Sacramento San-Joaquin Delta

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Counties: Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Yolo, Alameda

Major Cities Partly Within the Delta: Sacramento, Stockton, West Sacramento, Oakley, and Rio Vista

Levees (total mileage, 1987): 1,100

Rivers flowing into the Delta: Sacramento, San Joaquin, Mokelumne, Cosumnes, and Calaveras

Diversions Directly from the Delta: State Water Project, Federal Central Valley Project, North Bay Aqueduct, City of Vallejo, Western Delta Industry, 1,800+ Agricultural Users

Water Supply: Drinking water for 25 million people; supports California’s trillion dollar economy (eighth largest in the world) and $27 billion agricultural industry (nation’s number one)

Agriculture (2001): Average Annual Gross Value totals more than $2 billion. Crops include corn, grain, hay, alfalfa, tomatoes, asparagus, pears, and wine grapes.

Wildlife: 52 mammals, 22 reptiles and amphibian species, 225 birds, and 54 species of fish. The Delta is also home to approximately 260 invasive species of plants and animals.

Recreation: Over 12 million visitors annually. There are 290 shoreline recreational areas, 300 marinas, and about 500,000 boaters. The Delta has 57,000 acres of navigable waterways. (Figures from the Department of Boating and Waterways)

Major Sport Fish:*  
American Shad  
Bass (Striped, Smallmouth, Largemouth, Spotted)  
Black Crappie  
Chinook Salmon  
Catfish (Channel, Blue, White, Black Bullhead, Brown Bullhead)  
Starry Flounder  
Steelhead  
Sunfish (Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Redear, Green)  
Tule Perch  
Warmouth  
White Sturgeon

Area:  
The Bay-Delta is the West Coast's largest estuary, with 57 major reclaimed islands and numerous unleveed channel islands.

Land Use:  
425,700 acres - irrigated agriculture  
64,000 acres - urban & commercial  
61,000 acres - open water

* Before fishing in the Delta, always check with the California Department of Fish & Game (www.dfg.ca.gov) for regulations regarding particular fish species and specific license requirements for the region.