

I. Data Set and Research Descriptors

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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), EcoWatch Lite in a comma separated file (CSV) or KOR Software in an Excel File (.XLS) and uploaded to the CDMO where they undergo automated primary QAQC; automated depth/level corrections for changes in barometric pressure (cDepth or cLevel parameters); and become part of the CDMO's online provisional database. All pre- and post-deployment data are removed from the file prior to upload. During primary QAQC, data are flagged if they are missing or out of sensor range. The edited file is then returned to the Reserve for secondary QAQC 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 summary statistics, and graphs the data for review. It allows the user to apply QAQC flags and codes to the data, remove any overlapping deployment data, append files, and export the resulting data file for upload to the CDMO. Upload after secondary QAQC results in ingestion into the database as provisional plus data, recalculation of cDepth or cLevel parameters, and finally tertiary QAQC by the CDMO 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 Rachel Guy

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.

4) Research methods –

Before each YSI EXO2 data logger is deployed, calibration and maintenance is performed following the manufacturer's instructions manufacturer's instructions and NERRS SWMP standard operating procedures. Calibration standards are only required for pH, conductivity, and turbidity, all other parameters are done as described in the manual. The conductivity, pH, and turbidity calibrations use a YSI produced traceable solution.

When deployed, the weather conditions and tidal stage are recorded in the field observation log. The datalogger is placed inside a length of PVC pipe attached to the dock. The data logger is attached to a non-floating dock by a steel 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 2" holes in the PVC pipes at the sonde location, 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. All data rejected is noted in the metadata.

A Sutron Sat-Link2 transmitter was installed at the Lower Duplin station on 03/18/2007 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 QA/QC process detailed in Section 2 above. The "real-time" telemetry data become part of the provisional dataset until undergoing secondary and tertiary QA/QC and assimilation in the CDMO's authoritative online database. Provisional and authoritative data are available at <http://cdmo.baruch.sc.edu>.

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 freshwater 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. Primary freshwater input consists of rainwater runoff. 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 3meters 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 (HD) 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 3meters and a salinity range of 5-35 ppt. Primary freshwater input consists of rainwater runoff. 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. Primary freshwater input consists of rainwater runoff. The benthic community consists of a sandy-mud substrate with occasional, small, intertidal oyster reef community and mean tidal amplitude of approximately 3meters. 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. Salinity ranges with exception to major, long-term precipitation events, varies from 15-36 ppt., seasonally. Primary freshwater input consists of rainwater runoff. 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.

SWMP Station Timeline

Station Code	SWMP Status	Station Name	Location	Active Dates	Reason Decommissioned	Notes
CA	P	Cabretta	N 31 26 37.3W 81 14 23.7	4/2004-current	NA	NA
DC	P	Dean Creek	N 31 23 22.5W 81 16 44.2	5/2004-current	NA	NA
HD	P	Hunt Dock	31 deg 28' 43", 81 deg 16' 23" W	7/1999-current	NA	NA
LD	P	Lower Duplin	31 deg 25' 4" N, 81 deg 17' 46" W	1/1999	NA	NA
ML	S	Marsh Landing	31deg 25' 04.23" N, 81deg 17' 46.30" W	5/1995-12/1998	Site character	near surface deployment and the fouling with such a setup was too severe to harvest reliable data

FL	S	Flume Dock	31deg 28' 53.85"N, 81deg 16"12.37"W	1/1995- 12/1998	NA	NA
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6) Data collection period

Cabretta:

Deploy Date	Deploy Time	Retrieve Date	Retrieve Time
12/19/2017	15:30	1/16/2018	15:30
1/16/2018	15:45	1/31/2018	13:00
1/31/2018	13:30	2/15/2018	10:30
2/15/2018	10:45	2/28/2018	14:30
2/28/2018	14:45	3/23/2018	12:15
3/23/2018	12:15	4/12/2018	13:30
4/12/2018	13:45	5/7/2018	11:15
5/7/2018	11:30	5/29/2018	8:45
5/29/2018	9:00		
6/13/2018	11:30	6/27/2018	7:30
6/27/2018	7:45	7/11/2018	19:00
7/11/2018	19:15	7/25/2018	17:00
7/25/2018	19:00	8/8/2018	17:30
8/8/2018	17:45	8/22/2018	17:45
8/22/2018	18:00	9/5/2018	17:00
9/5/2018	17:15	9/19/2018	18:15
9/19/2018	18:30	10/3/2018	14:15
10/3/2018	14:30	10/17/2018	16:30
10/17/2018	16:45	10/31/2018	14:45
10/31/2018	15:15	11/14/2018	14:15
11/14/2018	14:30	11/29/2018	14:45
11/29/2018	15:00	12/13/2018	13:45
12/13/2018	14:00	12/23/2018	15:30
12/23/2018	15:45	1/8/2019	10:45

Dean Creek:

Deploy Date	Deploy Time	Retrieve Date	Retrieve Time
12/22/2017	10:15	01/16/2018	13:45
1/16/2018	14:00	1/30/2019	8:45
1/31/2018	14:45	2/15/2018	10:00
2/15/2018	10:15	2/27/2018	13:00
2/27/2018	13:15	3/23/2018	12:15
3/23/2018	12:45	4/12/2018	11:15
4/12/2018	11:30	5/7/2018	13:15
5/7/2018	13:30	5/29/2018	7:15

5/29/2018	7:30	6/13/2018	9:45
6/13/2018	10:00	6/27/2018	6:00
6/27/2018	6:15	7/11/2018	17:45
7/11/2018	18:00	7/25/2018	17:30
7/25/2018	17:45	8/8/2018	16:15
8/8/2018	16:30	8/22/2018	17:00
8/22/2018	17:15	9/5/2018	16:30
9/5/2018	16:45	9/19/2018	16:45
9/19/2018	17:15	10/3/2018	13:45
10/3/2018	14:00	10/17/2018	15:30
10/17/2018	15:45	10/31/2018	13:45
10/31/2018	14:00	11/14/2018	13:30
11/14/2018	13:45	11/29/2018	13:15
11/29/2018	13:45	12/13/2018	14:45
12/13/2018	15:00	12/23/2018	11:00
12/23/2018	11:15	1/8/2019	12:15

Hunt Dock:

Deploy Date	Deploy Time	Retrieve Date	Retrieve Time
12/21/2017	11:15	1/16/2018	15:15
1/16/2018	15:30	1/31/2018	13:45
1/31/2018	14:00	2/15/2018	11:00
2/15/2018	11:15	2/28/2018	11:15
2/28/2018	11:30	3/23/2018	11:15
3/23/2018	11:30	4/12/2018	14:00
4/12/2018	14:15	5/7/2018	10:45
5/7/2018	11:15	5/29/2018	8:15
5/29/2018	8:30	6/8/2018	21:15
6/13/2018	11:15	6/27/2017	7:00
6/27/2018	7:15	7/11/2018	18:45
7/11/2018	19:00	7/25/2018	18:30
7/25/2018	8:45	8/8/2018	17:00
8/8/2018	17:30	8/22/2018	17:45
8/22/2018	18:45	9/5/2018	17:15
9/5/2018	17:45	9/19/2018	17:45
9/19/2018	18:00	10/3/2018	14:30
10/3/2018	14:45	10/17/2018	16:00
10/17/2018	16:30	10/31/2018	14:30
10/31/2018	14:45	11/14/2018	14:30
11/14/2018	14:45	11/29/2018	14:15
11/29/2018	14:30	12/12/2018	12:00
12/12/2018	12:15	12/23/2018	12:45
12/23/2018	13:00	1/8/2019	10:00

Lower Duplin:

Deploy Date	Deploy Time	Retrieve Date	Retrieve Time
12/22/2017	10:30	1/16/2018	13:00
1/12/2018	13:15	1/31/2018	14:15
1/31/2018	14:30	2/15/2018	11:15
2/15/2018	11:30	2/28/2018	14:45
2/28/2018	15:00	3/23/2018	12:00
3/23/2018	12:30	4/13/2018	10:45
4/13/2018	11:00	5/4/2018	13:00
5/4/2018	13:15	5/29/2018	7:45
5/29/2018	8:00	6/13/2018	10:15
6/13/2018	10:30	6/27/2017	6:30
6/27/2018	6:45	7/11/2018	18:15
7/11/2018	18:30	7/25/2018	17:45
7/25/2018	15:15	8/8/2018	16:45
8/8/2018	17:00	8/22/2018	17:15
8/22/2018	17:30	9/5/2018	18:30
9/5/2018	19:00	9/19/2018	17:15
9/19/2018	17:30	10/3/2018	15:00
10/3/2018	15:15	10/17/2018	15:45
10/17/2018	16:00	10/31/2018	14:00
10/31/2018	14:15	11/14/2018	13:45
11/14/2018	14:00	11/29/2018	13:45
11/29/2018	14:00	12/13/2018	14:15
12/13/2018	14:30	12/23/2018	11:30
12/23/2018	13:00	1/8/2019	10:00

7) Distribution –

NOAA retains the right to analyze, synthesize and publish summaries of the NERRS System-wide Monitoring Program data. The NERRS retains the right to be fully credited for having collected and process the data. Following academic courtesy standards, the NERR site where the data were collected should be contacted and fully acknowledged in any subsequent publications in which any part of the data are used. 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 or 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.

NOAA National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS). System-wide Monitoring Program. Data accessed from the NOAA NERRS Centralized Data Management Office website: <http://www.nerrsdata.org/>; accessed 12 October 2012..

NERR water quality data and metadata can be obtained from the Research Coordinator at the individual NERR site (please see 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 www.nerrsdata.org. Data are available in comma delimited format.

8) Associated researchers and projects

The SWMP program in place on Sapelo also includes meteorological and nutrient datasets collected along with this water quality data. Furthermore 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 15-minute meteorological along with monthly grab samples and diel sampling for nutrient data which may be correlated with this water quality dataset. These data are available at www.nerrsdata.org.

II. Physical Structure Descriptors

9) Sensor specifications –

SAP NERR deployed YSI EXO2 sondes were deployed at all sites for the entirety of 2018

YSI EXO2 Sonde:

Parameter: Temperature

Units: Celsius (C)

Sensor Type: Wiped probe; Thermistor

Model#: 599827

Range: -5 to 50 C

Accuracy: ± 0.2 C

Resolution: 0.001 C

Parameter: Conductivity

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

Sensor Type: Wiped probe; 4-electrode cell with autoranging

Model#: 599827

Range: 0 to 100 mS/cm

Accuracy: $\pm 1\%$ of the reading or 0.002 mS/cm, whichever is greater

Resolution: 0.0001 to 0.01 mS/cm (range dependent)

Parameter: Salinity

Units: practical salinity units (psu)/parts per thousand (ppt)

Model#: 599827

Sensor Type: Wiped probe; Calculated from conductivity and temperature

Range: 0 to 70 ppt

Accuracy: $\pm 2\%$ of the reading or 0.2 ppt, whichever is greater

Resolution: 0.01 psu

Parameter: Dissolved Oxygen % saturation

Sensor Type: Optical probe w/ mechanical cleaning

Model#: 599100-01

Range: 0 to 500% air saturation

Accuracy: 0-200% air saturation: $\pm 1\%$ of the reading or 1% air saturation, whichever is greater 200-500% air saturation: $\pm 5\%$ of reading

Resolution: 0.1% air saturation

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

Units: milligrams/Liter (mg/L)

Sensor Type: Optical probe w/ mechanical cleaning

Model#: 599100-01

Range: 0 to 50 mg/L

Accuracy: 0-20 mg/L: ± 0.1 mg/L or 1% of the reading, whichever is greater

20 to 50 mg/L: $\pm 5\%$ 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 33 ft (10 m)

Accuracy: ± 0.013 ft (0.004 m)

Resolution: 0.001 ft (0.001 m)

Parameter: pH
Units: pH units
Sensor Type: Glass combination electrode
Model#: 599701(guarded) or 599702(wiped)
Range: 0 to 14 units
Accuracy: +/- 0.1 units within +/- 10° of calibration temperature, +/- 0.2 units for entire temperature range
Resolution: 0.01 units

Parameter: Turbidity
Units: formazin nephelometric units (FNU)
Sensor Type: Optical, 90 degree scatter
Model#: 599101-01
Range: 0 to 4000 FNU
Accuracy: 0 to 999 FNU: 0.3 FNU or +/-2% of reading (whichever is greater); 1000 to 4000 FNU +/-5% of reading
Resolution: 0 to 999 FNU: 0.01 FNU, 1000 to 4000 FNU: 0.1 FNU

Depth Qualifier:

The NERR System-Wide Monitoring Program utilizes YSI data sondes that can be equipped with either vented or non-vented depth/level sensors. 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 1.02 cm for every 1 millibar change in atmospheric pressure, and is eliminated for vented 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 can be corrected.

In 2010, the CDMO began automatically correcting depth/level data for changes in barometric pressure as measured by the Reserve's associated meteorological station during data ingestion. These corrected depth/level data are reported as cDepth and cLevel, and are assigned QAQC flags and codes based on QAQC protocols. Please see sections 11 and 12 for QAQC flag and code definitions.

NOTE: older depth data cannot be corrected without verifying that the depth offset was in place and whether a vented or non-vented depth sensor was in use. No SWMP data prior to 2006 can be corrected using this method. The following equation is used for corrected depth/level data provided by the CDMO beginning in 2010:
$$((1013-BP)*0.0102)+Depth/Level = cDepth/cLevel.$$

Salinity Units Qualifier:

In 2013, EXO sondes were approved for SWMP use and began to be utilized by Reserves. While the 6600 series sondes report salinity in parts per thousand (ppt) units, the EXO sondes report practical salinity units (psu). These units are essentially the same and for SWMP purposes are

understood to be equivalent, however psu is considered the more appropriate designation. Moving forward the NERR System will assign psu salinity units for all data regardless of sonde type.

Turbidity Qualifier:

In 2013, EXO sondes were approved for SWMP use and began to be utilized by Reserves. While the 6600 series sondes report turbidity in nephelometric turbidity units (NTU), the EXO sondes use formazin nephelometric units (FNU). These units are essentially the same but indicate a difference in sensor methodology, for SWMP purposes they will be considered equivalent. Moving forward, the NERR System will use FNU/NTU as the designated units for all turbidity data regardless of sonde type. If turbidity units and sensor methodology are of concern, please see the Sensor Specifications portion of the metadata.

10) Coded variable definitions –

Sampling station:	Sampling site code:	Station code:
Cabretta Creek	CA	sapcawq
Dean Creek	DC	sapdcwq
Hunt Dock	HD	saphdwq
Lower Duplin	LD	sapldwq

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 Calculated data: non-vented depth/level sensor correction for changes in barometric pressure
- 4 Historical Data: Pre-Auto QAQC
- 5 Corrected Data

12) QAQC code definitions –

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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, but some comment codes (marked with an * below) can be applied to the entire record in the F_Record column.

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

Corrected Depth/Level Data Codes

GCC	Calculated with data that were corrected during QA/QC
GCM	Calculated value could not be determined due to missing data
GCR	Calculated value could not be determined due to rejected data
GCS	Calculated value suspect due to questionable data
GCU	Calculated value could not be determined due to unavailable data

Sensor Errors

SBO	Blocked optic
SCF	Conductivity sensor failure
SCS	Chlorophyll spike
SDF	Depth port frozen
SDG	Suspect due to sensor diagnostics
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
SQR	Data rejected due to QAQC checks
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
 CWE* Significant weather event

13) Post deployment information

Cabretta:

Deploy Date	Sonde Nickname	SpCond	ROXDO1	pH7	pH10	Turb	Turb	Depth
1/16/2018	Catherine	51.283(50.0)	100.6	7.19	10.15	1.16(0.0)	126.3(124.0)	0.789(0.151)
1/31/2018	Blackbeard	49.144(50.0)		7.11	10.23	1.01(0.0)	122.9(124.0)	0.023(0.0)
2/15/2018	Catherine	50.079(50.0)	101.4	7.65	10.6	1.36(0.0)	142.85(124.0)	0.01(0.099)
2/28/2018	Blackbeard	50.524(50.0)	98.7	6.99	10.04	0.84(0.0)	121.36(124.0)	0.1(0.079)
3/23/2018	simon	49.912(50.0)	100.4	7.16	10.09	0.65(0.0)	105.22(124.0)	0.089(0.099)
4/12/2018	Blackbeard	50.059(50.0)	101.1	7.09	10.01	0.25(0.0)	121.23(124.0)	0.0080(0.027)
5/7/2018	Catherine	50.094(50.0)	99	7.56	9.56	0.38(0.0)	125.73(124.0)	0.04(0.017)
5/29/2018	Ossabaw	33.712(50.0)	99.5	7.23	10.07	0	-124	0.04(0.038)
6/13/2018	simon	46.069(50.0)		7.08	10.07	9.92(0.0)	126.82(124.0)	0.017(0.017)
6/27/2018	Ossabaw	51.89(50.0)	99.2	7	9.92	-0.55(0.0)	114.33(124.0)	-0.052(-0.042)
7/11/2018	simon	49.215(50.0)	102.5	7.09	10.12	-3.04(0.0)	136.48(124.0)	0.067(0.089)
7/25/2018	Ossabaw	51.1(50.0)	100.1	7.1	10.02	-1.53(0.0)	150.51(124.0)	0.03(0.038)
8/8/2018	simon	52.634(50.0)	101.1	7.12	10.04	0	-124	0.094(0.1)
8/22/2018	Ossabaw	51.92(50.0)	99.3	7.04	9.99	0	0	-0.0050(-0.0040)
9/5/2018	simon	50.92(50.0)	100.2	7.31	9.94	7.35(0.0)	120.23(124.0)	0.059(0.048)
9/19/2018	Ossabaw	57.62(50.0)	100	7.29	9.78	-1.15(0.0)	127.36(124.0)	0.023(0.027)
10/3/2018	simon	52.688(50.0)	100.7	6.82	10.26	0.61(0.0)	68.06(124.0)	0.074(0.089)
10/17/2018	Ossabaw	47.77(50.0)	100.4	7.16	10.01	-4.13(0.0)	129.66(124.0)	0.06(0.069)
10/31/2018	simon	47.73(50.0)	99.8	7	10.07	-1.3(0.0)	127.82(124.0)	0.019(0.0060)
11/14/2018	Ossabaw	50.296(50.0)	101	6.98	9.99	0.81(0.0)	117.74(124.0)	0.109(0.12)
11/29/2018	simon	50.098(50.0)	101.2	7.1	10.07	3.68(0.0)	137.48(124.0)	0.102(0.11)
12/13/2018	Ossabaw	47.788(50.0)	101.1	7.17	10.05	-10.93(0.0)	123.21(124.0)	0.101(0.1)
12/23/2018	simon	16.33(50.0)	100.2	7	10.32	-7.26(0.0)	116.29(124.0)	0.05(0.079)

Dean Creek:

Deploy Date	Sonde Nickname	SpCond	ROXDO1	pH7	pH10	Turb	Turb	Depth
1/16/2018	Wassaw	49.995(50.0)	101.5	7.09	10.05	0.42(0.0)	122.90	0.169(0.151)
1/31/2018	Cumberland	49.98(50.0)	102.2	7.11	10.22	1.11(0.0)	123.9(124.0)	0.19(0.0)
2/15/2018	Wassaw	50.115(50.0)	101.2	7.1	10.09	1.4(0.0)	140.78(124.0)	0.0(0.099)
2/27/2018	Ossabaw	-50				0	-124	0
3/23/2018	Catherine	49.71(50.0)	100.3	7.26	10.16	-0.21(0.0)	107.85(124.0)	0.11(0.121)
4/12/2018	Amelia	49.899(50.0)	100.6	7.12	9.98	-0.91(0.0)	120.93(124.0)	0.044(0.068)
5/7/2018	Sapelo	50.189(50.0)		7.24	10.11	1.79(0.0)	129.41(124.0)	-0.245(0.017)
5/29/2018	Cumberland	51.1637(50.0)	99.7	7.03	9.91	0	-124	0.041(0.038)

6/13/2018	Sapelo	50.045(50.0)		7.01	9.92	3.05(0.0)	132.69(124.0)	-0.01(0.017)
6/27/2018	Cumberland	51.127(50.0)	99.3	7.17	10.02	-0.23(0.0)	119.0(124.0)	-0.03(-0.042)
7/11/2018	Sapelo	49.86(50.0)	100.8	7.1	10.02	-2.25(0.0)	286.27(124.0)	0.069(0.089)
7/25/2018	Cumberland	50.72(50.0)	100.4	7.19	10.02	-1.76(0.0)	393.25(124.0)	0.033(0.038)
8/8/2018	Sapelo	52.534(50.0)	100.8	7.01	9.97	0	-124	0.16(0.1)
8/22/2018	Catherine	50.54(50.0)	99.5	7.13	10.16	0	0	-0.013(-0.0040)
9/5/2018	Sapelo	51.41(50.0)	99.4	7.29	10.17	1.98(0.0)	116.65(124.0)	-0.065(0.069)
9/19/2018	Catherine	51.85(50.0)	99.8	7.04	9.98	-0.44(0.0)	123.28(124.0)	0.024(0.0030)
10/3/2018	Sapelo	52.56(50.0)	100.9	7.01	10.04	1.62(0.0)	173.02(124.0)	-0.0090(0.089)
10/17/2018	Catherine	46.256(50.0)	100.6	7.11	10.03	-1.29(0.0)	132.19(124.0)	0.057(0.069)
10/31/2018	Sapelo	48.1(50.0)	100.3	7.35	10.41	-1.08(0.0)	125.94(124.0)	-0.182(0.0060)
11/14/2018	Catherine	50.727(50.0)	101	6.95	9.9	2.64(0.0)	125.02(124.0)	0.1(0.12)
11/29/2018	Sapelo	50.606(50.0)	101	7.91	10.89	3.73(0.0)	133.35(124.0)	0.232(0.11)
12/13/2018	Catherine	50.062(50.0)	100.8	7.27	10.16	-8.79(0.0)	111.54(124.0)	0.096(0.1)
12/23/2018	Sapelo	54.02(50.0)	100.1	7.25	10.16	-8.07(0.0)	120.08(124.0)	0.061(0.079)

Hunt Dock:

Deploy Date	Sonde Nickname	SpCond	ROXDO1	pH7	pH10	Turb	Turb	Depth
1/16/2018	simon	50.729(50.0)	100.8	7.09	10	1.33(0.0)	126.5(126.0)	0.179(0.151)
1/31/2018	Amelia	49.756(50.0)	101.1	7.22	10.19	-0.29(0.0)	124.8(124.0)	0.42(0.19)
2/15/2018	july	50.156(50.0)	101.1	6.9	9.94	0.95(0.0)	143.27(124.0)	-0.099
2/28/2018	Amelia	49.878(50.0)	100.6	7	10.07	0	-124	0.08(0.079)
3/23/2018	july	49.504(50.0)		7.12	10.07	0.32(0.0)	108.48(124.0)	0.102(0.099)
4/12/2018	Cumberland	50.6(50.0)	99.9	7.21	10.13	1.94(0.0)	123.5(124.0)	0.027(0.027)
5/7/2018	july	46.084(50.0)		7.33	10.1	6.11(0.0)	126.94(124.0)	0.038(0.017)
5/29/2018	Blackbeard	49.657(50.0)		7.09	9.99	3.37(0.0)	119.14(124.0)	0.032(0.038)
6/13/2018	july	47.846(50.0)		7.19	10.11	5.1(0.0)	133.82(124.0)	0.017(0.017)
6/27/2018	Blackbeard	50.567(50.0)	107.1	7.11	10.02	1.31(0.0)	119.25(124.0)	-0.031(-0.042)
7/11/2018	july	50.714(50.0)	101.8	7.12	10.07	-0.71(0.0)	130.26(124.0)	0.072(0.076)
7/25/2018	Blackbeard	50.99(50.0)	115.9	7.04	9.99	-2.03(0.0)	356.26(124.0)	0.028(0.038)
8/8/2018	july	52.897(50.0)	100.1	7.13	10.21	0	-124	0.102(0.1)
8/22/2018	Blackbeard	51.51(50.0)	101	7.11	10.03	0	0	-0.0050(-0.0040)
9/5/2018	july	51.27(50.0)	101.2	7.11	10.1	1.61(0.0)	113.37(124.0)	0.066(0.048)
9/19/2018	Blackbeard	51.69(50.0)	99.7	7.03	9.97	0.81(0.0)	126.19(124.0)	0.019(0.027)

10/3/2018	july	52.9(50.0)	100.8	7.09	10.16	0.63(0.0)	58.71(124.0)	0.089(0.089)
10/17/2018	Blackbeard	45.79(50.0)	106.3	7.06	9.92	-1.21(0.0)	123.82(124.0)	0.085(0.089)
10/31/2018	july	46.78(50.0)	100.4	7.1	10.09	0.44(0.0)	128.48(124.0)	0.04(0.0060)
11/14/2018	Blackbeard	52.985(50.0)	95.8	7.14	10.07	-1.05(0.0)	128.95(124.0)	0.103(0.12)
11/29/2018	july	49.087(50.0)	100.6	7.07	10.09	4.95(0.0)	128.21(124.0)	0.097(0.11)
12/12/2018	Blackbeard	48.853(50.0)	98.5	7.18	10.07	-2.57(0.0)	117.06(124.0)	0.116(0.1)
12/23/2018	july	53.85(50.0)	100.9	7.29	10.07	-8.07(0.0)	115.44(124.0)	0.032(0.079)

Lower Duplin:

Deploy Date	Sonde Nickname	SpCond	ROXDO1	pH7	pH10	Turb	Turb	Depth
1/12/2018	july	50.482(50.0)	100.4	7.13	10.12	-0.33(0.0)	122.9(124.0)	0.168(0.151)
1/31/2018	Ossabaw	-50				0	-124	0
2/15/2018	simon	51.216(50.0)	101.5	7.07	10.07	0.55(0.0)	143.29(124.0)	0.03(0.095)
2/28/2018	Cumberland	-50				0	-124	0
3/23/2018	Wassaw	49.188(50.0)	711.9	7.11	10.03	-0.03(0.0)	105.56(124.0)	0.105(0.099)
4/13/2018	Ossabaw	50.078(50.0)	99.4	7.09	10.03	1.85(0.0)	125.44(124.0)	0.01(0.027)
5/4/2018	simon	49.5162(50.0)	100	7.15	10.01	0.32(0.0)	120.2(124.0)	0.033(0.027)
5/29/2018	Wassaw	49.971(50.0)	99.7	2.21	10.14	1.21(0.0)	125.34(124.0)	0.035(0.038)
6/13/2018	Amelia	45.089(50.0)		7.22	10.13	3.95(0.0)	124.29(124.0)	0.026(0.017)
6/27/2018	Wassaw	49.251(50.0)	79.9	7.29	10.16	18.69(0.0)	116.05(124.0)	-0.057(-0.042)
7/11/2018	Catherine	48.473(50.0)	100.8	7.09	10.12	-0.57(0.0)	136.3(124.0)	0.083(0.089)
7/25/2018	Amelia	50.96(50.0)	99.2	7.21	10.18	0.72(0.0)	141.65(124.0)	0.022(0.038)
8/8/2018	Wassaw	52.656(50.0)	100.6	7.19	9.85	0	-124	0.097(0.1)
8/22/2018	Amelia	49.64(50.0)	94.7	7.17	10.19	0	0	0.013(0.0060)
9/5/2018	Wassaw	51.12(50.0)	99.6	7.2	8.44	-0.78(0.0)	117.89(124.0)	0.039(0.058)
9/19/2018	Amelia	-50	98.9	6.94	9.94	-0.06(0.0)	124.09(124.0)	0.01(0.027)
10/3/2018	Cumberland	52.163(50.0)	100.6	6.88	9.91	-1.09(0.0)	44.72(124.0)	0.097(0.0)
10/17/2018	Wassaw	44.61(50.0)	100.8	8.58	10.36	2.19(0.0)	129.21(124.0)	0.08(0.089)
10/31/2018	Cumberland	46.17(50.0)	100.5	7.07	10.15	-0.53(0.0)	126.52(124.0)	0.02(0.0060)
11/14/2018	Wassaw	54.757(50.0)	101.1	1	9.95	-4.02(0.0)	127.63(124.0)	0.117(0.12)
11/29/2018	Cumberland	50.338(50.0)	100.7	7.05	10.16	1.72(0.0)	133.39(124.0)	0.094(0.11)
12/13/2018	Wassaw	49.496(50.0)	100.9	7.13	10.01	-6.92(0.0)	109.96(124.0)	0.1(0.1)
12/23/2018	Cumberland	-50				0	-124	0

14) Other remarks/notes –

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: No turbidity post-calibration checks were performed for the following sites/deployments as we ran out of standard and were awaiting shipment of more. Data are marked <1> (CSM).

Cabretta: 8/8 17:45 – 8/22 17:45

Dean Creek: 8/8 16:30 – 8/22 17:00

Hunt Dock: 8/8 17:30 – 8/22 17:45

Lower Duplin: 8/8 17:00 – 8/22 17:15

CSM: No turbidity calibrations were performed for the following sites/deployments as we ran out of standard and were awaiting shipment of more. Data are marked <-3> (CSM).

Cabretta: 8/22 18:00 – 9/5 17:00

Dean Creek: 8/22 17:15 – 9/5 16:30

Hunt Dock: 8/22 18:45 – 9/5 17:15

Lower Duplin: 8/22 17:30 – 9/5 18:30

Dean Creek CSM:

The Dean Creek deployment site is located in a shallow creek with an abbreviated tidal influence but normally isn't exposed at low water. However the data revealed what appeared to be numerous out of water events. It is assumed that either fouling, some sort of obstruction in the deployment tube, or a slight change in the bottom contours of the creek allowed the sonde to sit above the water at certain low tide events. These out of water events have been flagged "CSM". It is believed that the sonde was close enough to the intended deployment depth that normal readings were not affected.

Depth data during the 8/8 and 10/3 deployments is odd. We are unsure of what caused this issue. Currently depth data is marked 1 GSM CWD and all other parameters are marked 0 GSM CWD during these deployments. DC is a well-mixed site and other parameters should not have been impacted by the shift in depth.

Cabretta CSM:

The turbidity probe for the 12/13 deployment received a Red QC warning at calibration. The sonde was deployed with this probe. Data during the 12/13 deployment are marked <-3> [SIC] (CSM).

Hunt Dock CSM:

The turbidity probe for the 10/3 deployment received a yellow QC score. The readings before calibration for this probe were odd, with the probe reading 272 in the 123 calibration standard. The post values for the turbidity probe were 58.73 for 123. Turbidity data during the 10/3 deployment have been marked <1> [SIC] (CSM).

The turbidity probe for the 12/12 deployment received a red QC score. Turbidity data during the 12/12 deployment have been marked <-3> [SIC] (CSM).

The turbidity probe for the 12/23 deployment received a yellow QC score. The probe read oddly for both the pre-calibration and post-calibration readings. Turbidity data during the 12/23 deployment have been marked <1> [SIC] (CSM).

Lower Duplin CSM:

The turbidity probe for the 10/3 deployment received a yellow QC score. The readings before calibration for this probe were odd, with the probe reading 313 in the 123 calibration standard. The post values for the turbidity probe were 45 for 123. Turbidity data during the 10/3 deployment have been marked <1> [SIC] (CSM).

The turbidity probe for the 10/31 deployment received a yellow QC score. The readings before calibration for this probe were odd, with the probe reading 45 in the 123 calibration standard. Turbidity data during the 10/31 deployment have been marked <1> (CSM).