

Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

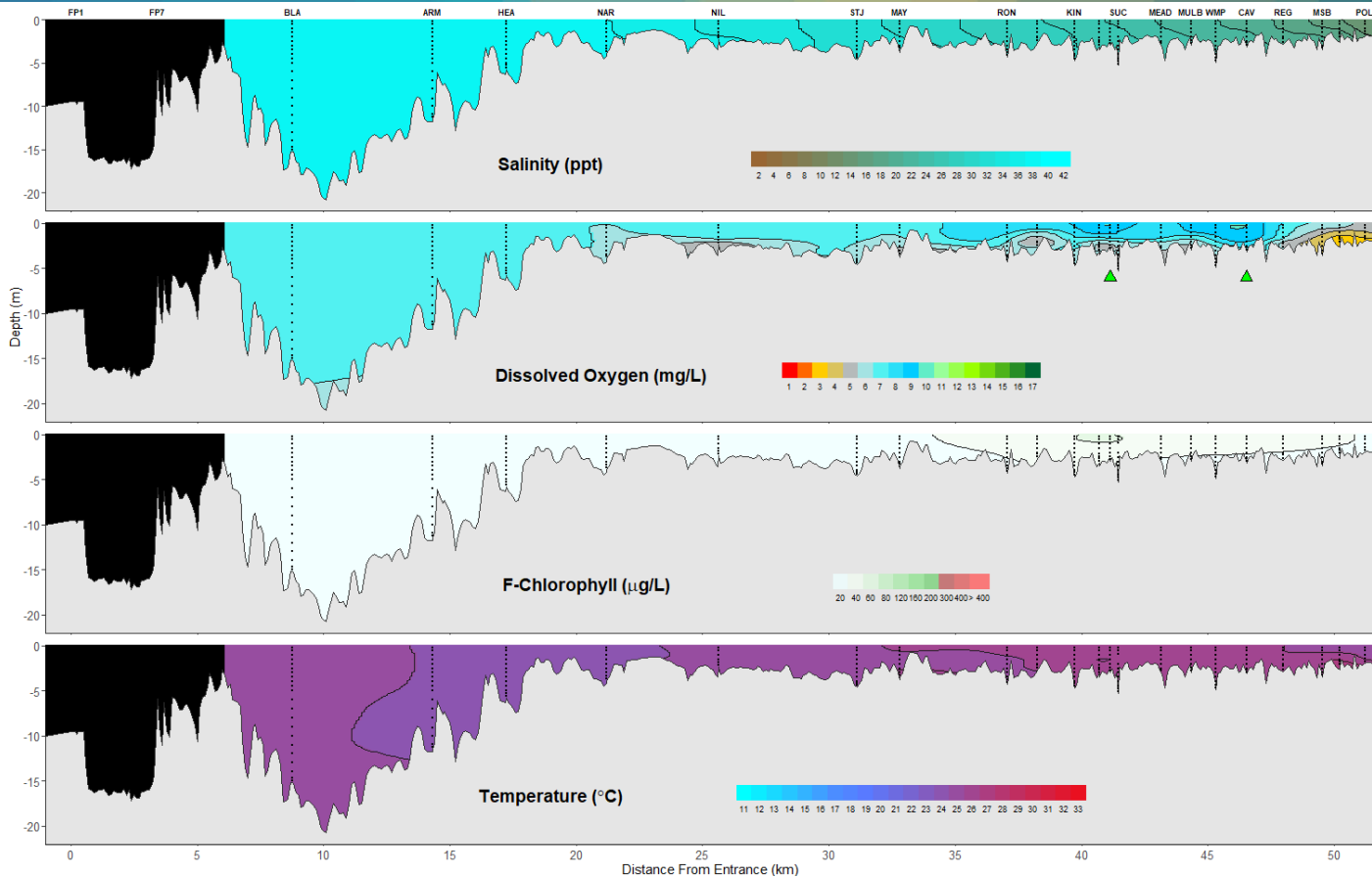
Lower Swan Canning Estuary to Upper Swan Estuary

8 March 2022

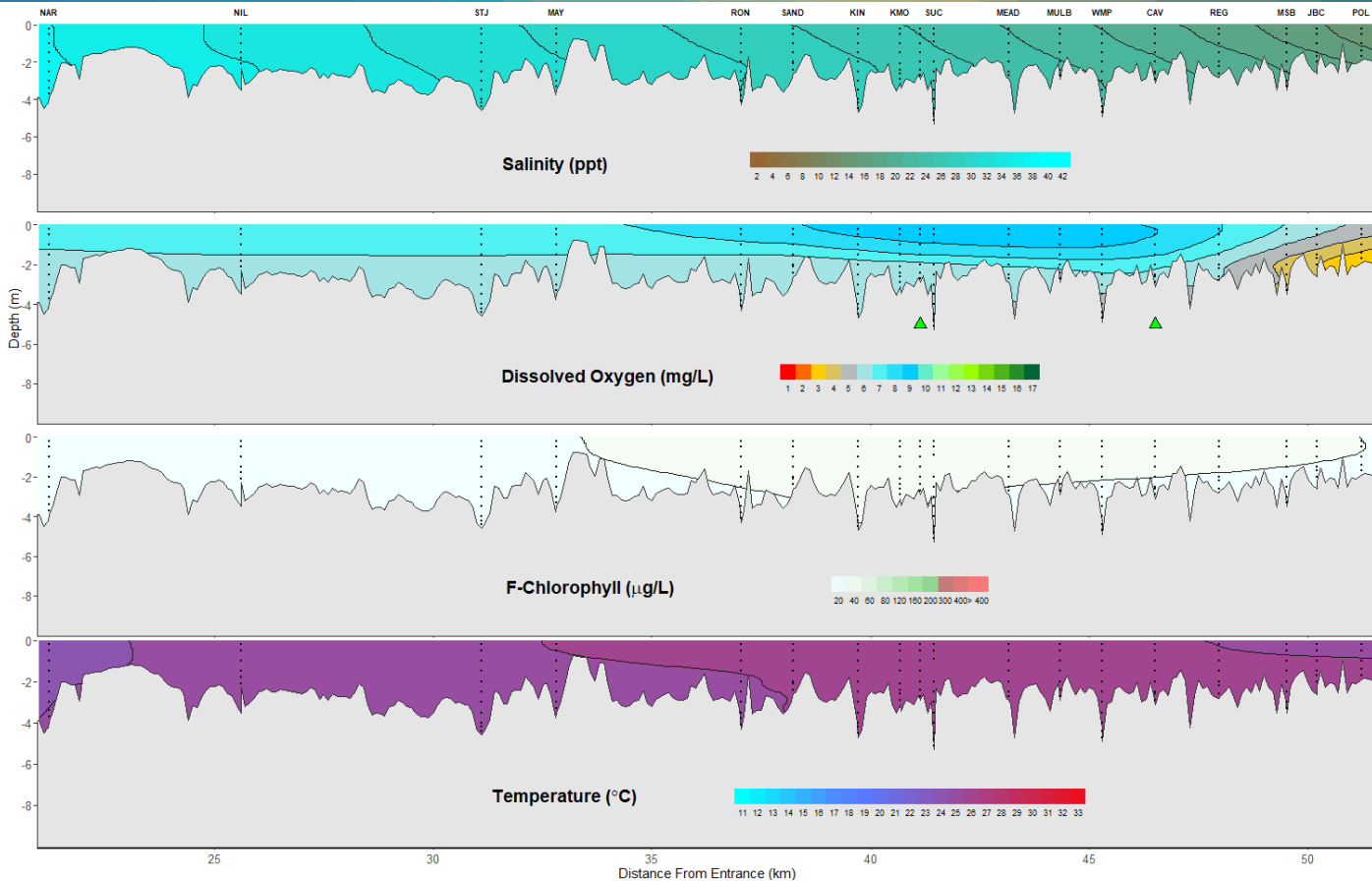
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Middle and Upper Swan Estuary- Water Quality Profiles – 8 March 2022



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Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were clear with an easterly breeze of up to 15 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 1.02 m at 12:07 pm (high tide) and 0.79 m at 7:40 pm (low tide). Perth recorded 3.0 mm of rainfall during the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

Oxygenation: The Guildford and Caversham oxygenation plants were operational and triggered to provide oxygen during the 24 hours prior to sampling.

Lower Swan Canning Estuary (BLA to NAR): The Lower Swan Canning Estuary was saline, waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated and chlorophyll fluorescence was low throughout this zone. Water temperature ranged from 23.8 to 24.1 °C.

Middle Swan Estuary (NIL to RON): The Middle Swan Estuary was saline. Waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated and chlorophyll fluorescence was low throughout this zone. Water temperature ranged from 24.2 to 25.4 °C.

Upper Swan Estuary (SAND to POL): The Upper Swan Estuary was saline between SAND and KIN, brackish over saline from KMO to SUC and brackish from MEAD to POL. Surface waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated, and bottom waters were low in oxygen at SAND and WMP and from MSB to POL. Chlorophyll fluorescence was moderate at KMO and VIT indicating higher microalgal activity in those areas. Water temperature ranged from 24.5 to 26.2 °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 2021. *Swan Canning Estuary water quality profile report, Lower Swan Canning Estuary to Upper Swan Estuary 8 March 2022*. Rivers and Estuaries Science (<https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/management/swan-canning-riverpark>)