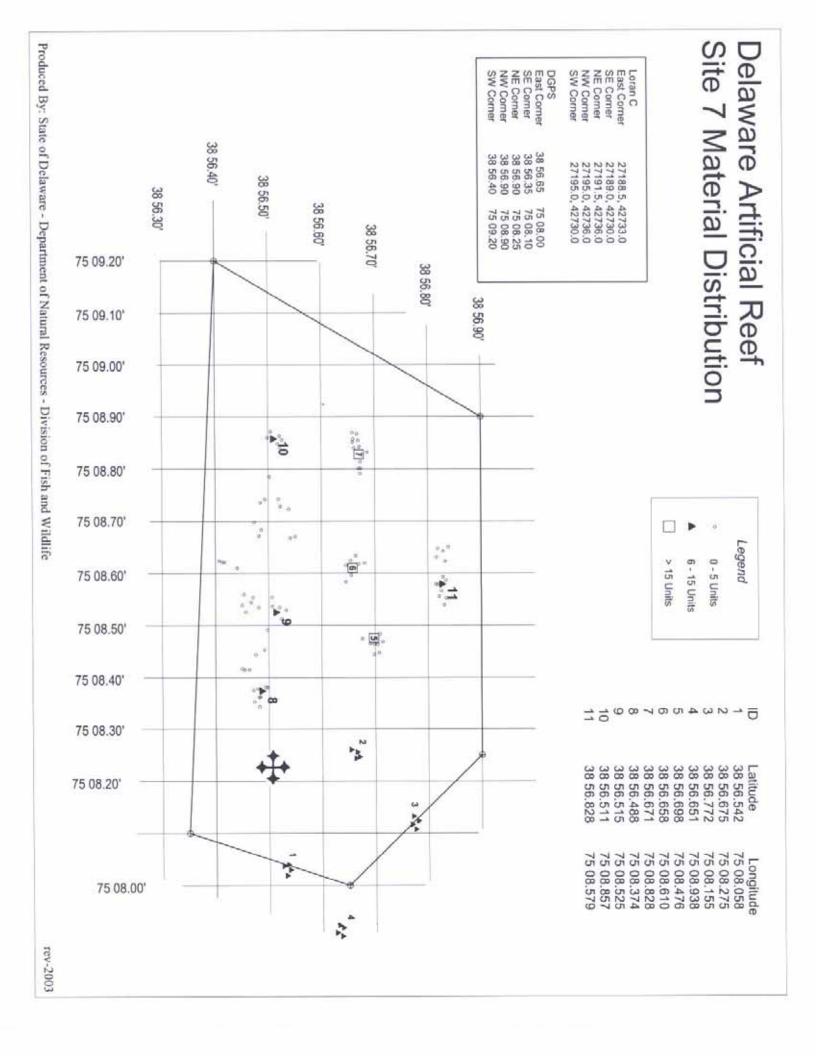
N 38° 56.828' W 075° 08.629'

9. 1,697 tons of concrete deployed on 11/17/03.

N 38° 56.653' W 075° 08.604'

10. 1,587 tons of concrete deployed on 12/23/04.

N 38° 56.517' W 075° 08.237'



Total area of site - 0.96 square nautical miles
Depth range - 29-72' (mean low water)

Distance from port - 4.5 nautical miles from Roosevelt Inlet 8.5 nautical miles from Mispillion River

Invertebrate Colonization - blue mussel community

Fish - tautog, seabass, scup, weakfish, striped bass,

bluefish

### **Deployments**

- 550 tons of donated concrete and steel material donated by STAR Enterprise deployed from a moving barge 3/1/95.
- 2. 500 tons of concrete culvert deployed from a moving barge 8/25/95.
- 3. 980 tons of donated concrete and steel material donated by STAR Enterprise deployed from an anchored barge 1/23/96.

N 38° 51.892' W 075° 08.054'

4. 70' commercial tugboat "Golden Eagle" sunk 8/96 at

N 38° 52.080' W 075° 08.094'

5. 800 tons of concrete deployed from an anchored barge 6/18/98. Approximate depth 28'.

N 75° 08.491' - .495' W 038° 51.887' - .892'

6. 800 tons of concrete deployed from an anchored barge 6/5/99. Depth 41'.

N. 38° 51.948 – 963' W 075. 08.184 – 193'

7. 935 tons of concrete deployed from an anchored barge 7/8/99. Depth 37'.

N 38° 52.157 – 168' W 075° 08.400 – 418'

8. 1,000 tons of concrete deployed on 4/24/01.

N 38° 52.100' W 075° 08.800'

9. 1,010 tons of concrete deployed on 9/13/02. Depth 32'

N 38° 52.176 – 261' W 075° 09.024 – 102'

10. 1,000 tons of concrete deployed on 12/13/02. Depth 30'.

N 38° 52.066' W 075° 08.663'

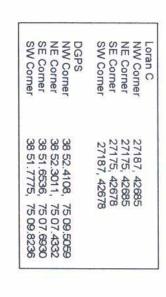
11. 1,138 tons of concrete deployed on 5/21/03.

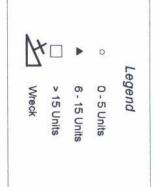
N 38° 51.749' W 075° 08.191'

12. 1,091 tons of concrete deployed on 8/7/03.

N 38° 52.356' W 075° 09.350'

## Delaware Artificial Reef Site 8 Material Distribution





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Total area of site - 0.63 square nautical miles
Depth range - 52-63' (mean low water)

Distance from port - 12 nautical miles from Roosevelt Inlet

4.5 nautical miles from Indian River Inlet

Invertebrate Colonization - blue mussel community

Fish - tautog, seabass, scup, weakfish, bluefish, striped

bass

### **Deployments**

1. 500 tons of concrete culvert - deployed from a moving barge 8/25/95.

2. 1000 tons of concrete culvert and stabilized tires deployed on 4/15/97 near

N 38° 40.235' W 074° 59.718'

3. 900 tons of stabilized tires deployed on 6/26/97. Approximate depth 60'.

N 38° 40.062' - .081' W 074° 59.561' - .581'

4. 800 tons of concrete culvert and stabilized tire units deployed on 7/31/98. Approximate depth 58'.

N 38° 40.151'

W 074° 59.588'

5. 500 tons of cement mixer drums deployed 7/6/01

N 38° 40.351' W 074° 59.655'

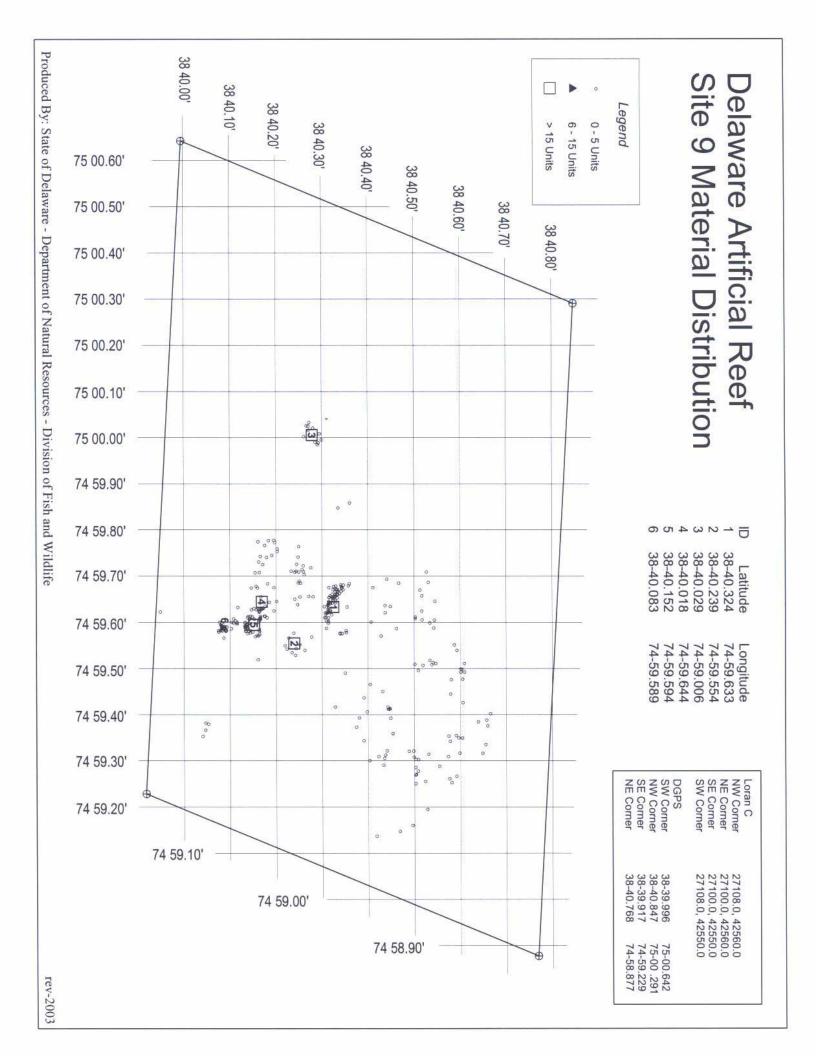
6. 1,100 tons of concrete deployed 6/24/03. Depth 62'.

N 38° 40.231' W 074° 59.541'

7. 1,093 tons of concrete deployed 8/21/03. Depth 60'.

N 38° 40.277' W 075° 00.214'

<u>Notes</u>



Total area of site 0.69 square nautical miles Depth range 56-66' (mean low water)

5.5 nautical miles from Indian River Inlet Distance from port

Invertebrate Colonization blue mussel community

Fish sea bass, tautog, scup, weakfish, bluefish

### **Deployments**

Previously existing wreck (barge?)

N 38° 36.934' 074° 55.821' W

- 1000 tons of concrete culvert and stabilized tire units deployed from a moving barge 8/25/95.
- 1000 tons of stabilized tire units deployed from a moving barge 11/18/95. 3.
- 1000 tons of concrete culvert and stabilized tire units deployed from an anchored barge 8/5/96.

38° 36.890' N 074° 56.454' W

- 850 tons of ballasted tire units on 3/31/98. Approximate depth 60'.
- 850 tons of concrete culvert and stabilized tire units deployed on 5/19/98. Approximate depth 61'.

N 38° 36.365' W 074° 56.600'

875 tons of ballasted tire units deployed from an anchored barge 8/19/99. Depth 64'.

N 38° 36.432 - 434' W  $074^{\circ}55.871 - 874$ 

8. Yon 80 Navy barge sunk 6/18/02. Depth 62'.

> 38° 36.424' N W 074°56.498'

1,190 tons of concrete deployed 11/20/02. Depth 60'.

N 38° 36.589' W 074°56.469'

10. 5.6 nautical miles of marine cable deployed 5/11/03. Depth 62'

N 38° 36.750'

W 074°55.670'

11. 1,072 tons of concrete deployed 7/9/03.

38° 36.738' N

W 074°55.965'

12. 1,039 tons of concrete deployed 7/26/03.

38° 36.857' 074°56.161'

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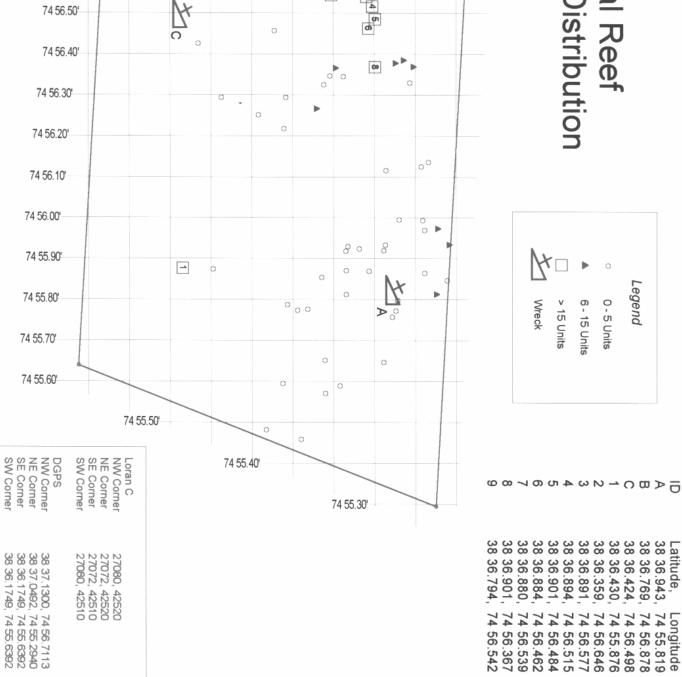
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# Site 10 Material Distribution Delaware Artificial Reef



### **Site 11**

Total area of site - 1.3 square nautical miles
Depth range - 68-88' (mean low water)

Distance from port- 16.5 nautical miles from Indian River Inlet

Invertebrate Colonization - blue mussel community
Fish - sea bass, tautog

**Deployments** 

1. 26 military track vehicles deployed in 3 tightly grouped clusters 1/96.

A N 38° 40.702' B N 38° 40.703' C N 38° 40.718' W 074° 43.531' W 074° 43.518' W 074° 43.550'

2. 40 military vehicles deployed in clusters.

(7 vehicles) N 38°40.648' В Α (13 vehicles) N 38°40.561' - .576' W 074°43.487' - .511' N 38°40.624' - .635' W 074°43.535' C 38°40.618' - .641' D (9 vehicles) N (11 vehicles) W 074°43.430' - .448' W 074°43.374 - .379'

3. 850 tons of ballasted off road tire units deployed 7/24/98. Approximate depth 90'.

N 38° 40.389' - .415' W 074° 43.433' - .453'

4. 90' commercial tug "Delilah" sunk 1/15/99. N 38° 40.433'

W 074° 43.386'

5. 1,100 tons ballasted tires deployed from a moving barge 2/11/99. N 38° 40.490 – 530'

W 074° 43.450 – 500'

6. 7. YC 1479 (160' Navy barge) sunk 10/20/00. N 38° 40.365'

W 074° 43.818'

8. 90' Commercial tug "Margie Ann" sunk 6/19/01. Depth 90'. N 38° 40.322'

W 074° 44.132'

	Date of Deployment	Number of cars	Latitude	Longitude
9.	8/21/01	27 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.704'	W 074° 43.593'
10.	8/25/01	31 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.128'	W 074° 44.420'
11.	9/8/01	31 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.553'	W 074° 44.253'
12.	9/22/01	31 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.180'	W 074° 44.135'
13.	10/22/01	31 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.564'	W 074° 43.802'
14.	11/02/01	31 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.575'	W 074° 44.216'
15.	1/17/02	31 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.553'	W 074° 43.851'
16.	1/21/02	31 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.324'	W 074° 44.400'
17.	1/26/02	32 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.246'	W 074° 43.501'
18.	2/22/02	32 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.246'	W 074° 43.501'
19.	3/7/02	32 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.220'	W 074° 43.683'
20.	2/4/02	34 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.435'	W 074° 44.360'
21.	8/24/02	50 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.155'	W 074° 44.284'
22.	4/8/02	32 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.207'	W 074° 43.982'
23	11/1/02	50 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.322'	W 074° 44.132'
24	11/10/03	52 Red Bird Cars	N 38° 40.580'	W 074° 44.155'

