

**Table 3-1
Chronology of Major Dredging Events
Calcasieu Estuary**

Date	Event	Description
September 1937 to July 1941	Formally opened to deep draft traffic July 12, 1941 (USACE 1968).	Dredged the 30-foot deep x 250-foot wide ship channel from the Gulf to Lake Charles.
March 1945	Created Clooney Island Loop, (USACE 1951).	Dredged 250-foot wide and 30-foot deep shipping lane.
July 1946	Deepened the Clooney Island Loop.	Dredged channel to 35 feet deep (USACE 1951).
July to November 1967	Maintenance dredging of channel between mile 15.5 and 29.2.	Removed 2,149,400 cubic yards (cy) of material (USACE 1968).
1973 - 1974	Construction of Coon Island Channel and turning basin.	40-foot deep x 200-foot wide canal with a 40 x 750 x 100-foot long turning basin. (USACE 1998)
July 1973 to April 1974	Coon Island Loop ship channel enlargement.	A 40-foot deep x 200-foot wide channel and a 40 x 750 x 1000 basin.
July 1975 to April 1976	Maintenance dredging of the channel, mile 15.5 to 36.	Removed a total of 9,352,396 cy (USACE 1976).
1976 - 1978	Construction of the industrial canal through Devil's Elbow.	40-foot deep x 400-foot wide canal with a 40 x 1200 x 1400-foot long turning basin. (USACE 1980)
October 1994 to May 1995	Maintenance dredging of the channel, mile 24 to 36.	Dredged material was placed on the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge for wetlands development. (USACE correspondence 2002).
October 1994 to May 1995	Maintenance dredging of the channel, mile 24 to 36.	Removed a total of 4,000,000 cy (USACE correspondence 2002).
1996	Maintenance dredging.	Dredged material was placed on the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge for wetlands development.
December 2000 to December 2001	Maintenance dredging of the channel, mile 24 to 30.3.	Removed a total of 1,000,000 cy. (USACE correspondence 2002).
Proposed 2003	Maintenance dredging of the channel, mile 24 to 32.	Estimated removal of 1,500,000 cy (USACE correspondence 2002).