

Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

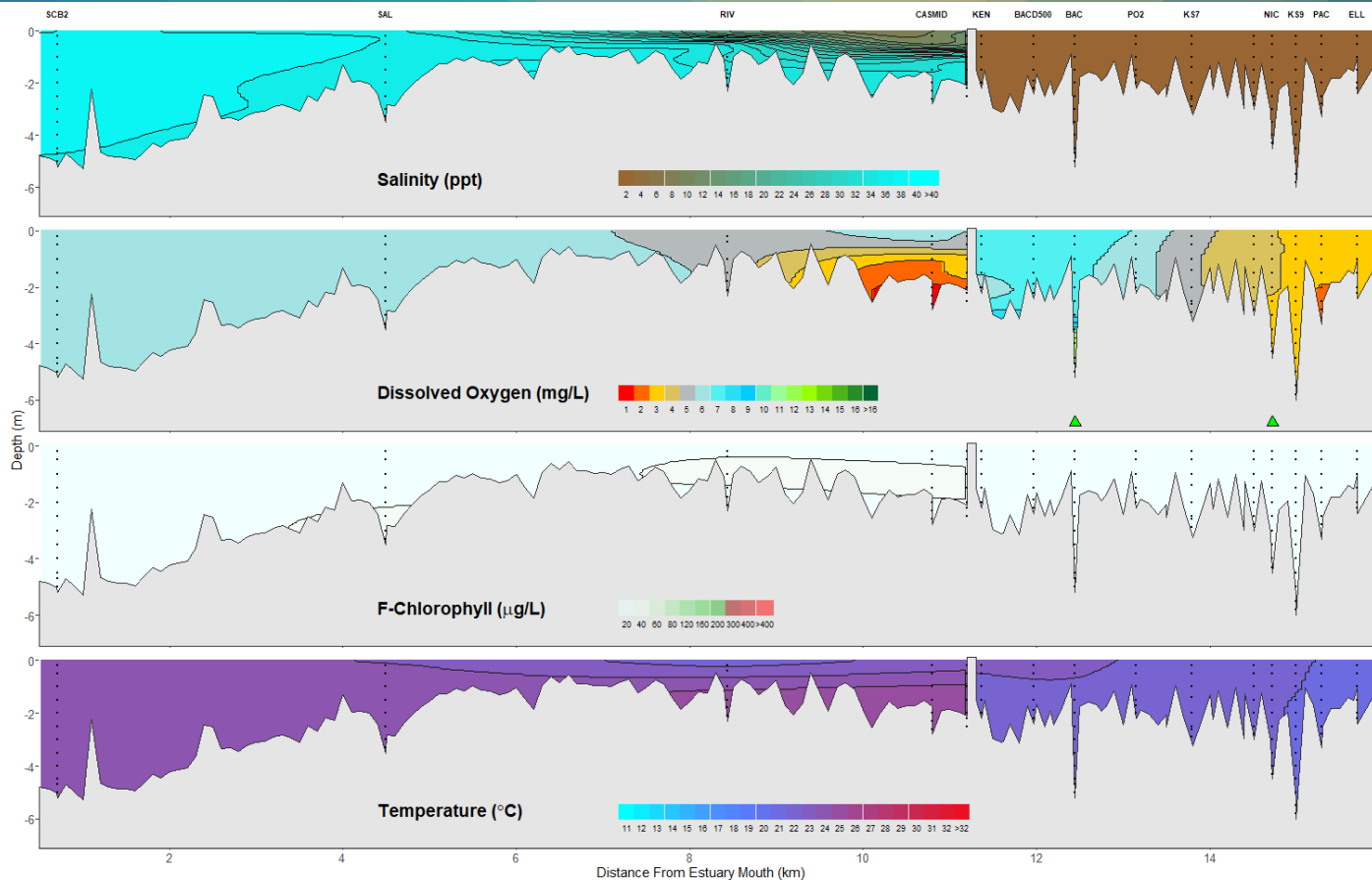
Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River

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Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were clear with a south-easterly breeze of up to 5.0 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 0.81 m at 4:06 am (low tide) and 1.2 m at 12:12 pm (high tide). Perth recorded 5.6 mm of rainfall in the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

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

Canning Estuary (SCB2 to CASMID): The Canning Estuary was hypersaline at SCB2, saline at SAL and brackish over saline from RIV to CASMID. Waters were oxygenated, except for bottom waters at CASMID which were anoxic. Chlorophyll fluorescence was low and water temperatures ranged from 20.6 to 24.9 °C at the time of sampling.

Lower Canning River (KEN to ELL): The Lower Canning River was fresh. Waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated from KEN to KS7, low in oxygen from NICIN to ELL and hypoxic in bottom waters at PAC. Chlorophyll fluorescence was low and water temperatures ranged from 20.3 to 22.5 °C at the time of sampling.

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 (low flow): low < 50 µg L⁻¹, moderate 50-150 µg L⁻¹, high 150-400 µg L⁻¹, extreme > 400 µg L⁻¹