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Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

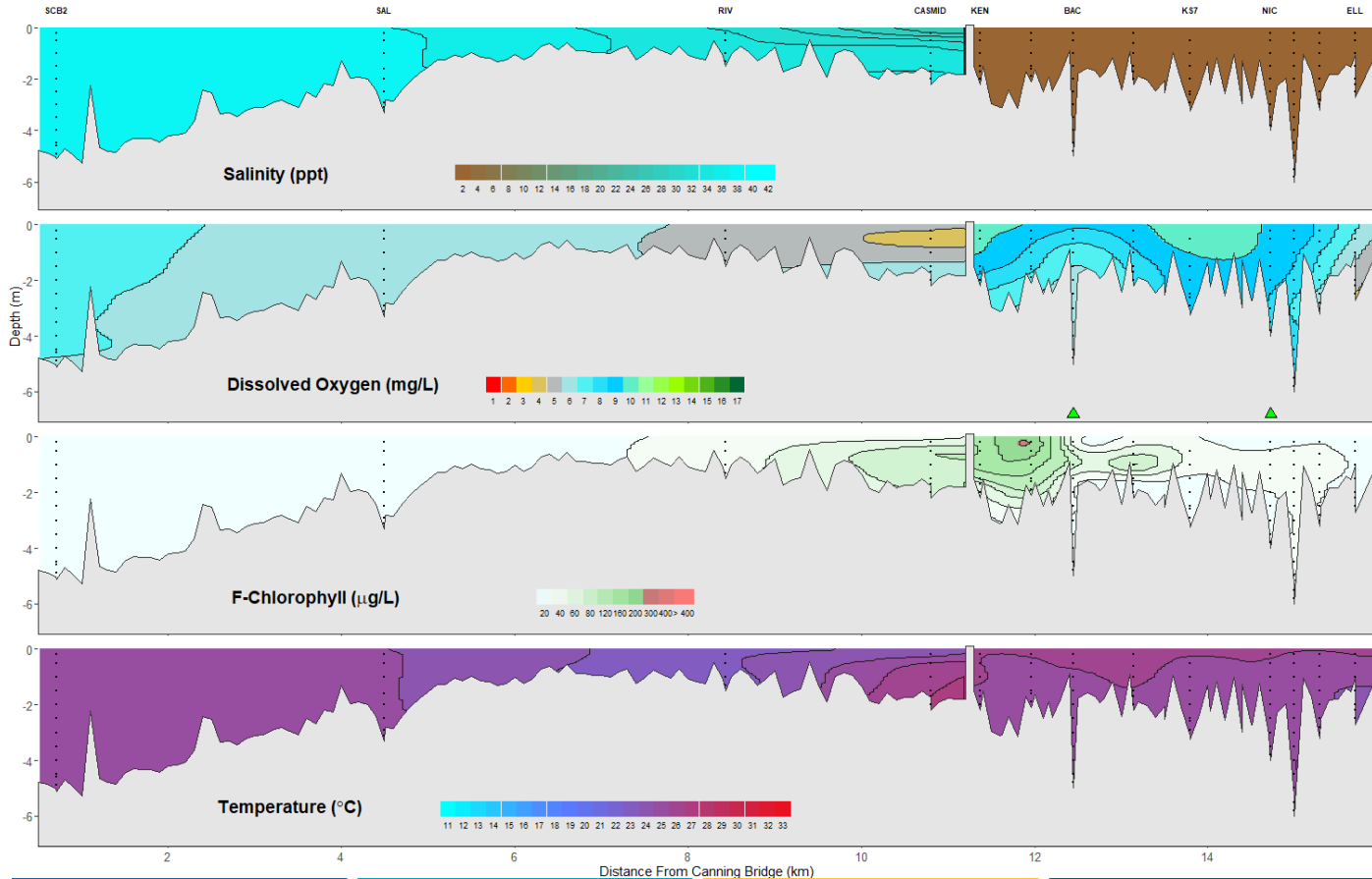
Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River

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Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were sunny with a variable easterly breeze of up to 10 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 0.56 m at 5:49 am (low tide) and 1.08 m at 5:01pm (high tide) . Perth recorded no rainfall in the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

Oxygenation: The Bacon St and Nicholson Rd oxygenation plants were operable and provided oxygen in the 24 hours prior to sampling.

Canning Estuary (SCB2 to CASMID): Waters were hypersaline between SCB2 and SAL and saline from RIV to CASMID. Waters were oxygenated throughout, except for the surface waters of CASMID, which were low in oxygen. Chlorophyll fluorescence was low between SCB2 and RIV and moderate in the bottom and middle waters of CASMID. Water temperatures ranged from 22.6 °C to 26.1 °C at the time of sampling.

Lower Canning River (KEN to ELL): The Lower Canning River was fresh, and waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated throughout, except the bottom waters at PAC which were low in oxygen. Chlorophyll fluorescence was moderate in the surface waters of KEN and BAC and high at BACD500. Water temperatures ranged from 23.7 °C to 25.6 °C at the time of sampling.

NB: Profile plots are visual interpolations of measured parameters only. Detailed data are available at wir.water.wa.gov.au.

Oxygenation Plant Operational Status:

- ▲ Operating for part or all of the 24 hours prior to sampling
- ▲ Operable but not triggered to operate in the 24 hours prior to sampling
- ▲ Inoperable for part or all of the 24 hours prior to sampling

Definitions:

Salinity – fresh <5, brackish 5-25, saline 25-35, hypersaline >35
Dissolved oxygen – well oxygenated >6 mg L⁻¹, oxygenated >4-6 mg L⁻¹, low oxygen >2-4 mg L⁻¹, hypoxic 0.5-2 mg L⁻¹, anoxic <0.5 mg L⁻¹
Chlorophyll fluorescence (mod/high flow): low < 60 µg L⁻¹, moderate 60-160 µg L⁻¹, high 160-400 µg L⁻¹, extreme > 400 µg L⁻¹