Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area
National Heritage Areas

- Designated by Congress
- Tell nationally important stories
- Grassroots, community-driven
- Support historic preservation, natural resource conservation, recreation, heritage tourism, and educational projects
- No effect on water, property, or hunting and fishing rights
National Heritage Areas
Prior to 2019
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area

- 2009 - Delta Reform Act charged DPC with developing proposal
- Since 2010 - Legislation introduced in each Congress
- 2012 - NPS completed review of Feasibility Study
- 2019 - Designated as part of John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act
Delta NHA Boundaries
Interpretive Themes

2012 Feasibility Study

1. At the Heart of California lies America’s inland Delta.
2. Conversion of the Delta from marshland to farmland was one of the largest reclamation projects in the United States.
3. Multi-cultural contributions and experiences have shaped the Delta’s rural landscape.
Interpretive Themes
2012 Feasibility Study

4. The Delta, California’s Cornucopia, is amongst the most fertile agricultural regions in the world.

5. The Delta lies at the center of California’s water resource challenges.