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Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

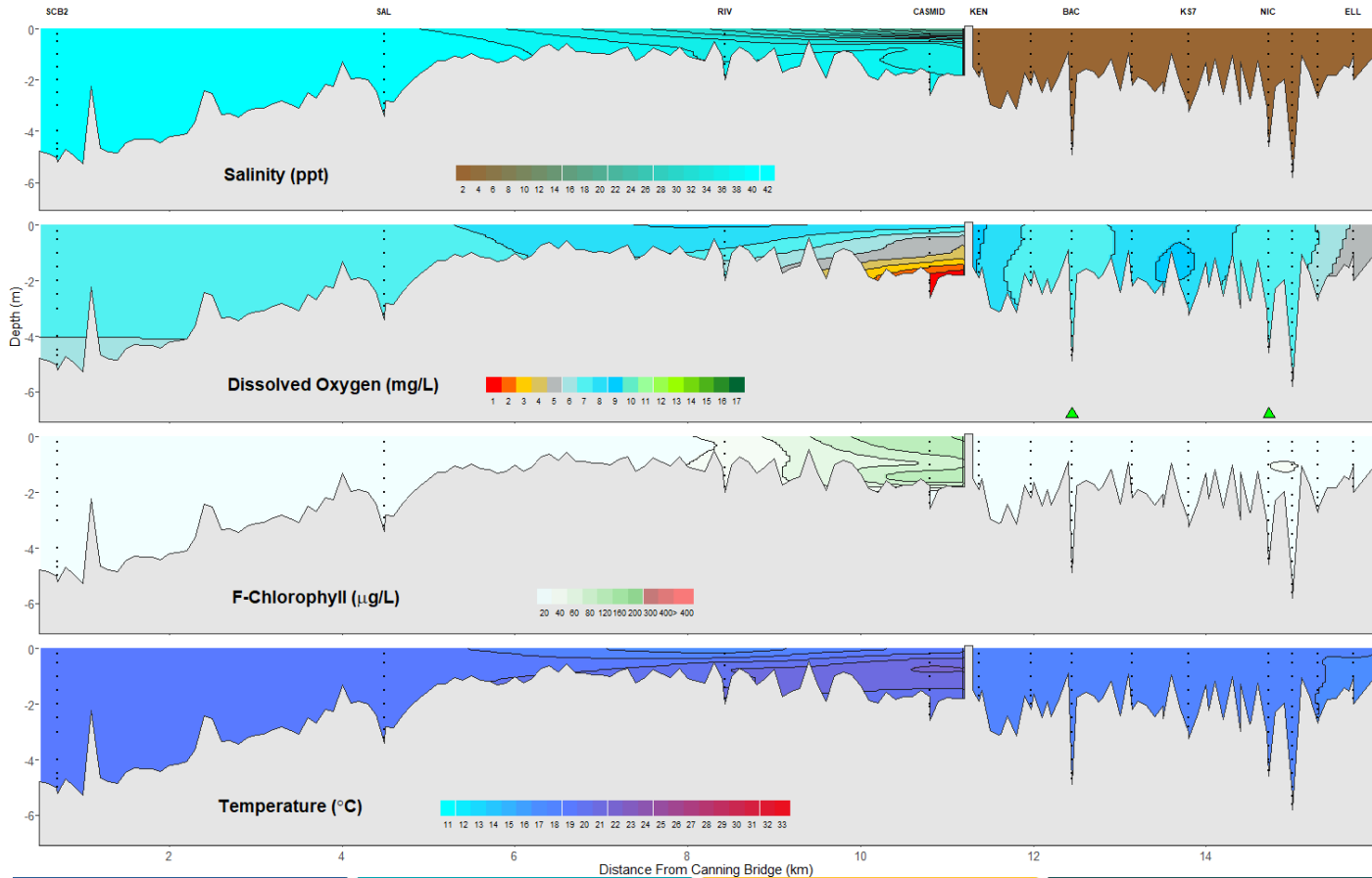
Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River

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Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were clear with a predominately easterly breeze of up to 8.4 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 0.90 m at 2:56 am (low tide), 1.22 m at 10:46 am (high tide), and 0.76 m at 8:05 pm (2nd low tide). Perth recorded 12 mm of 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 CASMID): The Canning Estuary was hypersaline from SCB2 to RIV and brackish over hypersaline at CASMID. Waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated, except at CASMID where bottom waters were anoxic. Chlorophyll fluorescence was high in the surface and subsurface waters of CASMID and low elsewhere. Water temperatures ranged from 17.3 to 20.8 °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. Chlorophyll fluorescence was low and water temperatures ranged from 16.6 to 17.7 °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