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Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

Lower Swan Canning Estuary to Upper Swan Estuary

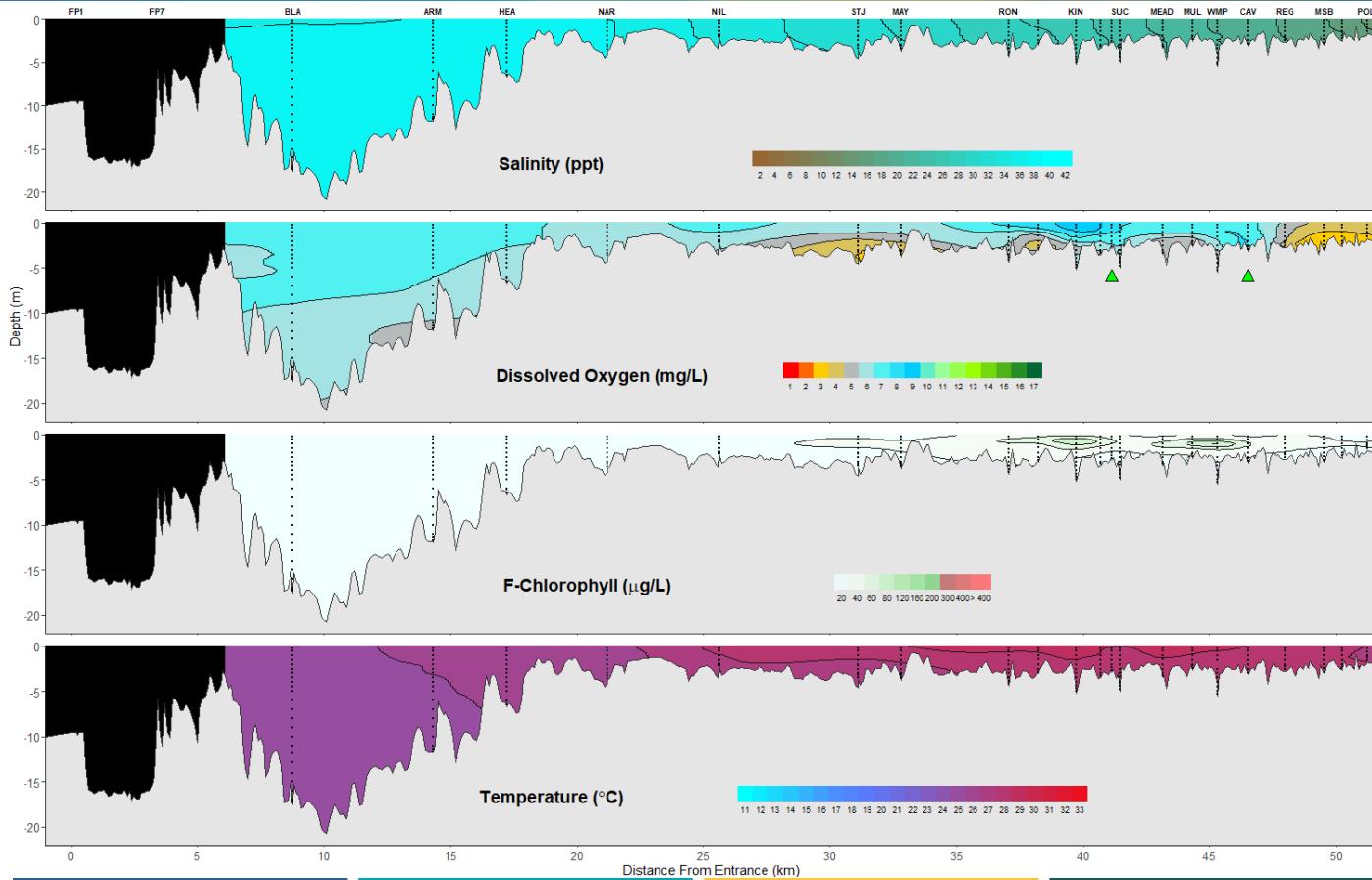
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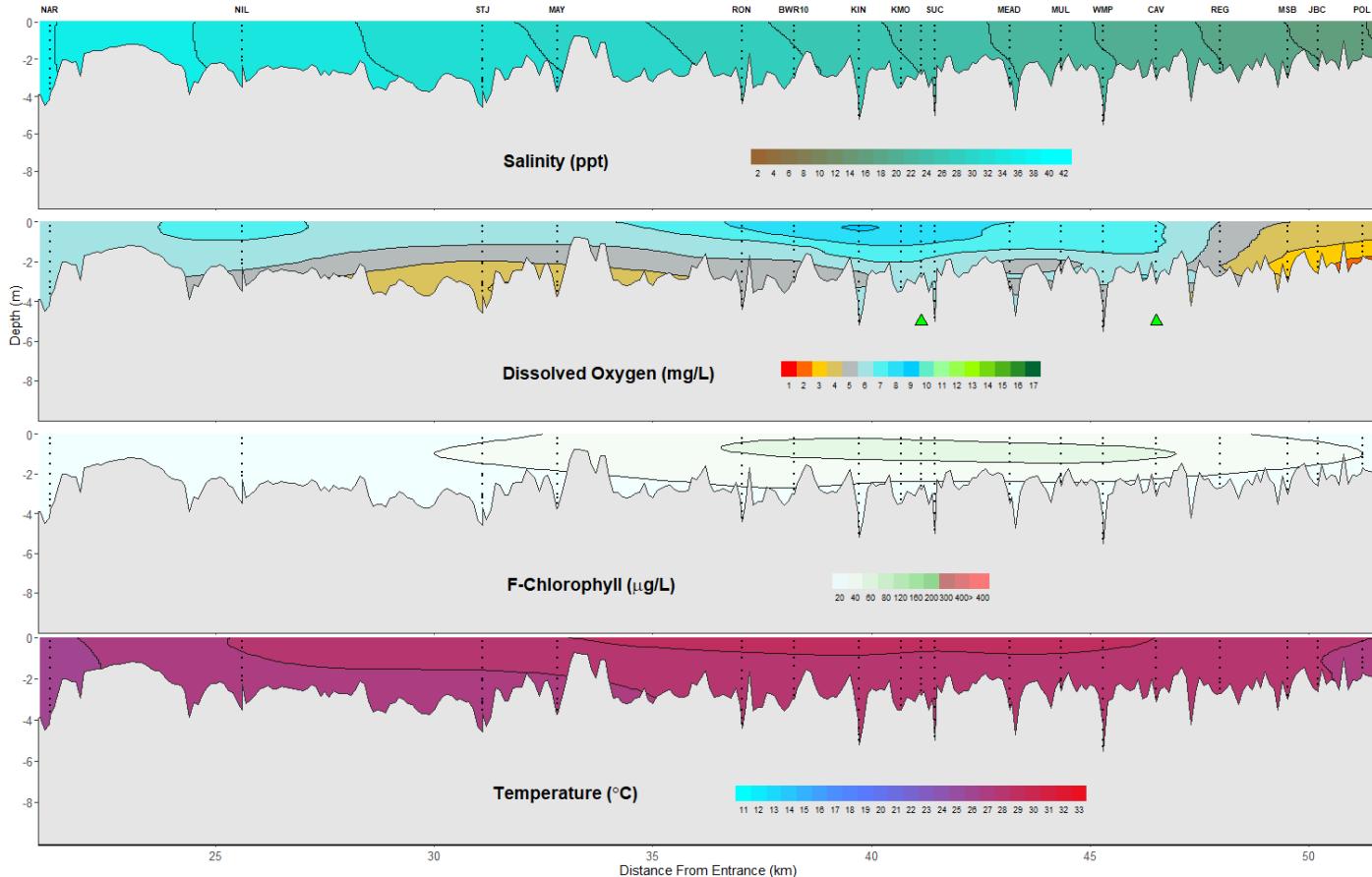


Swan Canning Estuary- Water Quality Profiles- 25th January 2021





Middle and Upper Swan Estuary- Water Quality Profiles- 25th January 2021





Date: 25th January 2021

Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were clear with a predominantly easterly breeze of up to 8 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 0.56 m at 7:23 am (low tide) and 1.13 m at 8:51 pm (high tide). Perth recorded 0.2 mm of rainfall during the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

Oxygenation: The Guildford and Caversham oxygenation plants were 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 24.1 to 25.9 °C.

Middle Swan Estuary (NIL to RON): The Middle Swan Estuary was saline. Surface waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated and bottom waters were low in oxygen between STJ and RON. Chlorophyll fluorescence was highest at RON indicating higher microalgal activity in that area. Water temperature ranged from 26.4 to 28.6 °C.

Upper Swan Estuary (BWR10 to POL): The Upper Swan Estuary was saline at BWR10, brackish over saline at KIN and brackish from KMO to POL. Surface waters were low in oxygen from MSB to POL and bottom waters were low in oxygen at BWR10 and from REG to POL. Chlorophyll fluorescence was highest at WMP indicating higher microalgal activity in that area. Water temperature ranged from 26.7 to 28.8°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

Recommended reference: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions 2021. *Swan Canning Estuary water quality profile report, Lower Swan Canning Estuary to Upper Swan Estuary 25th January 2021. Rivers and Estuaries Science* (<https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/management/swan-canning-riverpark>)