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Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

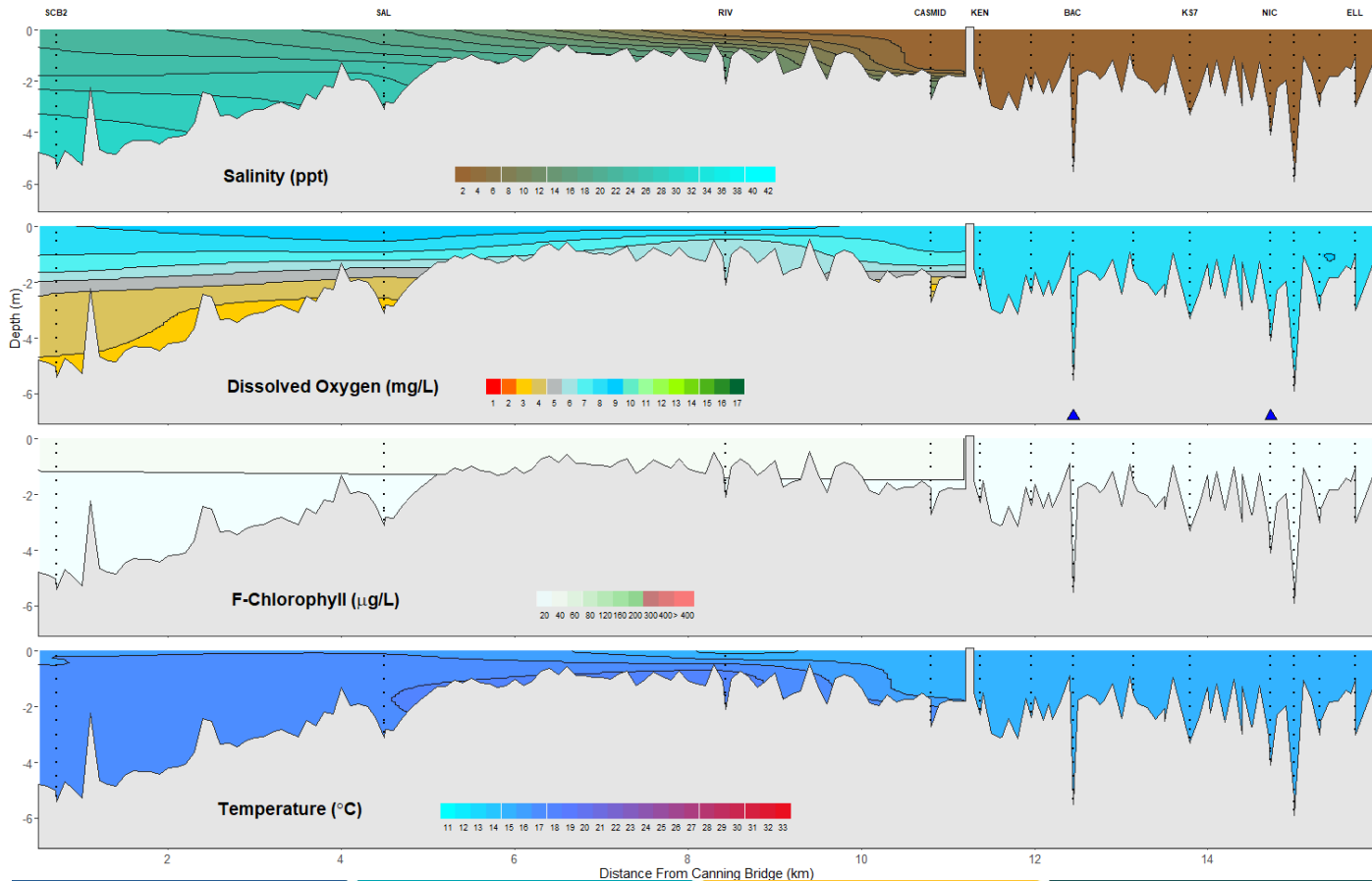
Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River

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Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were stormy with a light north westerly breeze of up to 2.4 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 1.16 m at 10:20 am (high tide) and 0.68 m at 8:24pm pm (low tide). Perth recorded 30.4 mm of rainfall in the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

Oxygenation: The Bacon St and Nicholson Rd oxygenation plants were both operable but not triggered to provide oxygen in the 24 hours prior to sampling.

Canning Estuary (SCB2 to CASMID): The Canning Estuary was brackish over saline between SCB2 and SAL, brackish at RIV and fresh over brackish at CASMID. Waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated, except bottom waters at SCB2, SAL and CASMID which were low in oxygen. Chlorophyll fluorescence was high in surface waters at RIV and water temperatures ranged from 14.3 °C to 17.5 °C at the time of sampling.

Lower Canning River (KEN to ELL): The Lower Canning River was fresh and waters were well oxygenated. Chlorophyll fluorescence was low and water temperatures ranged from 14.3 °C to 14.8 °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 (mod/high flow): low < 50 µg L⁻¹, moderate 50-150 µg L⁻¹, high 150-400 µg L⁻¹, extreme > 400 µg L⁻¹