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Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

Lower Swan Canning Estuary to Upper Swan Estuary

6th November 2023

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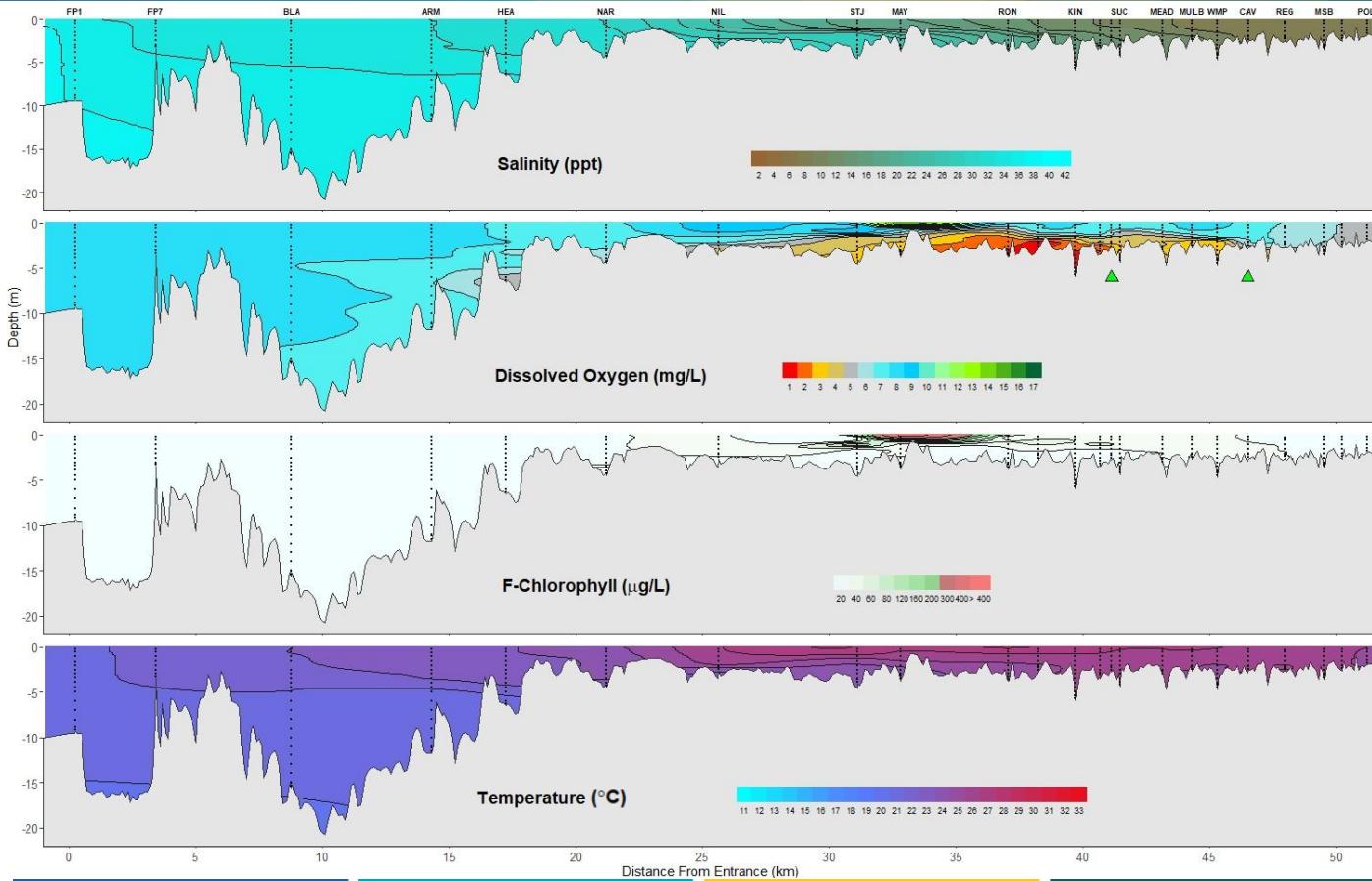
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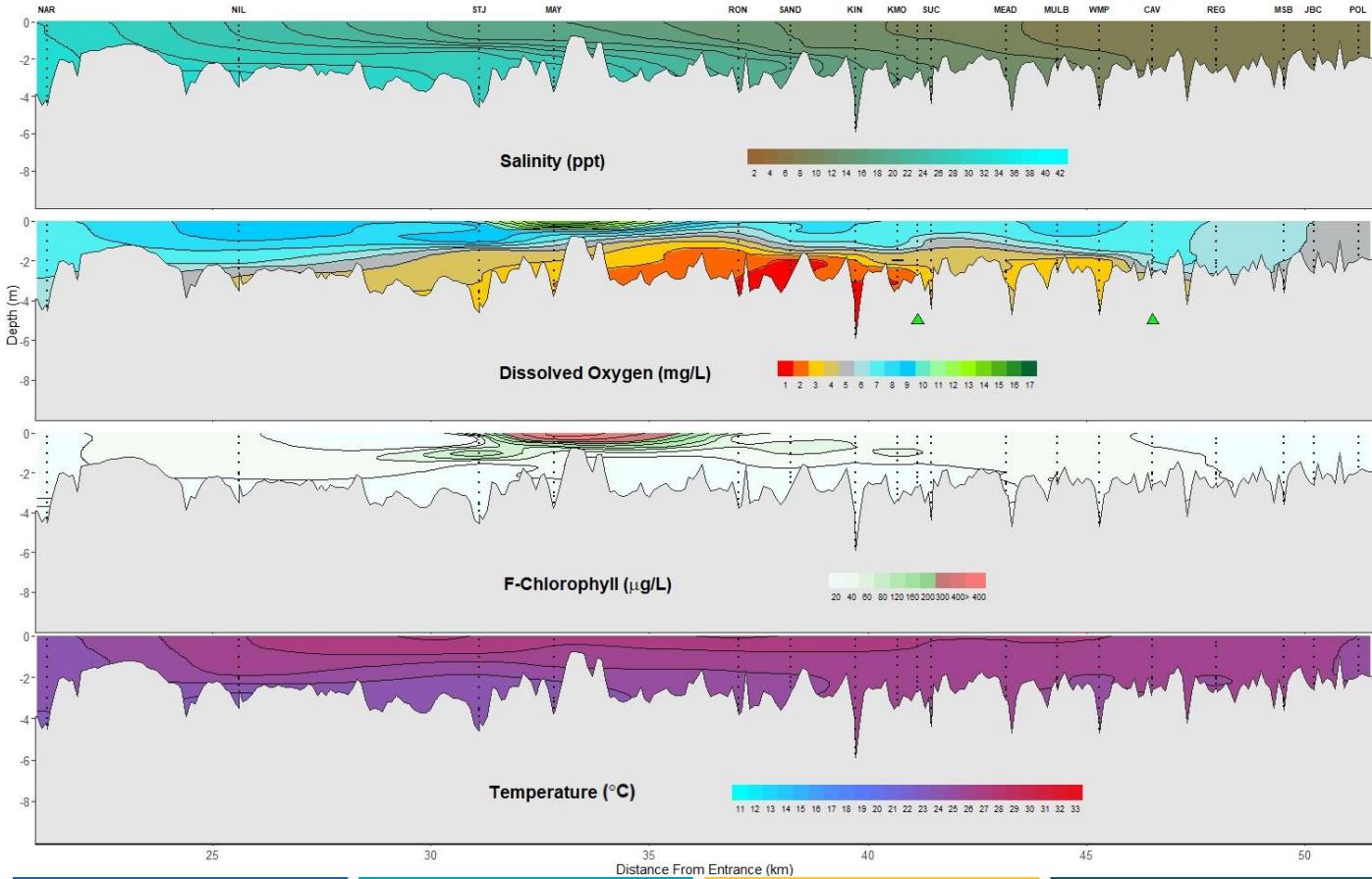
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Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were overcast before clearing in the early afternoon with a variable westerly breeze of up to 6.8 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 0.93 m at 1:47 am (high tide) and 0.62 m at 2:42 pm (low tide). Perth recorded no 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 and NAR): The Lower Swan Canning Estuary was saline, waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated and chlorophyll fluorescence was low. Water temperatures ranged from 20.0 °C to 23.7 °C at the time of sampling.

Middle Swan Estuary (NIL to RON): The Middle Swan Estuary was brackish over saline from NIL to MAY and brackish at RON. Surface waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated and bottom waters were low in oxygen or hypoxic from STJ to RON. Chlorophyll fluorescence was moderate at STJ and high at MAY. Water temperatures ranged from 23.4 °C to 26.9 °C at the time of sampling.

Upper Swan Estuary (SAND to POL): The Upper Swan Estuary was brackish. Surface waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated and bottom waters were low in oxygen or hypoxic between SAND and WMP. Chlorophyll fluorescence was moderate at SAND. Water temperatures ranged from 24.5 °C to 26.7 °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 (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

Recommended reference: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, 2023. *Swan Canning Estuary water quality profile report, Lower Swan Canning Estuary to Upper Swan Estuary 6th November 2023. Rivers and Estuaries Science* (<https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/management/swan-canning-riverpark>)