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Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

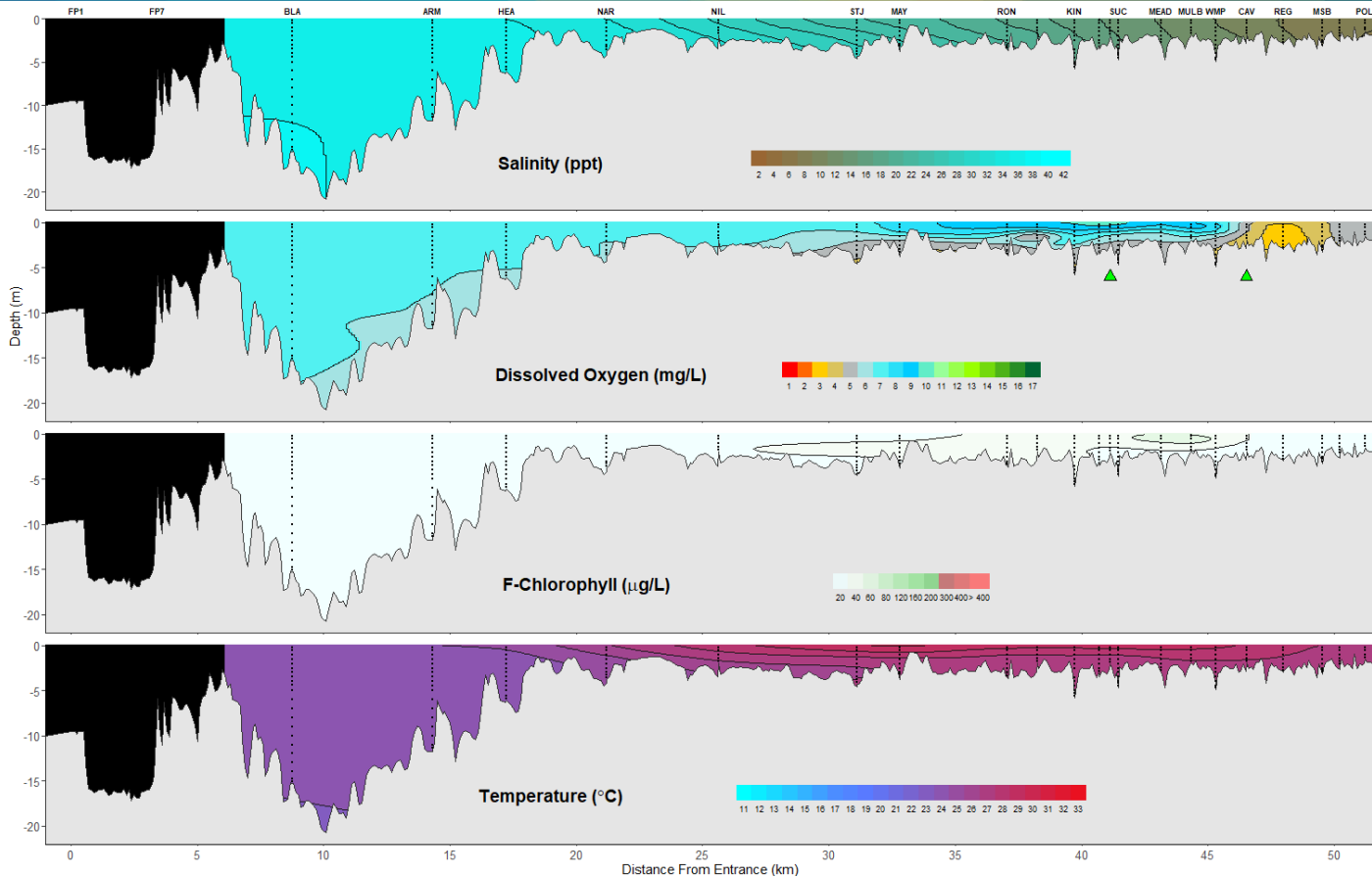
Lower Swan Canning Estuary to Upper Swan Estuary

9th January 2023

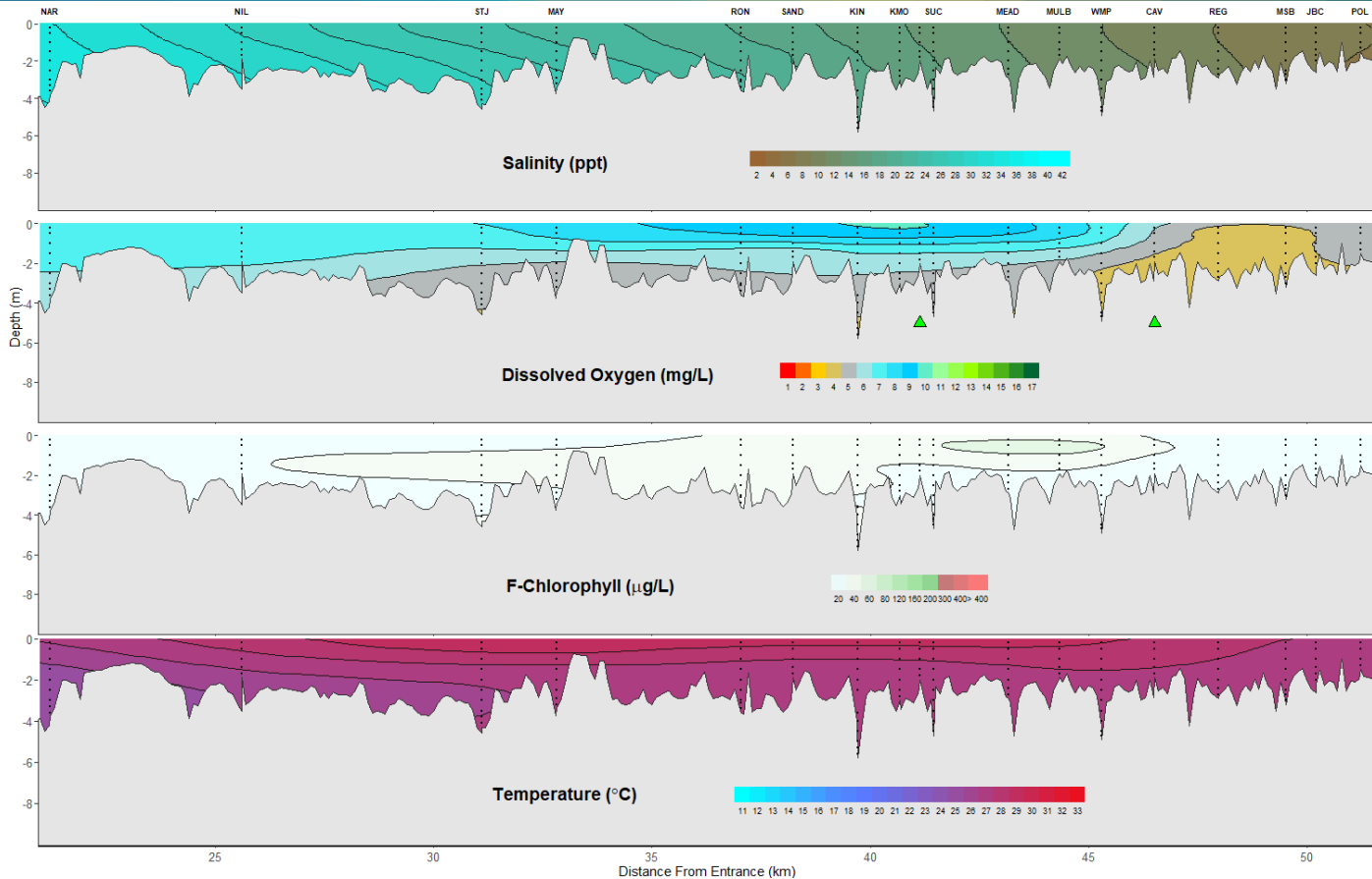
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Swan Canning Estuary - Water Quality Profiles - 9th January 2023



Middle and Upper Swan Estuary - Water Quality Profiles – 3rd January 2023



Date: 9th January 2023

Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were sunny with a predominantly easterly breeze of up to 7 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 0.54 m at 9:46 am (low tide) and 1.1 m at 11:57 pm (high tide). Perth recorded no rainfall in the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

Oxygenation: The Guildford and Caversham oxygenation plants were both operable and providing oxygen in the 24 hours prior to sampling.

Lower Swan Canning Estuary (BLA to NAR): The Lower Swan Canning Estuary was saline and waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated throughout. Chlorophyll fluorescence was low throughout and water temperature ranged from 23.2 to 25.9 °C at the time of sampling.

Middle Swan Estuary (NIL to RON): The Middle Swan Estuary was saline at NIL, brackish over saline at STJ and brackish from MAY to RON. Waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated and chlorophyll fluorescence was low throughout this zone. Water temperature ranged from 25.9 to 29.1 °C at the time of sampling.

Upper Swan Estuary (SAND to POL): The Upper Swan Estuary was brackish throughout. Surface waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated throughout except for REG to MSB where they were low in oxygen. Bottom waters were low in oxygen at SAND and KIN and from WMP to MSB. Chlorophyll fluorescence was low throughout, except for surface waters between MULB and MEAD where it was moderate. Water temperature ranged from 25.9 to 28.8 °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 (low flow): low < 50 µg L⁻¹, moderate 50-150 µg L⁻¹, high 150-400 µg L⁻¹, extreme > 400 µg L⁻¹