

Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

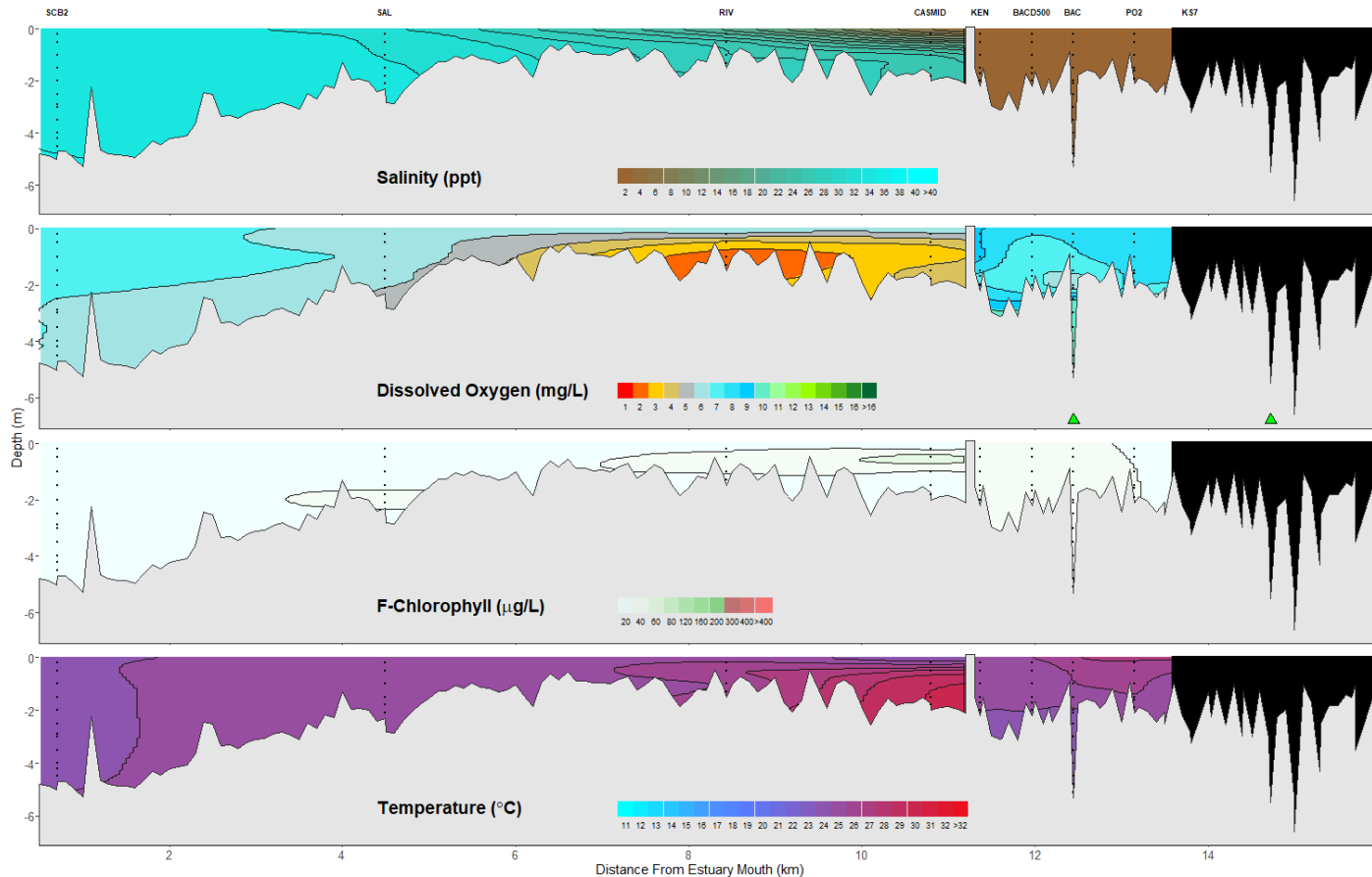
Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River

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Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were clear with a south-easterly breeze of up to 6.1 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 0.59 m at 7:20 am (low tide) and 1.12 m at 7:35 pm (high tide). Perth recorded 0.4 mm of rainfall in the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

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

Canning Estuary (SCB2 to CASMID): The Canning Estuary was saline at SCB2 and SAL and brackish over saline at RIV and CASMID. Waters were oxygenated to well-oxygenated, except for the bottom waters of RIV (low oxygen – hypoxic) and CASMID (low oxygen). Moderate chlorophyll fluorescence was present in the surface of CASMID. Water temperatures ranged from 23.7 to 29.1 °C.

Lower Canning River (KEN to ELL): The Lower Canning River was fresh. Waters were oxygenated to well-oxygenated, except for bottom waters of NICIN (low oxygen) and PAC (low oxygen – hypoxic). Chlorophyll fluorescence was low throughout, and water temperatures ranged from 23.3 to 25.9 °C.

Note: sites above KS7 were unable to be sampled this week due to an obstruction in the river.

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