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

Land Use:
425,700 acres - Irrigated Agriculture
64,000 acres - Urban & Commercial
61,000 acres - Open Water
1. **Population:** 571,000 (2010 Census)

2. **Counties:** Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Yolo, Alameda

3. **History:** The Delta was once a mosaic of tidal marshes and riverside forest. Early settlers built levees and drained the land for farming.

4. **Levees (total mileage, 1987):** 1,100

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

6. **Diversion directly from the Delta:** State Water Project, Federal Central Valley Project, Contra Costa Canal, North Bay Aqueduct, City of Vallejo, Western Delta Industry, 1,800+ Agricultural Users

7. **Water Supply:** Drinking water for 25 million people; supports California’s nearly $2 trillion dollar economy (fifth largest in the world) and $43.5 billion dollar agricultural industry (nation’s number one).

8. **Agriculture (2009):** The Delta’s average annual gross value for agriculture is more than $702 million in corn, grain, hay, sugar beets, alfalfa, pasture, tomatoes, asparagus, safflower, a range of fruits and more.

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

10. **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)*

11. **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

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