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Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

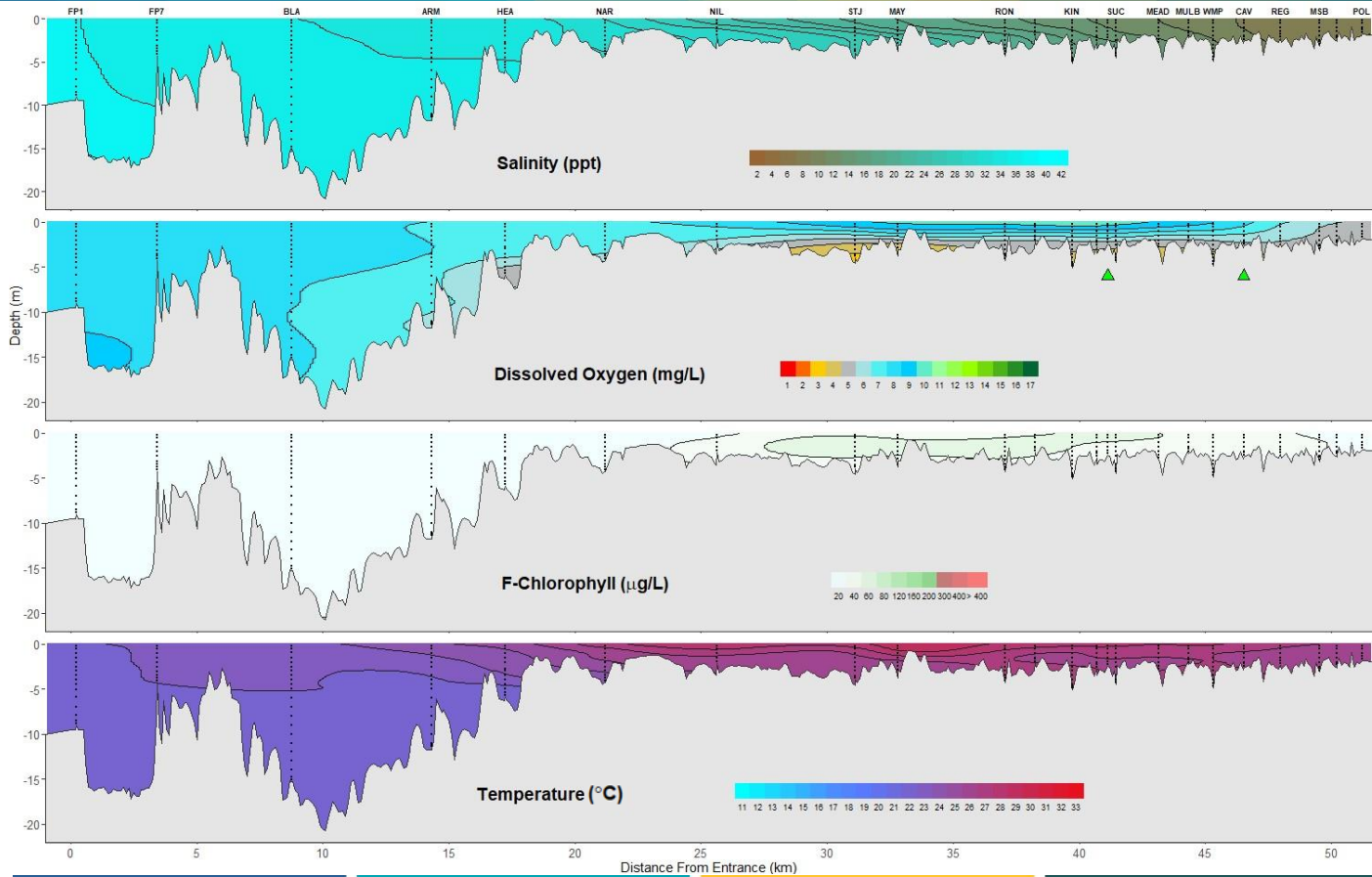
Lower Swan Canning Estuary to Upper Swan Estuary

20th November 2023

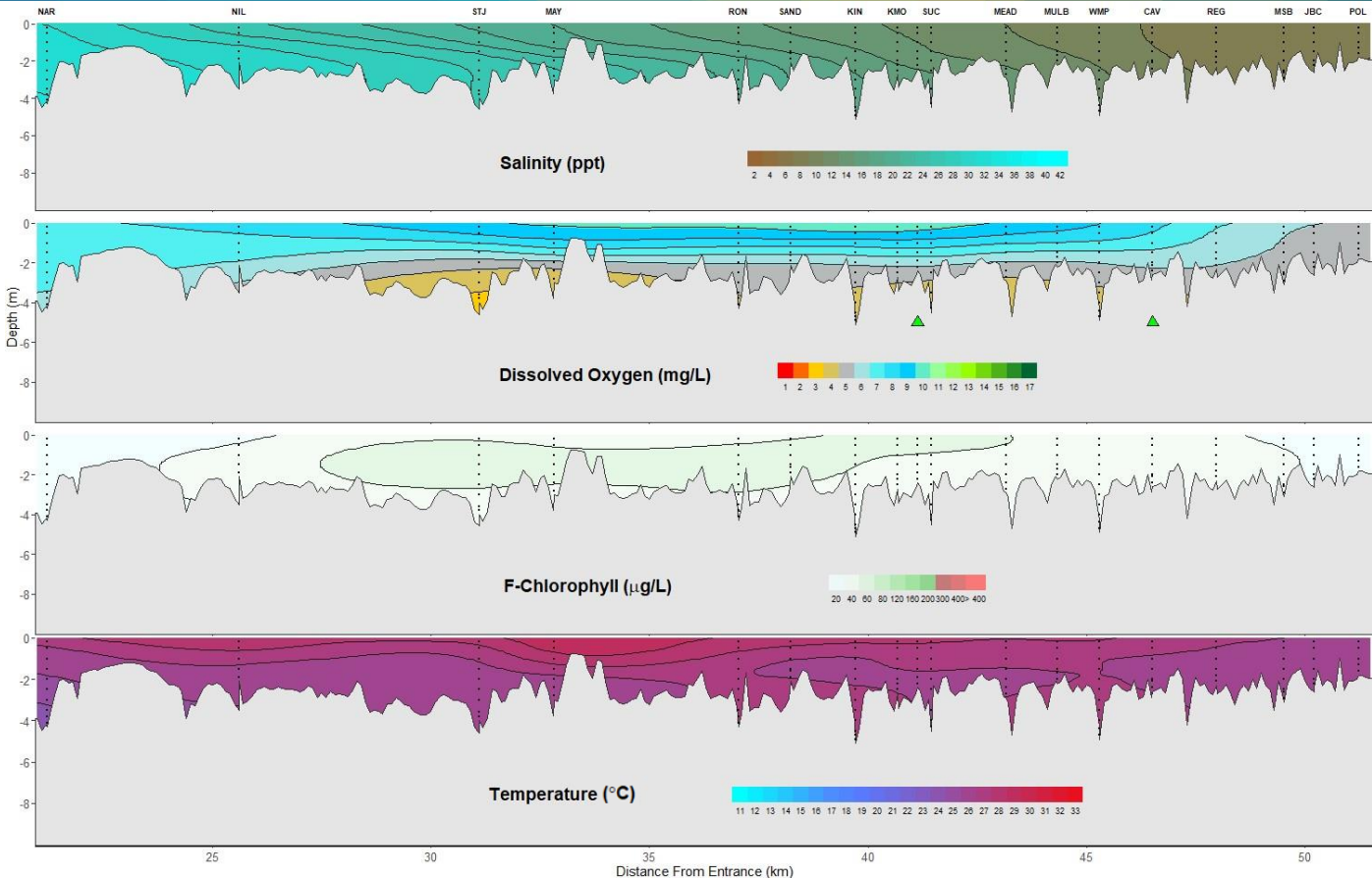
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Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were mostly clear with a predominantly easterly breeze of up to 8.7 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 1.0 m at 2:13 am (high tide) and 0.56 m at 2:09 pm (low tide). Perth recorded 0.8 mm of rainfall in the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

Oxygenation: The Guildford and Caversham oxygenation plants were triggered to provide oxygen in the 24 hours prior to sampling.

Lower Swan Canning Estuary (BLA to NAR): The Lower Swan Canning Estuary was saline, waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated and chlorophyll fluorescence was low. Water temperatures ranged from 21.1 °C to 26.6 °C at the time of sampling.

Middle Swan Estuary (NIL to RON): The Middle Swan Estuary was brackish over saline from NIL to STJ and brackish between MAY and RON. Surface waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated and bottom waters were low in oxygen between STJ and RON. Chlorophyll fluorescence was moderate in subsurface waters between STJ and RON. Water temperatures ranged from 25.2 °C to 28.7 °C at the time of sampling.

Upper Swan Estuary (SAND to POL): The Upper Swan Estuary was brackish. Waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated, except for bottom waters at KIN, MEAD to SUC and WMP which were low in oxygen. Chlorophyll fluorescence was moderate in surface waters from SAND to KMO and at SUC. Water temperatures ranged from 25.2 °C to 27.5 °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