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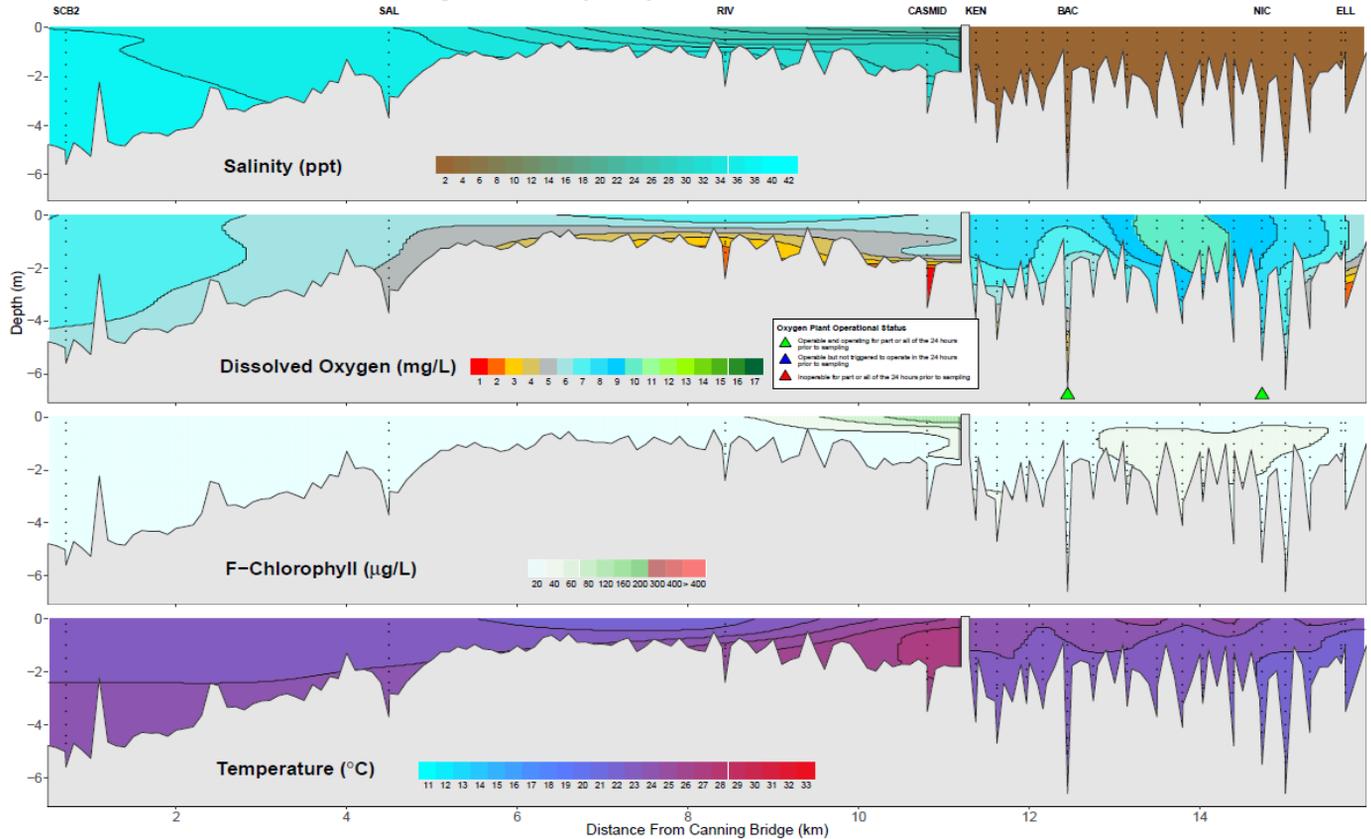
Weekly Profile Report for the Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River

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Canning River Estuary - Physical-Chemical Profile - 24th Mar 2020



Date: 24th March 2020

Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were clear with a predominantly easterly breeze of up to 8 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 0.69 m at 6:21 am (low tide) and 0.88 m at 12:35 pm (high tide) and flow was observed at Kent St Weir. Gosnells recorded 10 mm of rainfall during the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

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

Canning Estuary (downstream of Kent St Weir): The Canning Estuary was saline between SCB2 and RIV and brackish over saline at CASMID. Surface waters were oxygenated throughout this zone, while bottom waters were hypoxic at RIV and anoxic CASMID. Chlorophyll fluorescence was highest at CASMID indicating higher microalgal activity in that area. Water temperature ranged from 22.5 to 26.4 °C.

Lower Canning River (upstream of Kent St Weir): The Lower Canning River was fresh and surface waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated throughout this zone. Bottom waters were hypoxic at ELL. Chlorophyll fluorescence was highest at NIC indicating higher microalgal activity in that area. Water temperature ranged from 21.2 to 24.1 °C.

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 >6mg/L, oxygenated >4-6mg/L, low oxygen >2-4mg/L, hypoxic 0.5-2mg/L, anoxic <0.5mg/L