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Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

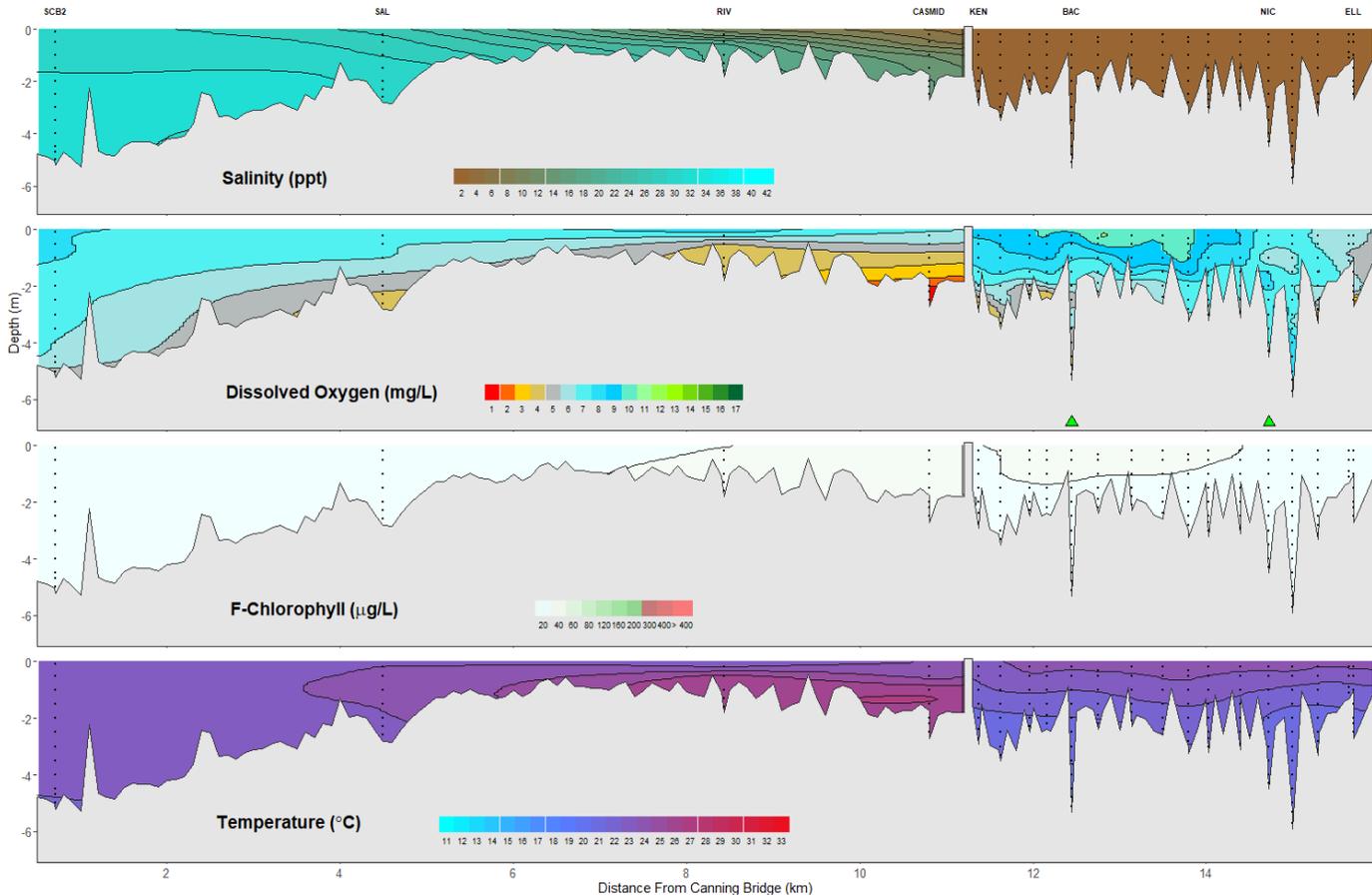
Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River

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Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were cloudy with a predominantly north westerly breeze of up to 6 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 0.76 m at 4:04 am (low tide), 0.78 m at 8:32 am (high tide), 0.63 m at 3:46 pm (second low tide) and 0.82 m at 10:22 pm (second high tide). Gosnells recorded no rainfall during the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

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

Canning Estuary (downstream of Kent St Weir): The Canning Estuary was saline from SCB2 to SAL and brackish from RIV to CASMID. Surface waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated and bottom waters were low in oxygen at SAL and RIV and hypoxic at CASMID. Chlorophyll fluorescence was highest at CASMID indicating higher microalgal activity in that area. Water temperature ranged from 21.9 to 26.0 °C.

Lower Canning River (upstream of Kent St Weir): The Lower Canning River was fresh. Waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated, except bottom waters from KEN to BAC and at Ell which were low in oxygen and PAC which were hypoxic. Chlorophyll fluorescence was highest at BAC indicating higher microalgal activity in that area. Water temperature ranged from 19.5 to 23.9 °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