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# Information Paper

## Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Tobacco Island, NE



*Aerial view of the new side channel at Tobacco Island, September 2002*

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### Location

2 miles southeast of Plattsmouth in Cass County, Nebraska.

### Description

The Tobacco Island mitigation site is located on 1,604 acres of former agricultural land purchased by the Corps of Engineers. The area is adjacent to the right descending bank of the Missouri River at river miles 589 to 586.

The side channel at Tobacco Island was closed in conjunction with the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project (BSNP). Construction of the BSNP cut off the side channel

across Tobacco Island. In 2001, the Corps completed re-opening the closed off side channel across this site. The work included construction of a 3-mile long, 10-foot bottom width pilot channel that will be allowed to erode and widen over time. The area also had native vegetative plantings to compliment the new riverine habitat.

The Nebraska Game & Parks Department has assumed operation and management of the constructed features. No motor vehicles are allowed on the site, but public foot access is available. This site can be used for a variety of outdoor activities including fishing, bird watching, hiking and hunting when in season.

### Current Status

Restoration of this area was completed in December 2001. It has been operational since that time and continues to function as planned providing critical shallow water/sandbar complex habitat.



*Looking out at the Missouri River from the Tobacco Island Mitigation site*