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Weekly Water Quality Report

Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River

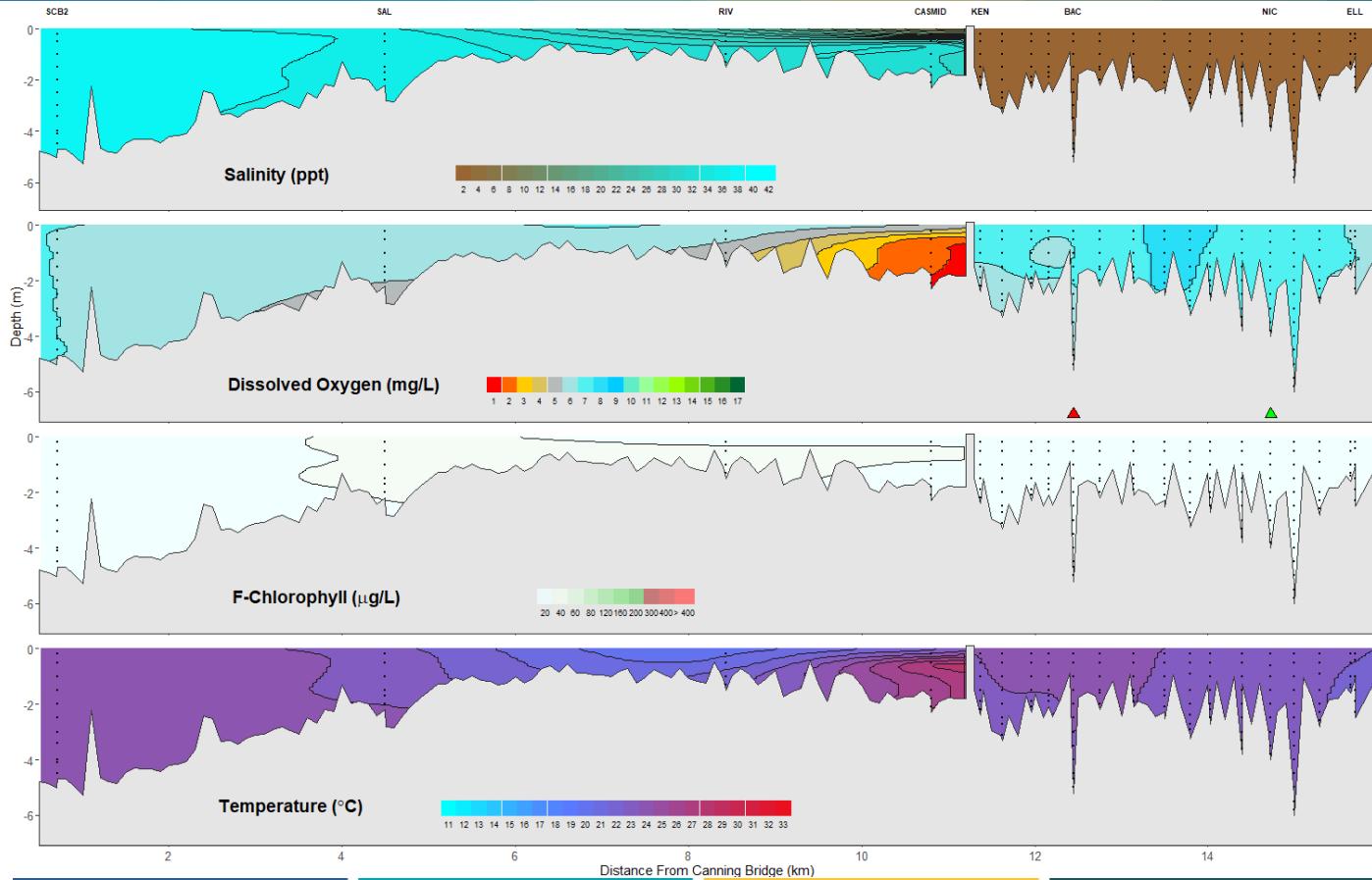
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Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River - Water Quality Profiles – 22 March 2022





Date: 22 March 2022

Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were clear with an easterly breeze of up to 8 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 0.73 m at 5:36 am (low tide) and 1.1 m at 2:01 pm (high tide). Perth recorded 0.2 mm of rainfall in the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

Oxygenation: The Bacon St oxygenation plant was not operational and the Nicholson Rd oxygenation plant was triggered to provide oxygen in the 24 hours prior to sampling.

Canning Estuary (SCB2 to CASMID): The Canning Estuary was hypersaline from SCB2 to SAL, saline at RIV and brackish over saline at CASMID. Waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated from SCB2 to RIV. Surface waters were low in oxygen and bottom waters were hypoxic at CASMID. Chlorophyll fluorescence was low throughout this zone. Water temperature ranged from 19.8 to 26.8 °C.

Lower Canning River (KEN to ELL): The Lower Canning River was fresh, waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated and chlorophyll fluorescence was low throughout this zone. Water temperature ranged from 21.6 to 23.6 °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 >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 (summer): 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 2022. *Swan Canning Estuary water quality profile report, Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River 22 March 2022. Rivers and Estuaries Science* (<https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/management/swan-canning-riverpark>)