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Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

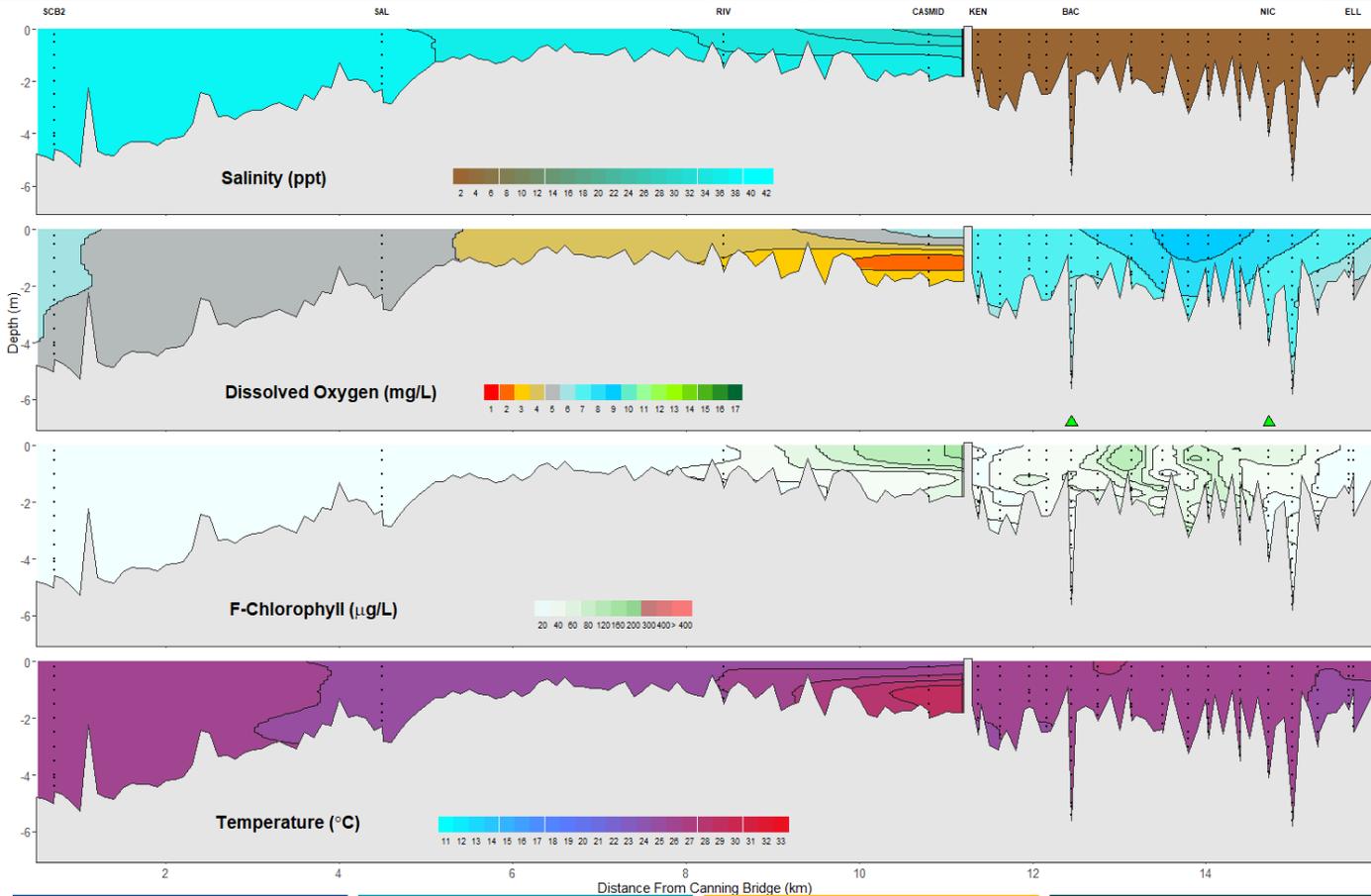
Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River

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Date: 27th January 2021

NB: Monitoring delayed due to Public Holiday on 26th January 2021.

Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were cloudy with a predominantly southerly breeze of up to 8 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 0.52 m at 8:15 am (low tide) and 1.17 m at 10:15 pm (high tide). Gosnells recorded no rainfall during 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 (downstream of Kent St Weir): The Canning Estuary was saline. Surface waters were oxygenated and bottom waters were low in oxygen at RIV and hypoxic at CASMID. Chlorophyll fluorescence was highest at CASMID indicating higher microalgal activity in that area. Water temperature ranged from 24.7 to 28.6 °C.

Lower Canning River (upstream of Kent St Weir): The Lower Canning River was fresh, waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated and chlorophyll fluorescence was highest at PO2 indicating higher microalgal activity in that area. Water temperature ranged from 24.4 to 26.1 °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