

SEA TURTLE MONITOR TRAINING WORKSHOP
HOMEWORK: July 18, 2012

I encourage you to go to You Tube and access a video entitled "Saving The Kemp's ridley – Episode 1 with fav song Thank you" prior to Wednesday's training session. The 2009 video is 7:32 minutes long and a nice overview of many of the aspects you learned during the workshop's first day. Copyright restrictions and lack of internet access in Galveston Island State Park's Education Center prevent me from showing the video in my power point presentations during workshop sessions. Hopefully, the video will be available to you when you return home or to your hotel Wednesday evening. Assuming so, you may access the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8zJKNBAWuU or by going to You Tube and searching for the video under the aforementioned title.

You are encouraged to make your viewing of the video an informative challenge where you make note of various things related to knowing more about the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle, its nesting behavior, and conservation initiatives to speed its population recovery. As such, please use the video to prepare to participate in a review of nesting dynamics during the first training session on Wednesday morning. To do so, see if you can provide any information on the following topics or questions:

1. Where was the video filmed?
2. How many species of sea turtles are shown in the video? What are these species?
3. How many life stages of Kemp's ridley are shown in the video? What are these life stages?
4. How many different nesters are shown laying eggs in the video? How can you distinguish between these nesters (Hint: attempt to do so morphologically and by location of nesting)?
5. What direction do the nesters in Question #4 face when on a nest?
6. Where are the nester's tracks most visible on the video? Why?
7. What is the nester doing when she stops on her way back to the water?
8. What might be one concern about the manner in which eggs are taken out of a nest and put into the sack shown in the video?
9. What do you call the fenced area in which you see a beach worker digging holes?
10. What do you think will go in these holes?
11. What information might the small stakes inside the fenced area provide?
12. What might be one concern you have when seeing operation of the ATVs in the video?

FIRST AND FOREMOST, ENJOY THE VIDEO!!! Hopefully, it will enable a fruitful discussion amongst all of us!