## DELAWARE REEF GUIDE

IF YOU BUILD IT

## 2009-2010

THEY WILL COME



Delaware's Artificial Reef Program is funded under the Federal Aid in Fisheries Restoration Act by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife

## **ABOUT THE COVER** The tugs "Fels Point", "Cittie Point" and "W.C. Snow" are photographed in tow to their final resting place on site #11 June 2, 2008. The Dominion Marine Group tug "American" was the platform for the photographer. ABOUT THE REEF GUIDE Welcome to the 2009-2010 "Recession Edition" of the Delaware Reef Guide, printed in black and white to conserve funding for reef development activities. 2010 is expected to be a good year for the Reef Program. The Navy has awarded the retired destroyer, Arthur W. Radford to the Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland Reef Program for a cooperative effort to sink it on a Delaware permitted reef site. We expect to select a contractor and resume the deployment of concrete materials on Delaware Bays sites. A "new" reef site near Augustine Beach is expected to receive its first reef Materials and New York city subways cars continue to be deployed on ocean sites. Enjoy fishing Delaware's Reefs!

#### THE DELAWARE REEF PROGRAM

Delaware has fourteen 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

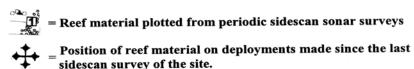
Reef construction is especially important in the Mid-Atlantic Region, where near shore bottom is usually featureless sand or mud. We have neither the natural rocky outcrops common in New England nor the coral reefs of our Southeastern Atlantic Coast. Durable, stable, non-toxic reef materials can develop an invertebrate community which is hundreds of times richer than adjacent bottom, providing food and physical protection for reef fish such as tautog, sea bass, scup, spadefish and triggerfish. In addition, game fish such as flounder, bluefish, striped bass, weakfish, tunas 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 materials used at the eight Delaware Bay sites. Ballasted tire units have been deployed at the three ocean sites. To date, over 74,000 tons of concrete products, 9,000 tons of ballasted tire units and 86 decommissioned military vehicles. Retired vessels have become an important part of the Reef Program in recent years with 17 vessels from 40-180' sunk on 7 reef sites. An additional three vessels and six barges are under contract for sinking in 2009.

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—2005. 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<sup>0</sup> 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 variation 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.

#### ENJOY FISHING DELAWARE'S REEFS

Key to Reading the Reef Charts.



## **GENERAL LOCATION OF DELAWARE'S** FOURTEEN PERMITTED ARTIFICIAL REEF SITES MAY TO CAPE HATTERAS

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'

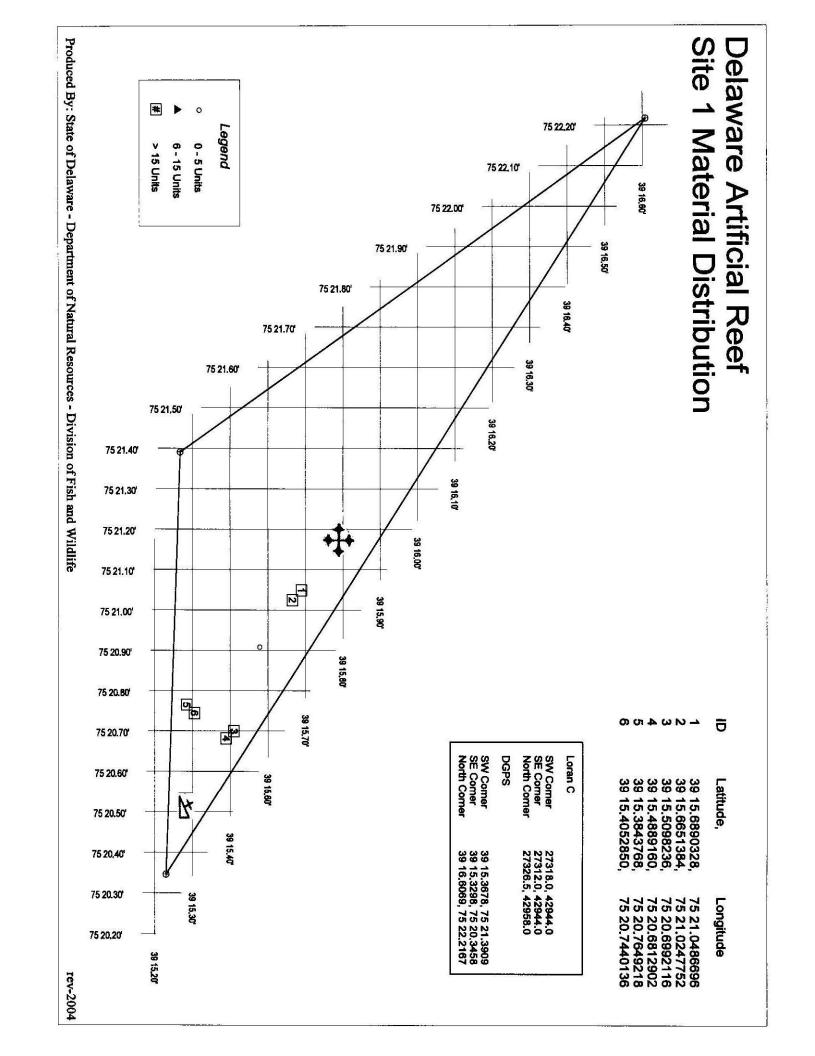
5. 1,582 tons of concrete culvert deployed from and anchored barge 7/10/04.

N 39° 15.788' W 075° 21.177'

6. 40' steel hull pilot boat N 39° 15.519'

W 075° 20.753'

<u>Notes</u>



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'.

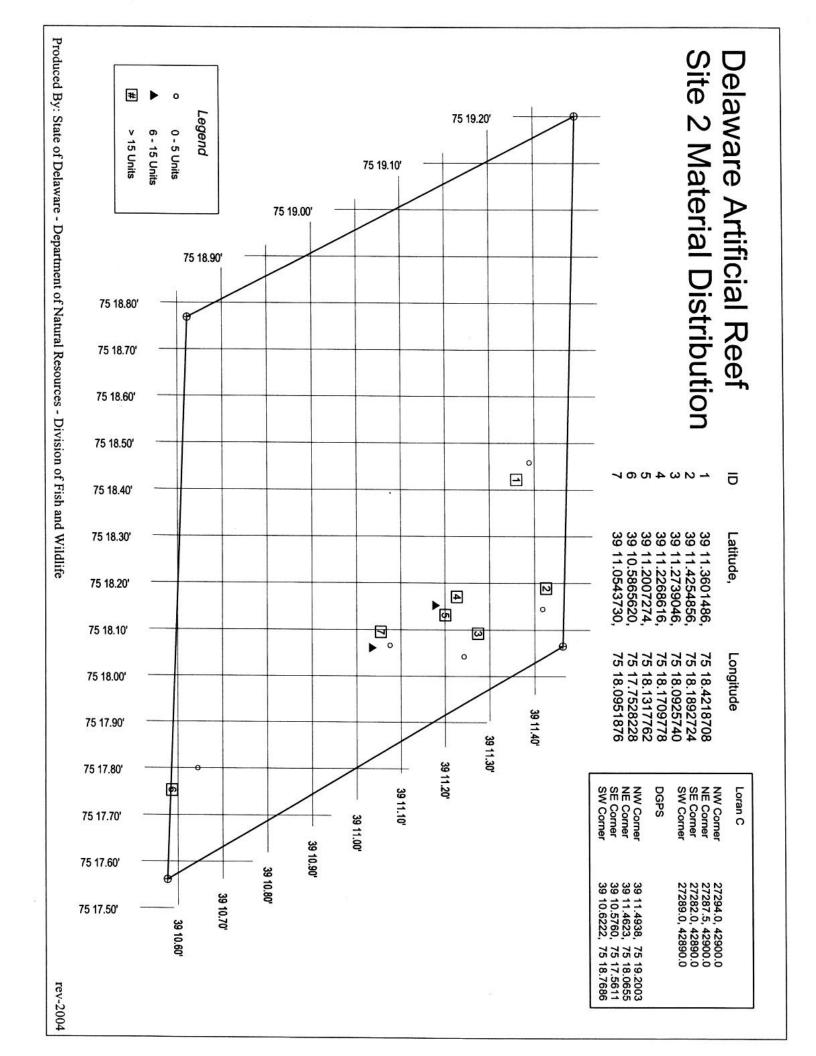
N 39° 11.265' W 075° 18.097'

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'.

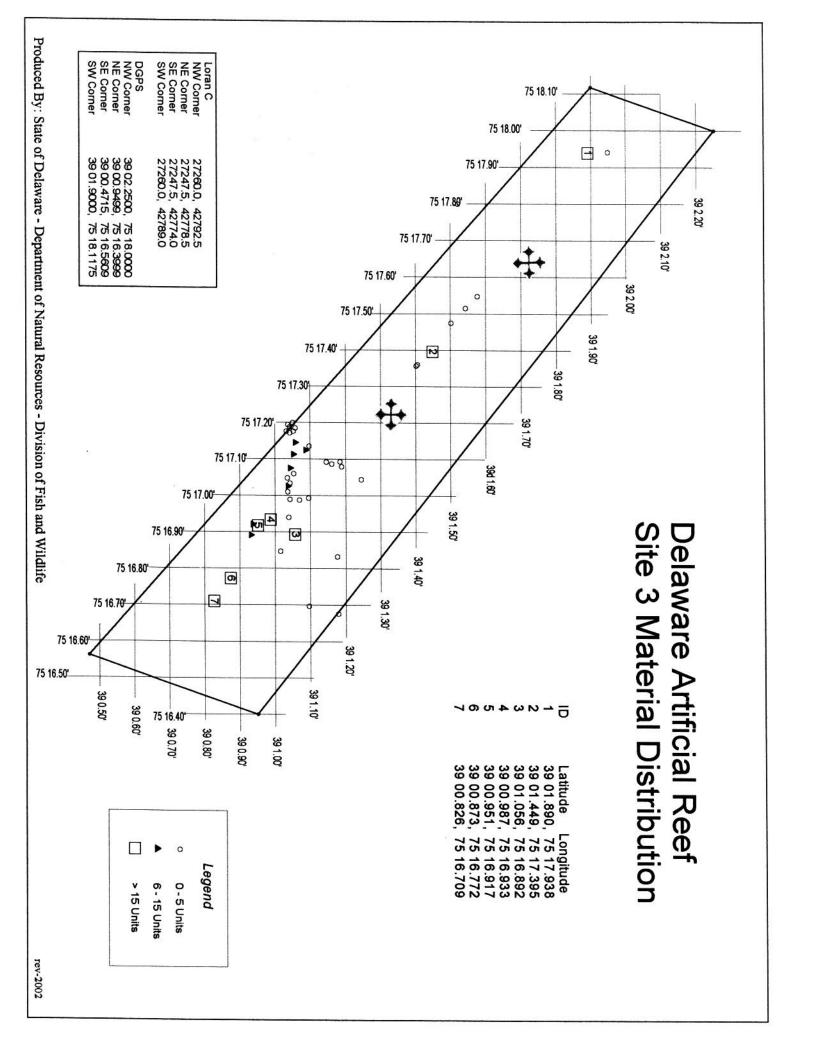
N 39° 01.449' W 075° 17.395'

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

N 39° 01.730' W 075° 17.640'

8. 1,590 tons of concrete deployed 3/11/04. Depth 26'.

N 39° 01.339' W 075° 17.242'



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.

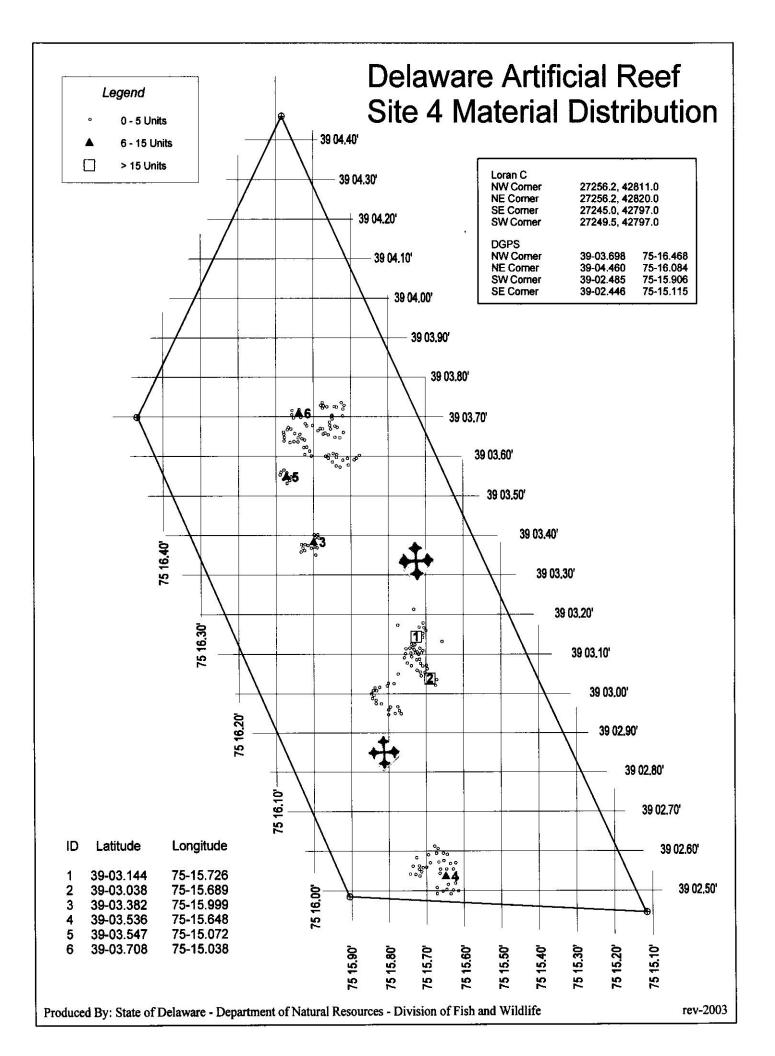
N 39° 03.065' W 075° 15.724'

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

N 39° 02.853' W 075° 15.805'

8. 1,407 tons of concrete deployed 11/02/05. Depth 34'.

N 39° 03.342' W 075° 15.743'



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'

4. 1,100 tons of concrete deployed on 6/11/01.

N 38° 54.218' W 075° 11.952'

5. 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.

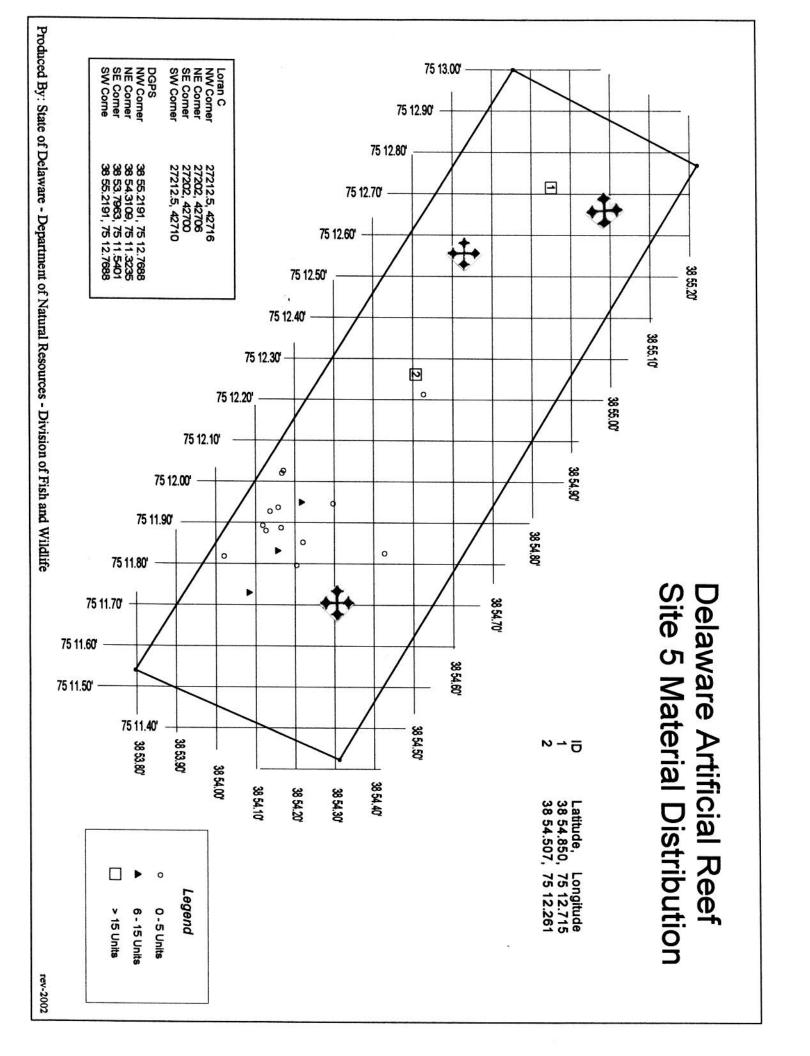
N 38° 54.303' W 075° 11.684'

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

N 38° 54.983' W 075° 12.657'

10. 1,100 tons of concrete deployed 3/30/06.

N 38° 54.306' W 075° 11.710'



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.

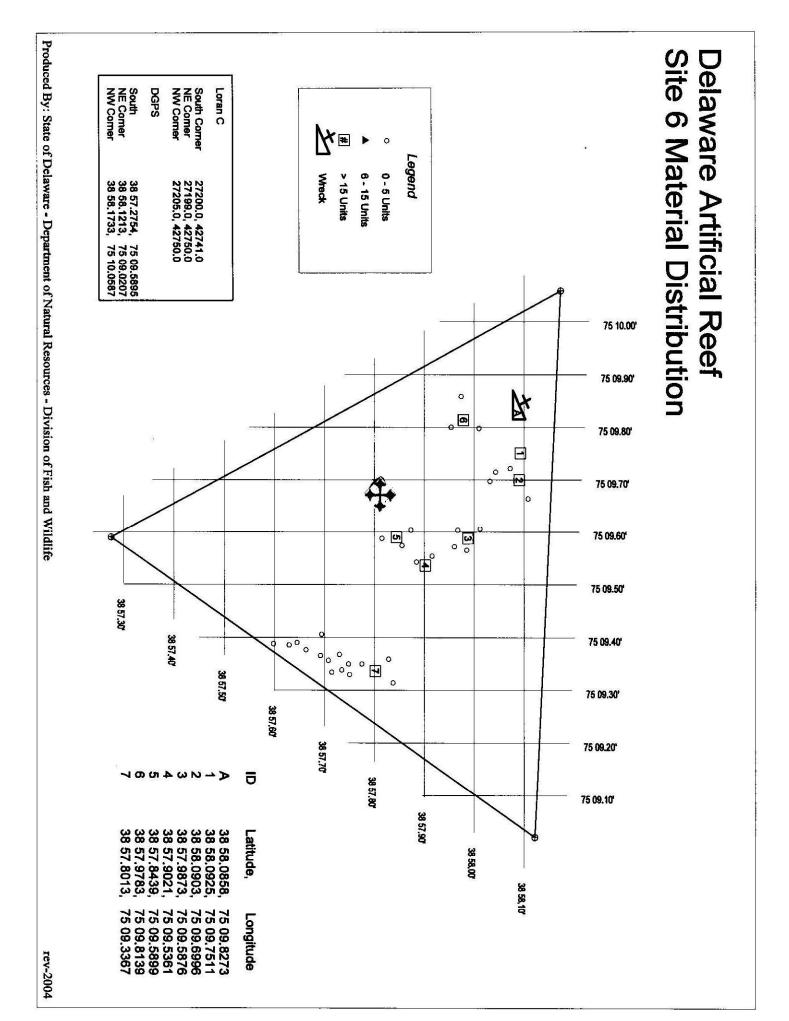
N 38° 58.086' W 075° 09.825'

9. 1,226 tons of concrete deployed on 2/23/05.

N 38° 57.820' W 075° 09.658'

10. 1,500 tons of concrete deployed on 6/25/06.

N 38° 57.916' W 075° 09.655'



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

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**

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

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

38° 56.511' W 075° 08.896'

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

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'.

38° 56.460 - 467' W  $075^{\circ}\ 08.508 - 537$ 

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

38° 56.648 - 669' N W  $075^{\circ} 08.839 - 846'$ 

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

38° 56.500' W 075° 08.200'

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

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

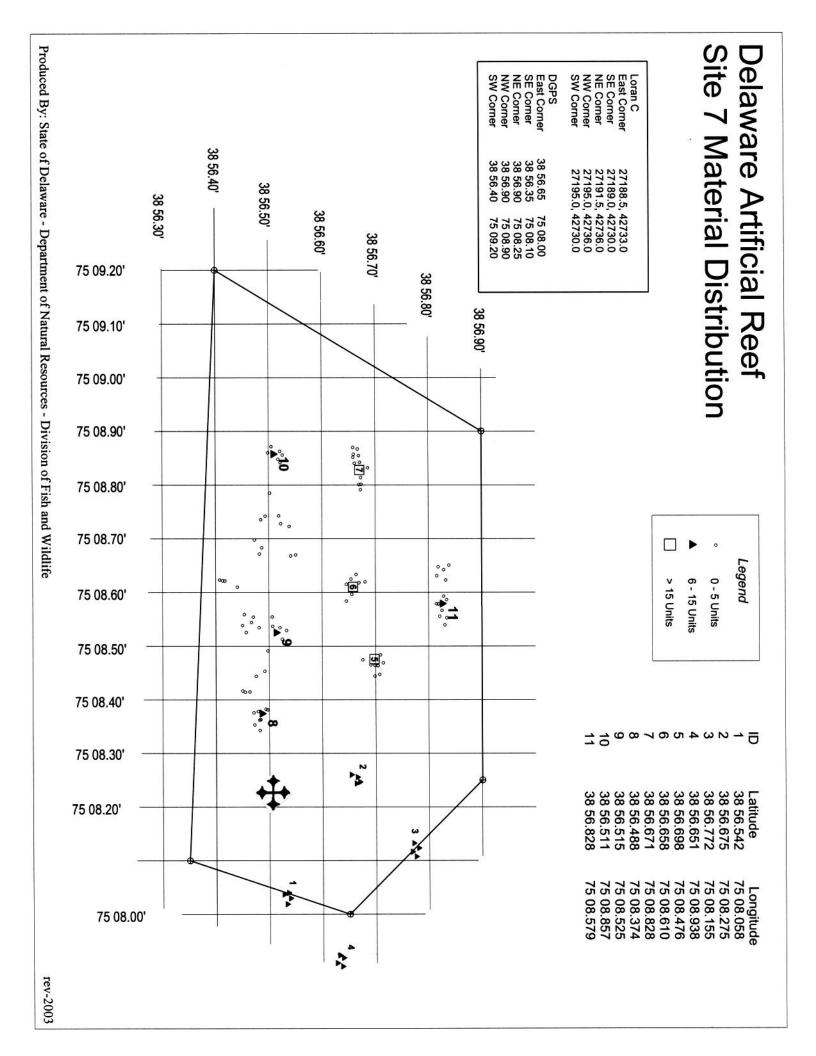
38° 56.828' W 075° 08.629'

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

38° 56.653' N W 075° 08.604'

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

38° 56.517' N 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' 38 51.70

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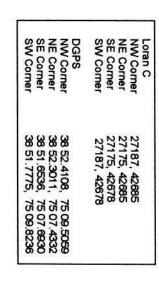
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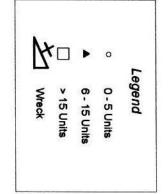
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Total area of site - 0.63 square nautical miles
Depth range - 52-63' (mean low water)

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'

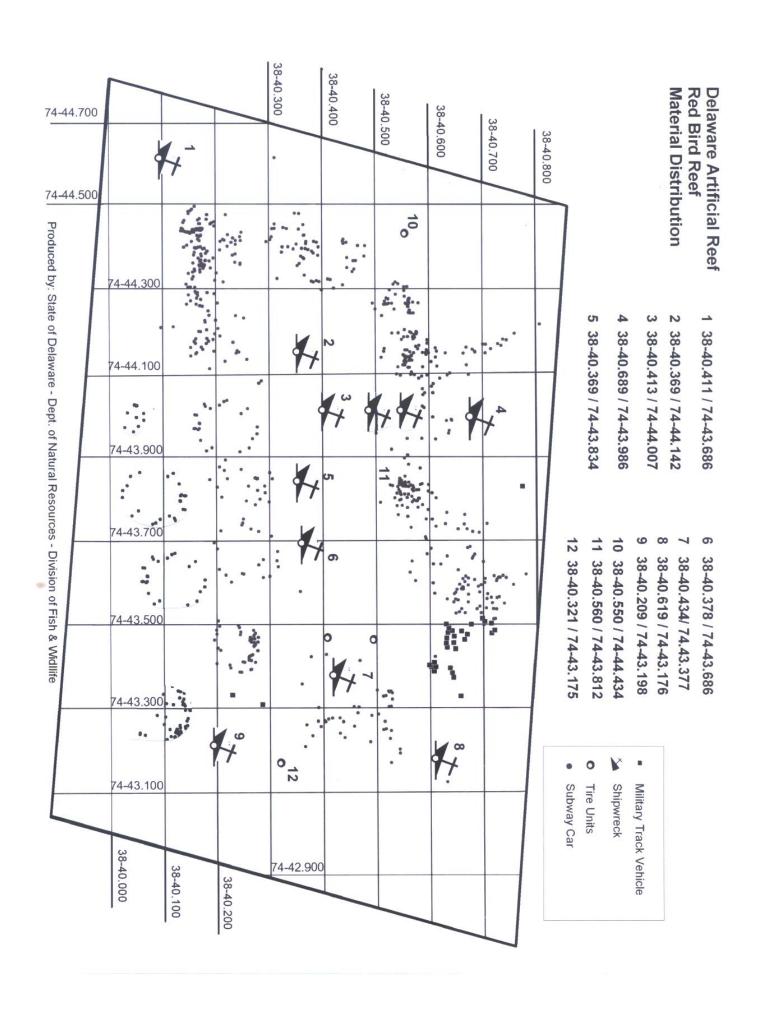
6. 1,100 tons of concrete deployed 6/24/03. Depth 62'.

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)

Distance from port - 5.5 nautical miles from Indian River Inlet

Invertebrate Colonization - blue mussel community

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

#### **Deployments**

1. Previously existing wreck (barge?)

N 38° 36.934' W 074° 55.821'

- 2. 1000 tons of concrete culvert and stabilized tire units deployed from a moving barge 8/25/95.
- 3. 1000 tons of stabilized tire units deployed from a moving barge 11/18/95.
- 4. 1000 tons of concrete culvert and stabilized tire units deployed from an anchored barge 8/5/96.

N 38° 36.890' W 074° 56.454'

- 5. 850 tons of ballasted tire units on 3/31/98. Approximate depth 60'.
- 6. 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'

7. 875 tons of ballasted tire units deployed from an anchored barge 8/19/99. Depth 64'.

N 38° 36.432 – 434' W 074°55.871 – 874'

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

N 38° 36.424' W 074°56.498'

9. 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.

N 38° 36.738' W 074°55.965'

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

N 38° 36.857' W 074°56.161'

13. "Mr. G" and "Rusty Pusher" (small tug and push boat) 3/4/09

N 38° 36.649' W 074° 56.646'

#### 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, northern coral community

Fish - sea bass, tautog, flounder, scup

#### **Deployments**

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

A. N38° 40.702' W 074°43.531' B. N38° 40.703' W 074°43.518' C. N38° 40.718' W 074° 43.550'

2. 40 military vehicles deployed in clusters.

A (7 vehicles) N38°40.648'; W074°43.535' B (13 vehicles) N38°40.561' - .576'; W074°43.487' - .511'

C (9 vehicles) N38°40.618' - .641'; W074°43.374 - .379' D (11 vehicles) N38°40.624' - .635'; W074°43.430' - .448'

- 3. 850 tons of ballasted off road tire units deployed 7/24/98. depth 90', N38° 40.389'- 415'; W074° 43.433'- .453'
- 4. 90' commercial tug "Delilah" sunk 1/15/99, N38° 40.433'; W074° 43.386'
- 5. 1,100 tons ballasted tires deployed from a moving barge 2/11/99, N38° 40.490' -530'; W074° 43.450 -500'
- 6. 7. YC 1479 (160' Navy barge) sunk 10/20/00, N38° 40.365'; W074° 43.818'
- 7. 90' Commercial tug "Margie Ann" sunk 6/19/01. Depth 90', N38° 40.322'; W074° 44.132'

#### Subway cars

There are 714 subway cars on the site which can easily be found using this chart and your fathometer. The following coordinates are the densest concentrations identified by the sidescans sonar contractor:

8. N 38° 40.688'; W 074° 43.576'

9. N 38° 40.567'; W 074° 43.805'

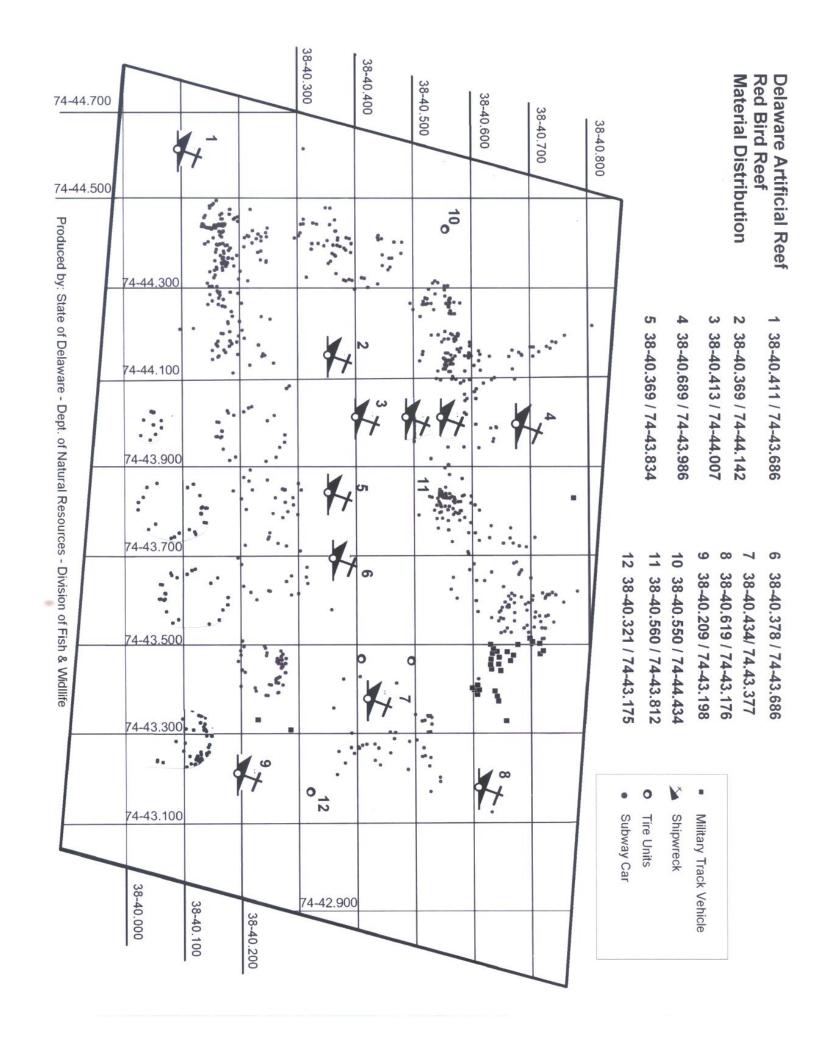
10. N 38° 40.534'; W 074° 44.272'

11. N 38° 40.200'; W 074° 44.401'

12. N 38° 40.218'; W 074° 43.862'

13. N 38° 40.263'; W 074° 43.468'

- 14. N 38° 40.372'; W 074° 44.389'
- 15. 15. Margaret 85' tug sunk 6/28/07 Depth 88' N 38° 40.361'; W 074° 43.672'
- 16. William C. Snow 55' tug sunk 6/2/08 Depth 84' N 38° 40.105'; W 074° 44.600'
- 17. Fels Points 110' tug sunk 6/2/08 Depth 77' N 38° 40.212'; W 074° 43.196'
- 18. Cittie Point 95' tug sunk 6/2/08 Dept 81' N 38° 40.624'; W 074° 43.173'
- 19. Bay Tide 110' tug sunk 1/30/09 38° 40. 54' N; 074° 43.957' W
- 20. Crazy Horse 77' trawler sunk 1/30/09 38° 40. 490' N; 074° 43.957' W



#### **DEL-JERSEY-LAND INSHORE SITE**

Total area of site - 1.00 square nautical miles

Depth range - 121-131'

Distance from port - 26 NW from Indian River Inlet

30 NW from Cape May, NJ Inlet 30 NW from Ocean City, MD Inlet

Invertebrate Colonization - Northern coral, Whip coral, Anemone community

Fish - black sea bass, ocean pout, winter flounder, red hake, bluefish,

Bluefin tuna, shark

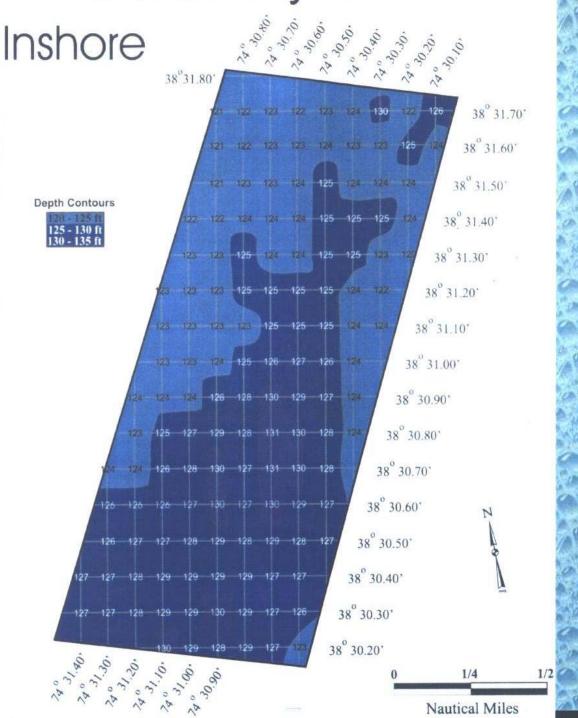
Gregory Poole 175' Minesweeper/Menhaden harvesting vessel (see front cover) sunk 12/2/2007 38° 30. 910' N 074° 30. 597' W

Scattered subway cars in the vicinity of the following coordinates:

44 cars 38° 31.600' N 074° 30.600' N 8/2/09 44 cars 38° 31.600' N 074° 30.400' W 8/30/09 44 cars 38° 31.500' N 074° 30.800' W 9/30/09 44 cars 38° 31.600' N 074° 30.800' W 9/12/09



### Del-Jerseyland



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