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Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

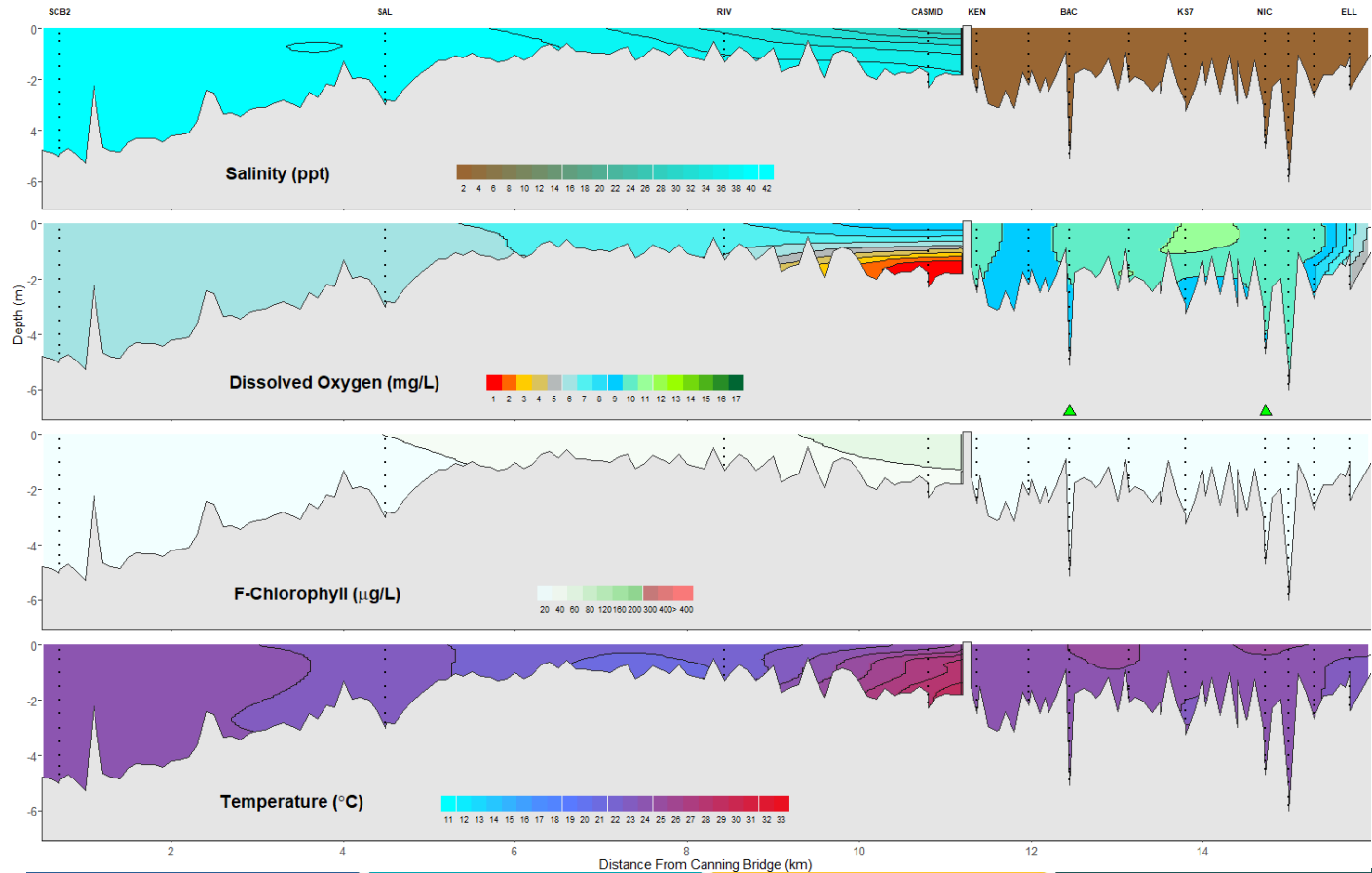
Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River

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Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were cloudy with an easterly breeze of up to 10 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 0.75 m at 6:45 am (low tide), 0.98 m at 1:30 pm (high tide) and 0.79 m at 8:11 pm (2nd low tide). Perth recorded 1.6 mm rainfall in the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

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

Canning Estuary (SCB2 to RIV): The Canning Estuary was hypersaline from SCB2 to SAL and saline over hypersaline at RIV and CASMID. Waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated, except bottom waters at CASMID which were anoxic. Chlorophyll fluorescence was moderate in surface waters at CASMID. Water temperatures ranged from 21.1 to 27.9 °C at the time of sampling.

Lower Canning River (KEN to ELL): The Lower Canning River was fresh. Waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated and chlorophyll fluorescence was low. Water temperatures ranged from 22.4 to 24.3 °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