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Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Canning River Estuary ~ Weekly profile

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Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were fine with up to 5% cloud cover and a westerly breeze of up to 3 knots. The tide was flowing for the duration of the sampling period. Perth recorded 1.8 mm of rainfall during the week prior to the morning of sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

Oxygenation: The Nicholson Road oxygenation plant was operational the week prior to sampling, while Bacon Street oxygenation plant was not operational.

Canning Estuary (downstream of Kent St Weir): The Canning Estuary was saline at SCB2 and SAL and brackish throughout RIV. Water was well oxygenated to oxygenated throughout, with the exception of low oxygen bottom water at RIV. Water temperature ranged from 22.3 to 24.8 ° C.

Lower Canning River (upstream of Kent St Weir): The Lower Canning River was fresh throughout all sites. Water was well oxygenated to oxygenated throughout all sites, with the exception of hypoxic bottom water at ELL and near anoxic bottom water at BACU300, BAC and KENU300. Water temperature ranged from 19.3 to 23.6 ° C.

Definitions:

Salinity – fresh <5ppt, brackish 5-25ppt, saline 25-35ppt, hypersaline >35ppt

Dissolved oxygen – well oxygenated >6 mg/L
oxygenated >4 to 6 mg/L, low oxygen >2 to 4 mg/L,
hypoxic >0.5 to 2.0 mg/L, near anoxic <0.5 mg/L

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