

Sapelo Island (SAP) NERR Water Quality Metadata
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2. Entry Verification:

Deployment data are uploaded from the YSI data logger to a Personal Computer (IBM compatible). Files are exported from EcoWatch in a comma-delimited format (.CDF) and uploaded to the CDMO where they undergo automated primary QAQC and become part of the CDMO's online provisional database. Excessive pre- and post-deployment data are removed from the file prior to upload with up to 2 hours of pre- and post-deployment data retained to assist in data management. During primary QAQC, data are flagged if they are missing or out of sensor range. The edited file is then returned to the Reserve where it is opened in Microsoft Excel and processed using the CDMO's NERRQAQC Excel macro. The macro inserts station codes, creates metadata worksheets for flagged data, and graphs the data for review. It allows the user to apply QAQC flags and codes to the data, remove remaining pre- and post-deployment data, append files, and export the resulting data file to the CDMO for tertiary QAQC and assimilation into the CDMO's authoritative online database. Where deployment overlap occurs between files, the data produced by the newly calibrated sonde is generally accepted as being the most accurate. For more information on QAQC flags and codes, see Sections 11 and 12. Patrick Hagan is primarily responsible for all data acquisition and management with consultations and assistance from Dorset Hurley.

3) Research objectives:

Hydrological studies (Ragotskie and Bryson, 1955; Imberger et al., 1983) have shown that there are three tidal excursions along the length of the Duplin River, resulting in three distinct water masses. The two monitoring sites in the Duplin River, called the Lower Duplin site and the Hunt Dock site, are located within the lower and upper water masses, respectively. Water passing the Lower Duplin site during flood tide has come from Doboy Sound, which receives input from the Altamaha River via the Intra-Coastal Waterway and from the Atlantic Ocean. The water in the lower water mass is pushed further up the Duplin or up smaller tidal creeks and some is pushed onto the marsh surface by the flood tide and recedes into the main channel during ebb tide. The water in the upper water mass, which passes the Hunt Camp station, is pushed up small creek channels and onto the marsh at each high tide. Thus the two stations monitor conditions in two hydrological separate water masses, one of which is heavily influenced by exchanges with Doboy Sound and the other which is influenced by its twice-daily contact with the marsh surface.

Sapelo Island is only accessible by passenger ferry. Due to its isolation, the salt marsh and tidal waters of the SAP NERR show relatively little evidence of human impact. Thus the Marsh Landing dock, where the Lower Duplin site is located, the primary access point for the approximately 200-300 residents, commuters and daily visitors plus barge off loading was chosen as the most directly impacted site. The Lower Duplin site is also readily accessible and centrally located within the SAP NERR. The University of Georgia Marine Institute has used this as a monitoring site for years and SAP NERR continues to do so. The Hunt Dock site was selected in July 1999 for monitoring. It is a dock only used for transporting hunters during the fall season. It is further up the Duplin, where the primary usage of the river is for pleasure boating and crabbing. Therefore it is considered the least impacted site.

Two previously maintained stations in the Duplin River (Flume Dock and Marsh Landing) have been discontinued and moved to Cabretta Creek and Dean Creek; respectively. The addition of these two sites allow for collection of comparative water quality data across both a larger spatial domain and a wider salinity regime than the previous duplicative, near surface stations located at the discontinued sites. These sites are also different from the Duplin River sites as they are representative of poorly studied, small creek and salt marsh systems. The site changes in the Sapelo Island NERR water quality monitoring program allow for comparisons between larger, intensively studied, tidal river regimes (Duplin River) and smaller, lesser known, tidal creek systems of greater marine influence (Cabretta Creek and Dean Creek). These new sites differ from the Duplin River sites in both marine water delivery and dynamics associated with rainfall events. The marsh (watershed) to creek volume ratios within the new sites also differ with the Dean Creek site feeding into Doboy Sound with an extensive associated marsh hence, freshwater runoff. The Dean Creek site therefore displays highly dynamic shifts in salinity in response to rainfall events. By contrast, the Cabretta Creek site with its mouth feeding directly in to Cabretta inlet, located on Sapelo Island's Atlantic Ocean frontage, displays a much lower marsh to creek volume ratio therefore, reduced salinity dynamics associated with rainfall events by comparison to either the Dean Creek site or the Duplin River sites.

The long-term trends and short-term variability within the water quality and hydrodynamics of these differing water quality monitoring sites promote research questions and provide information related to differing temporal salinity dynamics and biological responses

4. Research Methods:

A Sutron Sat-Link2 transmitter was installed at the Lower Duplin station on March 18, 2007 and transmits data to the NOAA GOES satellite, NESDIS ID # 01 00 51 DE. The transmissions are scheduled hourly and contain four (4) data sets reflecting fifteen minute data sampling intervals. Upon receipt by the CDMO, the data undergoes the same automated primary QAQC process detailed in Section 2 above. The "real-time" telemetry data become part of the provisional dataset until undergoing secondary and tertiary QAQC and assimilation in the CDMO's authoritative online database. Provisional and authoritative data are available at <http://cdmo.baruch.sc.edu>.

Before each YSI 6600 data logger is deployed, calibration and maintenance is performed following the manufacturer's instructions. Calibration standards are only required for pH, conductivity, and turbidity, all other parameters are done as described in the manual. Buffer solutions for 2-point calibration (pH 7 and 10) are purchased from a scientific supply house. The conductivity standard is made using a 0.2 M solution of KCl (24.82mS/cm = 14.92 g/L) or from serial dilution of a certified conductivity standard. The turbidity calibration uses a YSI produced solution. The dissolved oxygen membranes are replaced

before deployment and are allowed to sit at least 24 hours prior to deployment. Calibration is then verified by running a standard as a sample after each calibration.

When deployed, the weather conditions and tidal stage are recorded in the field observation log. The data logger is placed inside a length of PVC pipe attached to the dock. The data logger is attached to a non-floating dock by a monofilament cable and run down a PVC pipe to rest 0.5m above the surface bottom. Because of the large tidal range, water is continually flushed through the PVC pipes, thus eliminating the problem of creating a stagnant column of water within the pipe with data logger. Every 15 minutes during the sampling period measurements are taken for temperature, specific conductance, salinity, pH, dissolved oxygen concentration, percent saturation, depth and turbidity.

At the end of the sample period the data logger is retrieved and immediately replaced by another calibrated data logger. The data logger is then taken to the lab and runs QA/QC standards for pH, and conductivity, and dissolved oxygen, the data are uploaded, and the sonde is cleaned. Data are rejected if the post calibration standards fail or if technical problems are noted.

5. Site Location and character:

The Lower Duplin (LD) monitoring site (31 deg 25' 4" N, 81 deg 17' 46" W) is located on the Marsh Landing Dock in the Duplin River on Sapelo Island and consists of a muddy bottom habitat. Water passing the dock during flood tide originates from the Doboy Sound. The Doboy Sound receives input from the Atlantic Ocean, and the Altamaha River via the Intra-Coastal Waterway. The water is pushed up the river or up smaller tidal creeks and some is pushed onto the marsh surface by the flood tide and recedes into the main channel during ebb tide. The Marsh Landing dock is used as the main dock to the island where the ferry makes several daily runs, with several small boats that are docked there. The surrounding area vegetation is dominated by salt marsh with *Spartina* being the predominate flora. Normal tidal range for the site is 3 meters and the salinity range is 5-35 ppt. The depth at this sampling station ranges from 2.5 meters to 6.0 meters depending on tide.

The Hunt Dock monitoring site (31 deg 28' 43", 81 deg 16' 23" W) is located on the Duplin River, off of Moses Hammock, which is separated from Sapelo Island by a small tidal channel. The primary runoff at the site is from tidal creeks flowing through *Spartina* marsh and through the mud. Bottom habitat at this site includes soft mud and some oyster bed building along the shoreline with an average tidal range of 3 meters and a salinity range of 5-35 ppt. There is little human traffic this far up the Duplin and it is north of the people living on Sapelo. During the fall, the Hunt dock and Moses Hammock is the camping and docking site for deer hunters traveling to the island. These are controlled hunts and dates are available from the SAP NERR office if needed. The maximum depth at the Hunt Dock site is 4.27 meters.

Dean Creek (DC), (N 31 23 22.5W 81 16 44.2) is located on a small wooden bridge spanning Dean Creek, in close proximity to the adjacent Nannygoat Beach causeway. Dean Creek is a small tidal basin fed from the waters of Doboy Sound, which is located on Sapelo Island's south end. The creeks' salinity normally ranges between 5 and 30 ppt. The benthic community consists of a sandy-mud substrate with occasional, small, intertidal oyster reef community and mean tidal amplitude of approximately 3 meters. Average mean low water depth at the sample site is approximately 1 meter, but fluctuates due to bank erosion. The small creek feeds approximately 150 acres of *Spartina alterniflora* dominated salt marsh, which is interspersed with small 0.5-1 acre hammocks and salt pans. Fringe community components range from Loblolly pine forests with a sub-canopy of Yaupon holly to Wax myrtle and Sable Palm.

The Cabretta Creek (CA) site coordinates are N 31 26 37.3W 81 14 23.7. The station is located on a small (one-lane), wooden, roadway bridge spanning Cabretta creek located on the island's extreme eastern side, bordering the Atlantic Ocean. The creek is fed directly from waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Cabretta experiences an average tidal range of approximately 3 meters. Average mean low water depth at the sample site is approximately 3.25 meters. Salinity ranges with exception to major, long-term precipitation events, varies from 15-36 ppt., seasonally. The benthos is composed primarily of sand substrate with small, intertidal oyster reef conglomerate communities Adjacent to the site is extensive, intertidal, bank stabilization (armoring) in the form of woven rip-rap fencing and granite rocks. This manipulation is slowly becoming stabilized via oyster reef community colonization. The adjacent marshes are dominated by *Spartina alterniflora* with occasional *Juncus roemerianus* in the nearby fringe community habitat. The creek has very little adjacent uplands due to: 1) the low elevational gradient and 2) the areas geologically recent accretion genesis (Holocene) resulting in sandy soils; of which neither conditions allow for extensive floral colonization or stabilization.

There are no current studies on pollutants in this area. Sapelo Island is typically considered a pristine environment, with minimal pollutant input.

6. Data collection period: (listed by each deployment)

Cabretta creek

Deployment date	Time	Retrieval date	Time
12/20/06	12:30	1/4/07	12:00
1/4/07	12:30	1/31/07	08:30
1/31/07	09:00	2/2/07	10:00
2/2/07	10:15	2/14/07	09:45
2/14/07	10:00	3/5/07	09:45
3/5/07	10:00	3/15/07	10:15
3/15/07	10:30	3/28/07	08:30
3/28/07	08:45	4/12/07	09:00
4/12/07	09:15	4/25/07	13:00
4/25/07	13:15	5/8/07	12:00
5/8/07	12:15	5/30/07	09:30
5/30/07	10:00	7/2/07	09:15
7/2/07	09:30	7/3/07	11:00
7/3/07	11:15	7/24/07	08:30
7/24/07	08:45	8/2/07	09:00
8/2/07	09:15	8/17/07	08:45
8/17/07	09:00	8/29/07	10:30
8/29/07	10:45	9/11/07	08:15
9/11/07	08:30	9/27/07	10:00
9/27/07	10:15	10/9/07	10:30
10/9/07	10:45	10/23/07	11:45
10/23/07	12:15	11/2/07	16:30
11/8/07	16:00	11/20/07	11:00
11/20/07	12:15	12/4/07	10:45
12/4/07	11:15	12/18/07	10:30
12/18/07	11:00	1/5/08	12:15

Dean creek

Deployment date	Time	Retrieval date	Time
12/20/06	13:00	1/4/07	12:30
1/4/07	13:00	1/31/07	10:00
2/2/07	10:15	2/12/07	11:00
2/12/07	11:15	2/28/07	10:45
2/28/07	11:00	3/14/07	09:00
3/14/07	09:15	3/27/07	11:00
3/27/07	11:15	4/12/07	08:30
4/12/07	08:45	4/16/07	11:00
4/26/07	11:30	5/8/07	13:30
5/8/07	13:45	5/30/07	12:30
5/30/07	12:45	7/2/07	09:45
7/3/07	12:15	7/23/07	11:15
7/23/07	11:30	8/2/07	09:15
8/2/07	09:30	8/16/07	12:45
8/16/07	13:00	8/29/07	11:00
8/29/07	11:15	9/11/07	09:00
9/11/07	09:15	9/26/07	12:45
9/26/07	13:00	10/9/07	09:00
10/9/07	10:30	10/24/07	08:15
10/24/07	08:30	11/6/07	11:00
11/6/07	11:15	11/20/07	14:30
11/20/07	14:45	12/4/07	11:45
12/4/07	12:00	12/17/07	13:30
12/17/07	13:45	1/3/08	12:00

Hunt Dock

Deployment date	Time	Retrieval date	Time
12/20/06	12:00	1/4/07	13:00
1/4/07	13:30	1/31/07	09:30
2/1/07	13:30	2/14/07	09:30
2/14/07	09:45	3/5/07	9:15
3/5/07	09:30	3/15/07	10:15
3/15/07	10:30	3/28/07	9:15
3/28/07	09:30	4/7/07	16:30
4/11/07	13:15	4/25/07	12:15
4/25/07	12:30	5/8/07	11:45
5/8/07	12:00	5/30/07	10:00
5/30/07	10:15	7/2/07	9:15
7/3/07	12:00	7/23/07	13:00
7/23/07	13:15	8/2/07	8:45
8/2/07	09:00	8/17/07	9:30
8/17/07	09:45	8/29/07	10:45
8/29/07	11:00	9/11/07	08:15
9/11/07	08:30	09/27/07	13:00
9/27/07	13:15	10/9/07	12:15
10/9/07	12:45	10/24/07	11:45
10/24/07	12:00	11/8/07	13:45
11/8/07	14:00	11/20/07	12:45
11/20/07	13:15	12/06/07	12:15

12/06/07	12:30	12/18/07	12:15
12/18/07	12:45	12/2/08	14:45

Lower Duplin

Deployment date	Time	Retrieval date	Time
12/20/06	11:45	1/3/07	12:00
1/3/07	12:15	1/18/07	13:30
1/18/07	13:45	2/1/07	13:45
2/1/07	14:00	2/14/07	10:00
2/14/07	10:15	3/5/07	9:45
3/5/07	10:00	3/15/07	10:30
3/15/07	10:45	3/27/07	11:30
3/27/07	11:45	4/12/07	8:15
4/12/07	08:30	4/25/07	14:00
4/25/07	14:15	5/8/07	12:30
5/8/07	12:45	5/30/07	12:15
5/30/07	12:45	6/19/07	00:30
6/19/07	00:45	7/5/07	11:45
7/5/07	12:00	7/24/07	9:15
7/24/07	09:30	8/2/07	9:15
8/2/07	09:30	8/22/07	09:15
8/22/07	9:30	8/29/07	10:00
8/29/07	10:15	9/10/07	13:45
9/10/07	14:00	9/27/07	10:15
9/27/07	10:30	10/10/07	10:30
10/10/07	11:15	10/23/07	9:45
10/23/07	10:00	11/6/07	13:00
11/6/07	13:15	11/20/07	15:30
11/20/07	15:45	12/10/07	9:15
12/10/07	9:30	12/17/07	12:15
12/17/07	13:00	1/2/08	12:15

7) Distribution

According to the Ocean and Coastal Resource Management Data Dissemination Policy for the NERRS System-Wide Monitoring Program, NOAA/ERD retains the right to analyze, synthesize and publish summaries of the NERRS System-Wide Monitoring Program data. The PI retains the right to be fully credited for having collected and processed the data. Following academic courtesy standards, the PI and NERR site where the data were collected will be contacted and fully acknowledged in any subsequent publications in which any part of the data are used. Manuscripts resulting from the NOAA/OCRM supported research that is produced for publication in open literature, including refereed scientific journals will acknowledge that the research was conducted under an award from the Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, national Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The data set enclosed within this package/transmission is only as good as the quality assurance and quality control procedures outlined by the enclosed metadata reporting statement. The user bears all responsibility for its subsequent use/misuse in any further analyses or comparisons. The Federal government does not assume liability to the Recipient of third persons, nor will the Federal government reimburse or indemnify the Recipient for its liability due to any losses resulting in any way from the use of this data.

NERR water quality data and metadata can be obtained from the Research Coordinator at the individual NERR site (please see Section 2.2-1 Principal investigators and contact persons), from the Data Manager at the Centralized Data Management Office (please see personnel directory under the general information link on the CDMO home page) and online at the CDMO home page <http://cdmo.baruch.sc.edu>. Data are available in text tab-delimited format.

8) Associated Researchers and Projects

Sapelo Island has a long history of maintaining research. In 1953, the University of Georgia Marine Institute (UGAMI) was formed and the island became a working laboratory for many. The research continues today with SAP NERR and UGAMI creating a unique partnership with much of the current research being done facilitated by SAP NERR and UGAMI together. Given UGAMI's long history on Sapelo, a bibliographic list of over 800 articles of current and previous research can be found on the UGAMI website: <http://www.uga.edu/ugami> and on the Sapelo Island NERR site: <http://www.sapelonerr.org>.

As part of the SWMP long-term monitoring program, SAP NERR also monitors Meteorological and Nutrient data which may be correlated with this Water Quality dataset. These data are available from the Research Coordinator or online at <http://cdmo.baruch.sc.edu/>.

9) Sensor specifications:

YSI 6600EDS datalogger

Parameter: Temperature

Units: Celsius (C)

Sensor Type: Thermistor

Model #: 6560

Range: -5 to 45 °C

Accuracy: +/-0.15 °C

Resolution: 0.01 °C

Parameter: Conductivity

Units: milli-Siemens per cm (mS/cm)

Sensor Type: 4-electrode cell with autoranging

Model #: 6560

Range: 0 to 100 mS/cm

Accuracy: +/-0.5% of reading + 0.001 mS/cm

Resolution: 0.001 mS/cm to 0.1 mS/cm (range dependent)

Parameter: Salinity

Units: parts per thousand (ppt)

Sensor Type: Calculated from conductivity and temperature

Range: 0 to 70 ppt

Accuracy: +/- 1.0% of reading or 0.1 ppt, whichever is greater

Resolution: 0.01 ppt

Parameter: Dissolved Oxygen % saturation

Units: percent air saturation (%)

Sensor Type: Rapid Pulse - Clark type, polarographic

Model #: 6562

Range: 0 to 500 % air saturation

Accuracy: 0-200 % air saturation, +/- 2 % of the reading or 2 % air saturation, whichever is greater; 200-500 % air saturation, +/- 6 % of the reading

Resolution: 0.1 % air saturation

Parameter: Dissolved Oxygen mg/L (Calculated from % air saturation, temperature and salinity)

Units: milligrams per Liter (mg/L)

Sensor Type: Rapid Pulse - Clark type, polarographic

Model #: 6562

Range: 0 to 50 mg/L

Accuracy: 0 to 20 mg/L, +/- 2 % of the reading or 0.2 mg/L, whichever is greater; 20 to 50 mg/L, +/- 6 % of the reading

Resolution: 0.01 mg/L

Parameter: Non-Vented Level - Shallow (Depth)

Units: feet or meters (ft or m)

Sensor Type: Stainless steel strain gauge

Range: 0 to 30 ft (9.1 m)

Accuracy: +/- 0.06 ft (0.018 m)

Resolution: 0.001 ft (0.001 m)

Parameter: pH

Units: units

Sensor Type: Glass combination electrode

Model #: 6561

Range: 0 to 14 units

Accuracy: +/- 0.2 units

Resolution: 0.01 units

Parameter: Turbidity

Units: nephelometric turbidity units (NTU)

Sensor Type: Optical, 90 ° scatter, with mechanical cleaning

Model #: 6136

Range: 0 to 1000 NTU

Accuracy: +/- 5 % reading or 2 NTU (whichever is greater)

Resolution: 0.1 NTU

Dissolved Oxygen Qualifier:

The reliability of the dissolved oxygen (DO) data after 96 hours post-deployment for non-EDS (Extended Deployment System) data sondes may be problematic due to fouling which forms on the DO probe membrane during some deployments (Wenner et al. 2001). Many reserves have upgraded to the YSI 6600 EDS data sondes, which increases DO accuracy and longevity by reducing the environmental effects of fouling. The user is therefore advised to consult the metadata and to exercise caution when utilizing the DO data beyond the initial 96-hour time period. However, this potential drift is not always problematic for some uses of the data, i.e. periodicity analysis. It should also be noted that the amount of fouling is very site specific and that not all data are affected. The Research Coordinator at the specific NERR site should be contacted concerning the reliability of the DO data because of the site and

seasonal variation in the fouling of the DO sensor. All datasondes in use at SAP NERR in 2007 were 6600 EDS models.

Depth Qualifier:

The NERR System-Wide Monitoring Program utilizes YSI data sondes that can be equipped with either depth or water level sensors. Both sensors measure water depth, but by convention, level sensors refer to atmospherically vented measurements and depth refers to non-vented measurements. Readings for both vented and non-vented sensors are automatically compensated for water density change due to variations in temperature and salinity; but for all non-vented depth measurements, changes in atmospheric pressure between calibrations appear as changes in water depth. The error is equal to approximately 1.03 cm for every 1 millibar change in atmospheric pressure, and is eliminated for level sensors because they are vented to the atmosphere throughout the deployment time interval.

Beginning in 2006, NERR SWMP standard calibration protocol calls for all non-vented depth sensors to read 0 meters at a (local) barometric pressure of 1013.25 mb (760 mm/hg). To achieve this, each site calibrates their depth sensor with a depth offset number, which is calculated using the actual atmospheric pressure at the time of calibration and the equation provided in the SWMP calibration sheet or Digital Calibration Log. This offset procedure standardizes each depth calibration for the entire NERR System. If accurate atmospheric pressure data are available, non-vented sensor depth measurements at any NERR site can be corrected. The Research Coordinator at the specific NERR site should be contacted in order to obtain information regarding atmospheric pressure data availability.

10) Coded variable definitions

SAPLDWQ = Sapelo Island Lower Duplin water quality site
SAPHDWQ = Sapelo Island Hunt Dock water quality site
SAPDCWQ = Sapelo Island Dean Creek water quality site
SAPCAWQ = Sapelo Island Cabretta Creek water quality site

11) QAQC flag definitions

QAQC flags provide documentation of the data and are applied to individual data points by insertion into the parameter's associated flag column (header preceded by an F_). During primary automated QAQC (performed by the CDMO), -5, -4, and -2 flags are applied automatically to indicate data that is missing and above or below sensor range. All remaining data are then flagged 0, passing initial QAQC checks. During secondary and tertiary QAQC 1, -3, and 5 flags may be used to note data as suspect, rejected due to QAQC, or corrected.

- 5 Outside High Sensor Range
- 4 Outside Low Sensor Range
- 3 Data Rejected due to QAQC
- 2 Missing Data
- 1 Optional SWMP Supported Parameter
- 0 Data Passed Initial QAQC Checks
- 1 Suspect Data
- 2 *Open - reserved for later flag*
- 3 *Open - reserved for later flag*
- 4 Historical Data: Pre-Auto QAQC

5 Corrected Data

12) QAQC code definitions

QAQC codes are used in conjunction with QAQC flags to provide further documentation of the data and are also applied by insertion into the associated flag column. There are three (3) different code categories, general, sensor, and comment. General errors document general problems with the deployment or YSI datasonde, sensor errors are sensor specific, and comment codes are used to further document conditions or a problem with the data. Only one general or sensor error and one comment code can be applied to a particular data point.

General Errors

GIC	No Instrument Deployed Due to Ice
GIM	Instrument Malfunction
GIT	Instrument Recording Error; Recovered Telemetry Data
GMC	No Instrument Deployed Due to Maintenance/Calibration
GNF	Deployment Tube Clogged / No Flow
GOW	Out of Water Event
GPF	Power Failure / Low Battery
GQR	Data Rejected Due to QA/QC Checks
GSM	See Metadata

Sensor Errors

SBO	Blocked Optic
SCF	Conductivity Sensor Failure
SDF	Depth Port Frozen
SDO	DO Suspect
SDP	DO Membrane Puncture
SIC	Incorrect Calibration / Contaminated Standard
SNV	Negative Value
SOW	Sensor Out of Water
SPC	Post Calibration Out of Range
SSD	Sensor Drift
SSM	Sensor Malfunction
SSR	Sensor Removed / Not Deployed
STF	Catastrophic Temperature Sensor Failure
STS	Turbidity Spike
SWM	Wiper Malfunction / Loss

Comments

CAB	Algal Bloom
CAF	Acceptable Calibration/Accuracy Error of Sensor
CAP	Depth Sensor in Water, Affected by Atmospheric Pressure
CBF	Biofouling
CCU	Cause Unknown
CDA	DO Hypoxia (<3 mg/L)
CDB	Disturbed Bottom
CDF	Data Appear to Fit Conditions
CFK	Fish Kill
CIP	Surface Ice Present at Sample Station

CLT	Low Tide
CMC	In Field Maintenance/Cleaning
CMD	Mud in Probe Guard
CND	New Deployment Begins
CRE	Significant Rain Event
CSM	See Metadata
CTS	Turbidity Spike
CVT	Possible Vandalism/Tampering
CWD	Data Collected at Wrong Depth

13) Post deployment information - Date listed is the deployment begin date.

Cabretta:

Date	DO%	Ph7	Depth m	Turbidity	SpCond
12/20/06	109.2	7.88	.082	7.6	24.39
01/03/07	102.1	8.2	-.039	9.2	24.21
01/18/07	122.3	7.6	-.651	5.3	22.79
01/01/07	101.2	7.73	-.168	3.5	25.43
02/13/07	91.4	7.9	.017	-1	24.82
03/01/07	99.6	7.5	.093	-2	24.49
03/14/07	102	6.67	-.012	6.2	24.29
03/27/06	91.1	6.86	-.297	.4	22.98
04/11/07	93.1	6.82	.046	2.5	24.82
04/25/07	75.9	7.23	-.179	1.3	23.05
05/08/07	79	7.17	.142	-.1	25.23
05/30/07	89.3	7.15	.086	-1	24.59
06/15/07	123	7.1	.003	3.2	25.7
07/03/07	76	7.04	.055	-5.4	24.95
07/23/07	n/a	7.5	.044	1.1	25.29
08/01/07	78	7.5	.041	.1	24.91
08/14/07	88	7.4	.064	.6	25.5
8/27/07	104	7.4	.018	1.9	25.17
09/10/07	91.4	7.9	.107	-1	24.82
09/27/07	61.8	7.21	-1.87	-3.3	24.91
10/09/07	108.6	7.5	-.051	.7	24.3
10/23/07	n/a	6.94	.083	-1.4	24.84
11/08/07	52.2	6.85	.129	-2.6	24.41
11/20/07	92.7	8.1	.042	1.3	21.8
12/04/07	110	7.11	.411	.1	26.13
12/18/07	94.3	7.44	.174	2.9	24.56

Dean creek:

Date	DO%	Ph7	Depth m	Turbidity	SpCond
12/20/06	96.4	7.81	-0.068	8.8	24.75
01/03/07	102.1	7.01	.215	09.6	24.83
01/18/07	89	7.67	-.208	9	23.45
02/02/07	98.2	7.04	.060	-2.2	25.14
02/12/07	116.4	7.2	-.073	.9	25.1
02/28/07	101.8	7.37	.06	-3.5	25.11
03/14/07	110.3	7.44	-.037	2.3	24.79
03/27/07	100.4	7.04	-.280	10	24.29
04/11/07	n/a	6.98	.049	0	24.88

04/26/07	88.6	7.8	.028	-.2	23.81
05/08/07	n/a	7.14	.091	4.3	26.1
05/30/07	89.9	7.32	.046	1.3	24.67
07/03/07	n/a	n/a	.042	1.5	24.62
07/23/07	89.4	7.16	-.04	-.1	19
08/01/07	n/a	7.2	.055	4.7	24.47
08/15/07	87	9	.204	4.3	31
08/27/07	138	7.1	.007	5.5	25.43
09/10/07	n/a	6.85	.026	-2	25.62
09/26/07	101.8	7.37	.060	-3.5	25.11
10/09/07	102.9	7.9	-.036	-.6	24.5
10/23/07	104.5	8	.12	-3.6	26.16
11/06/07	128	7.3	.098	6.2	25.17
11/20/07	116.4	7.2	-.073	.9	28.4
12/04/07	88.3	7.66	.126	.5	24.25
12/17/07	102.1	7.01	.215	-9.6	24.38

Hunt Dock

Date	DO%	Ph7	Depth m	Turbidity	SpCond
12/20/06	115.2	7.32	-.057	.1	24.95
01/03/07	90.2	8.1	-.037	2.9	24.66
02/01/07	101.5	7.03	-.216	1.7	25.18
02/13/07	84.6	7.17	.134	1.3	24.52
03/01/07	99.2	7.1	.035	-.2	24.08
03/14/07	89.5	6.8	.023	6.5	24.8
03/27/06	94	6.88	.008	1.1	24.23
04/11/07	105.7	8.06	.066	2.2	24.94
04/25/07	131	7.22	.008	4.6	23.31
05/08/07	71.2	7.15	.071	1.8	15.74
05/30/07	69	7.7	.049	5.5	15.5
07/03/07	n/a	6.8	.059	2.8	23.19
07/23/07	98	6.82	.014	-.08	25.44
08/01/07	104.6	8.1	.057	.08	25.5
08/14/07	82	7.14	.064	3.4	24.21
08/27/07	79	7.8	.098	2.2	24.7
09/10/07	98	n/a	.252	-2.5	26.3
09/27/07	95.7	6.8	.002	-.03	24.35
10/09/07	n/a	7.14	.033	-1.9	24.23
10/24/07	n/a	6.41	.045	-5	25.49
11/08/07	118	7.4	.177	4.2	22.3
12/06/07	94.9	7.84	.317	1.6	23.98
12/18/07	87.6	7.5	.087	3.4	25.1

Lower Duplin:

Date	DO%	Ph7	Depth m	Turbidity	SpCond
12/20/06	96.2	8.1	-.083	1.1	24.97
01/03/07	98.5	7.4	-.026	12	21.67
01/18/07	92.3	6.95	-.211	.2	24.89
02/01/07	93.2	7.38	.096	-1.4	24.9
02/13/07	85.5	7.99	.131	.4	23.95
03/01/07	87.8	7.2	.121	1.1	24.56

03/14/07	97.2	7.21	-.027	9	24.38
03/27/07	90	6.79	.003	1.8	25.19
04/11/07	97.6	7.6	.063	2.2	23.43
04/25/07	99	6.9	.11	1.1	24.56
05/08/07	86.4	6.92	-.008	-11.3	24.89
05/30/07	68	7.2	.099	6.8	23.04
06/15/07	100.3	6.8	.05	1.1	21.53
07/03/07	n/a	7.6	.07	2.7	29.21
07/23/07	n/a	6.2	.032	6.2	22.28
08/01/07	79	7.4	.1	1.1	23.98
08/22/07	n/a	7.4	.084	.3	25.04
08/27/07	94.5	6.8	.014	2.1	27.1
09/10/07	n/a	11.5	.037	.1	25.56
09/26/07		sonde failure			
10/09/07	N/A	6.18	.017	-1.4	25.93
10/23/07	133.5	7.1	.009	-2.8	27.5
11/06/07	74	7.49	.223	4.3	24.28
11/20/07	69.5	7.73	.185	-3.8	25.41
12/06/07	101.5	7.17	.169	02.4	24.96
12/17/07	81.3	7.01	.275	1.5	25.67

14) Other remarks/notes

Fifteen minute data was not collected for the Cabretta site from 1/1/07 to 2/2/07 @ 09:45

Fifteen minute data was not collected for the Dean Creek site from 1/1/07 to 1/31/07 @ 09:45

Fifteen minute data was not collected for the Hunt Dock site from 1/1/07 to 1/31/07 @ 09:30

Data are missing due to equipment or associated specific probes not being deployed, equipment failure, time of maintenance or calibration of equipment, or repair/replacement of a sampling station platform. Any NANs in the dataset stand for “not a number” and are the result of low power, disconnected wires, or out of range readings. If additional information on missing data is needed, contact the Research Coordinator at the reserve submitting the data.

CSM Comment Codes:

Throughout the year, datasonde #1 showed depressed temperature readings. The discrepancy worsened throughout the year from about 1.5 degrees low, to around 5 degrees low. In most cases, this difference wasn't considered to be significant enough to affect the other parameters (all of which are temperature dependent) and temperature data were simply flagged suspect. In a few cases, all data were flagged suspect and coded CSM. Datasonde #1 was deployed most often at the CA site, but also at the DC and LD sites.

DC Depth: For the 8/2 9:30 – 8/16 12:45 and 9/26 13:00 – 10/9 09:00 deployments, the sonde appeared to have been restricted in the deployment tube by fouling. The depth readings are correct, but the sonde was not collecting data at the correct place in the water column due to the restriction. Data should be used with caution as a result.