

**Chronology / Timetable for North Delta NWR**  
November 30, 1999

- 1983 Little Holland Tract restored to tidal influence due to levee failure
- 1994 Corps initiates acquisition of Little Holland Tract
- 1995 Prospect Island acquired by BOR with CVPIA funds
- 1995 Planning begins for restoration of Prospect Island by Corps and DWR under Section 1135 Program
- 1997 Planning begins for establishment of North Delta NWR; USFWS Director approves initial refuge proposal with 9,200-acre study area
- 1998 USFWS holds two public scoping meetings and numerous stakeholder meetings; Receives strong support for larger project from cooperating agencies and involved private landowners
  
- February 1999 Director approves expanded study area (53,000 acres) for refuge proposal
- September 1999 Liberty Island acquired by Trust for Public Lands with CALFED grant
- December 1999 USFWS releases EA for establishment of refuge boundary for public review; Corps completes acquisition of Little Holland Tract (??)
- February 2000 USFWS completes FONSI or NOI to prepare EIS; Contingent on FONSI, North Delta NWR project boundary approved; Liberty Island transferred from TPL to Service
- April 2000 USFWS completes acquisition of remainder of Liberty Island and begins planning restoration - continues agricultural production in interim
- Summer 2000 Restoration of Prospect Island to begin
- Summer 2001 Restoration of Liberty Island