Salinity in Biscayne Bay and the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands

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Salinity Network and Integrated Biscayne Bay Ecological Assessment Monitoring (IBBEAM)

- Designed in 2003-2004 by a multi-agency science team
- More sites added in 2010 along the shoreline
- Designed to meet needs of modeling and collecting data as close as possible to the shoreline at specific features



Instrument Deployment

- YSI 6600
- 15min recording 24hr/365days
- Retrieved, downloaded, lab cleaned, deployed
- Extensive QA-QC



Salinity Regime Metrics



Florida Bay Reference Site (DJ, Downstream Joe Bay) **Mesohaline Index (M):** Proportion of salinity observations ≥ 5 and < 18 psu

Hyperhaline Index (H): Proportion of salinity observations > 40 psu

Variability Index (V): Proportion of observations where daily salinity range is >5 psu



Mesohaline Index (M)

M = proportion of salinity observations where salinity \geq 5 and < 18 psu

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Hyperhaline Index (H)

H = proportion of salinity observations > 40 psu

		CYR	2007 2008		2009		20	10	2011		2012		20	13	2014		2015		2016		Mean		
		Month	May-Oct	Nov-Apr	May-Oct	Nov-Apr	May-Oct	Nov-Apr	May-Oct	Nov-Apr	May-Oct	Nov-Apr	May-Oct	Nov-Apr	May-Oct	Nov-Apr	May-Oct	Nov-Apr	May-Oct	Nov-Apr	May-Oct	May-Oct N	Vov-Apr
	0C6	Season	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Wet	Dry
	J	D6							0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
	656	D2							0.00	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00
	(C)	62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
	●C4	C8							0.00	0.02	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00
	1	C6							0.00	0.03	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.01
-	C2	56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00
A		C4							0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00
$\neg \chi$	Z	C2							0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00
De		B8							0.00	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00
		B6							0.00	0.01	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00
	- Б С	B4							0.00	0.00	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00
T		40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00
•B4	01-	28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00
		22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00
028		A8							0.00	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00
-22		14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00
	_	A6							0.00	0.02	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00

No color insufficient data

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Variability Index (V)

V = proportion of observations where daily salinity > 5 psu

	CYR	2007	20	08	20	09	20	10	20	11	20	12	20	13	20	14	2015		2016			Mean		
	Month	May-Oct	Nov-Apr	May-Oct	May	Oct N	ov-Apr																	
0C6	Season	Wet	Dry	Wet	W	et	Dry																	
	D6							0.00	0.01	0.04	0.06	0.16	0.07	0.10	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.03	0.02	0	.06	0.03	
656	D2							0.00	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.12	0.03	0.06	0.08	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.04	0	.05	0.03	
6	62	0.27	0.03	0.17	0.10	0.23	0.13	0.41	0.18	0.13	0.08	0.36	0.03	0.19	0.04	0.09	0.03	0.13	0.08	0.09	0	.17	0.07	
OC4	C8							0.12	0.00	0.05	0.09	0.17	0.01	0.09	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.08	0.09	0	.07	0.03	
	C6							0.14	0.08	0.10	0.07	0.38	0.02	0.18	0.06	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.10	0.15	0	.15	0.06	
	56	0.18	0.02	0.18	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.16	0.06	0.13	0.07	0.24	0.03	0.10	0.12	0.07	0.02	0.07	0.10	0.04	0	.11	0.07	
8 M	C4							0.07	0.00	0.09	0.04	0.08	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.13	0.02	0	.05	0.04	
Z	C2							0.53	0.19	0.40	0.25	0.43	0.13	0.26	0.18	0.32	0.13	0.28	0.36	0.19	C	.31	0.21	
	B8							0.17	0.24	0.21	0.23	0.29	0.23	0.09	0.05	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.08	0.11	0	.13	0.14	
	B6							0.29	0.03	0.24	0.17	0.35	0.07	0.32	0.14	0.40	0.08	0.23	0.24	0.39	0	.32	0.12	
ЪР	B4							0.29	0.08	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.10	0.29	0.25	0.18	0.14	0.15	0.19	0.42	C	.24	0.16	
	40	0.05	0.02	0.11	0.02	0.08	0.03	0.08	0.02	0.10	0.18	0.08	0.13	0.09	0.10	0.06	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.08	0	.07	0.08	
	28	0.08	0.04	0.14	0.06	0.04	0.09	0.21	0.39	0.48	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.14	0.12	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.08	0	.14	0.11	
	22	0.10	0.09	0.23	0.06	0.13	0.07	0.47	0.19	0.19	0.12	0.21	0.10	0.16	0.02	0.10	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.09	0	.13	0.08	
	A8							0.27	0.07	0.23	0.21	0.30	0.18	0.28	0.18	0.28	0.14	0.28	0.28	0.37	C	.29	0.18	
	14	0.57	0.61	0.54	0.34	0.47	0.44	0.57	0.23	0.41	0.41	0.62	0.56	0.59	0.38	0.48	0.29	0.31	0.55	0.52	C	.49	0.40	
	A6							0.12	0.08	0.10	0.05	0.19	0.10	0.27	0.06	0.18	0.01	0.03	0.10	0.15	0	.15	0.07	

No color insufficient data

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Mesohaline Condition Wet Season





Rainfall and Flow





Wet Mesohaline Index, Rainfall and Flow















Year/Season



Mesohaline Index and Flow



Average Monthly Salinity Maps



Comparison of sampling frequency





- Described the spatial and temporal domain of the salinity network and the resolution of measurements
- Demonstrated how the data streams are used to generate salinity regime metrics
- Revealed relationships between rainfall, flow and the mesohaline metrics
- Results allow assessment of CERP performance against natural variation
- Data results emphasize the need to collect data at high resolution so that we can record rare, but important events.
- In progress are tools to investigate relationships between biota and antecedent salinity and temperature conditions (i.e., frequency of mesohaline conditions 30 days prior to biota sampling).



Thank you



