

# **WATER QUALITY MONITORING**

## **Demonstration of Remediation Methods**

**Florida Keys Canals**  
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Dock

# Scheme of instrument design for diel experiment

CANAL

YSI1

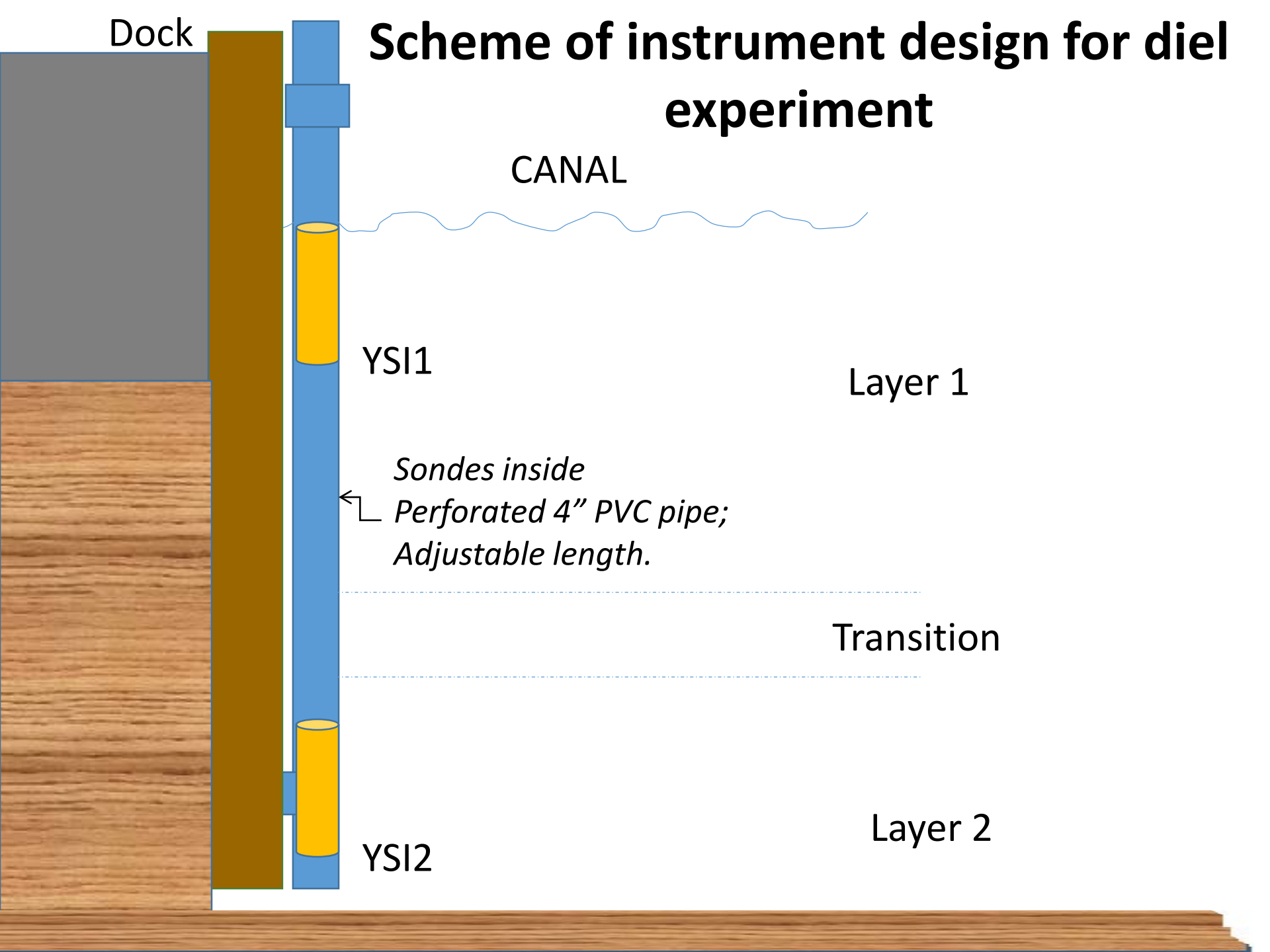
Layer 1

*Sondes inside  
Perforated 4" PVC pipe;  
Adjustable length.*

Transition

YSI2

Layer 2



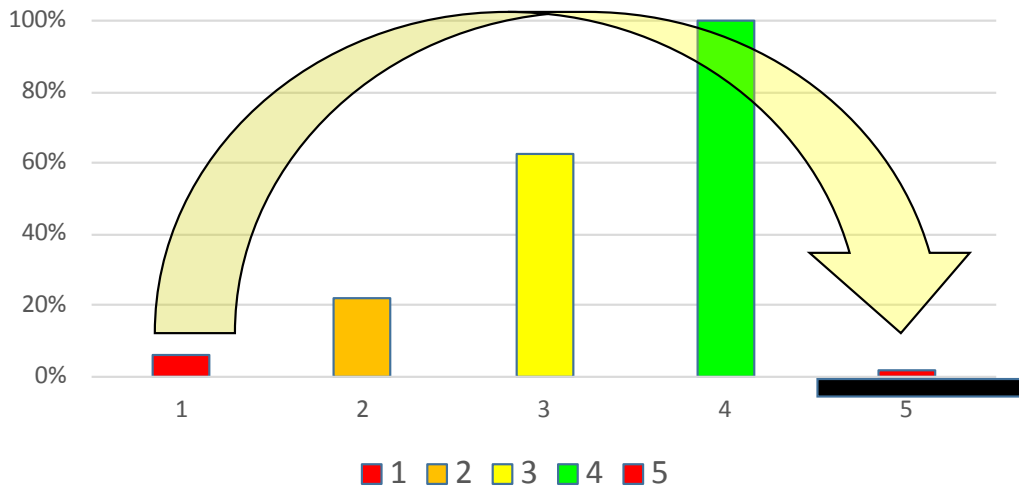
# #277 Culvert Installation





### Big Pine, Tropical Bay, Canal #277 Bottom

%DO Saturation Compliance



277A-Bottom 277A-Surface

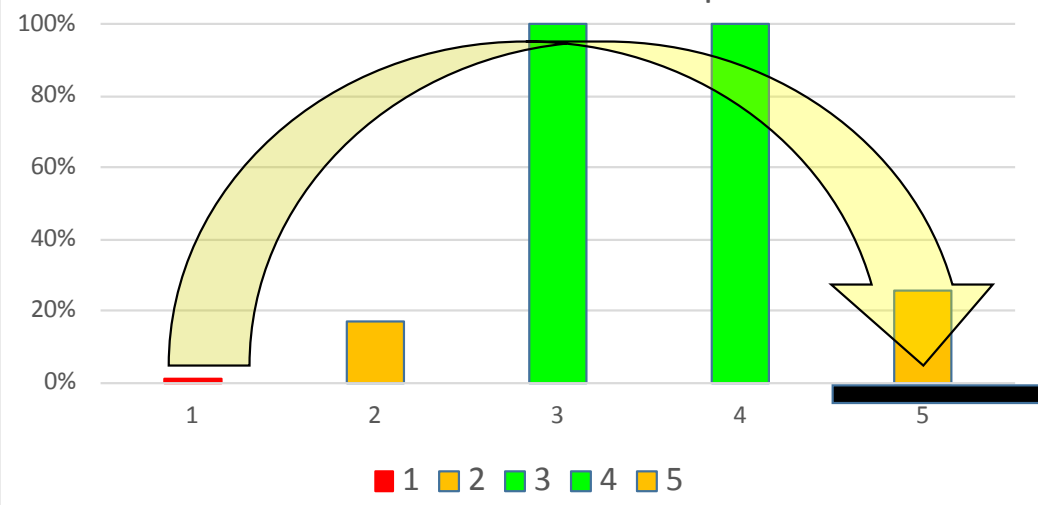
6/6/2014	6%	1%
9/23/2014	22%	17%
8/14/2015	63%	100%
2/7/2016	100%	100%
6/30/2016	1%	26%

**4/20/16**

## #277 Culvert Installation

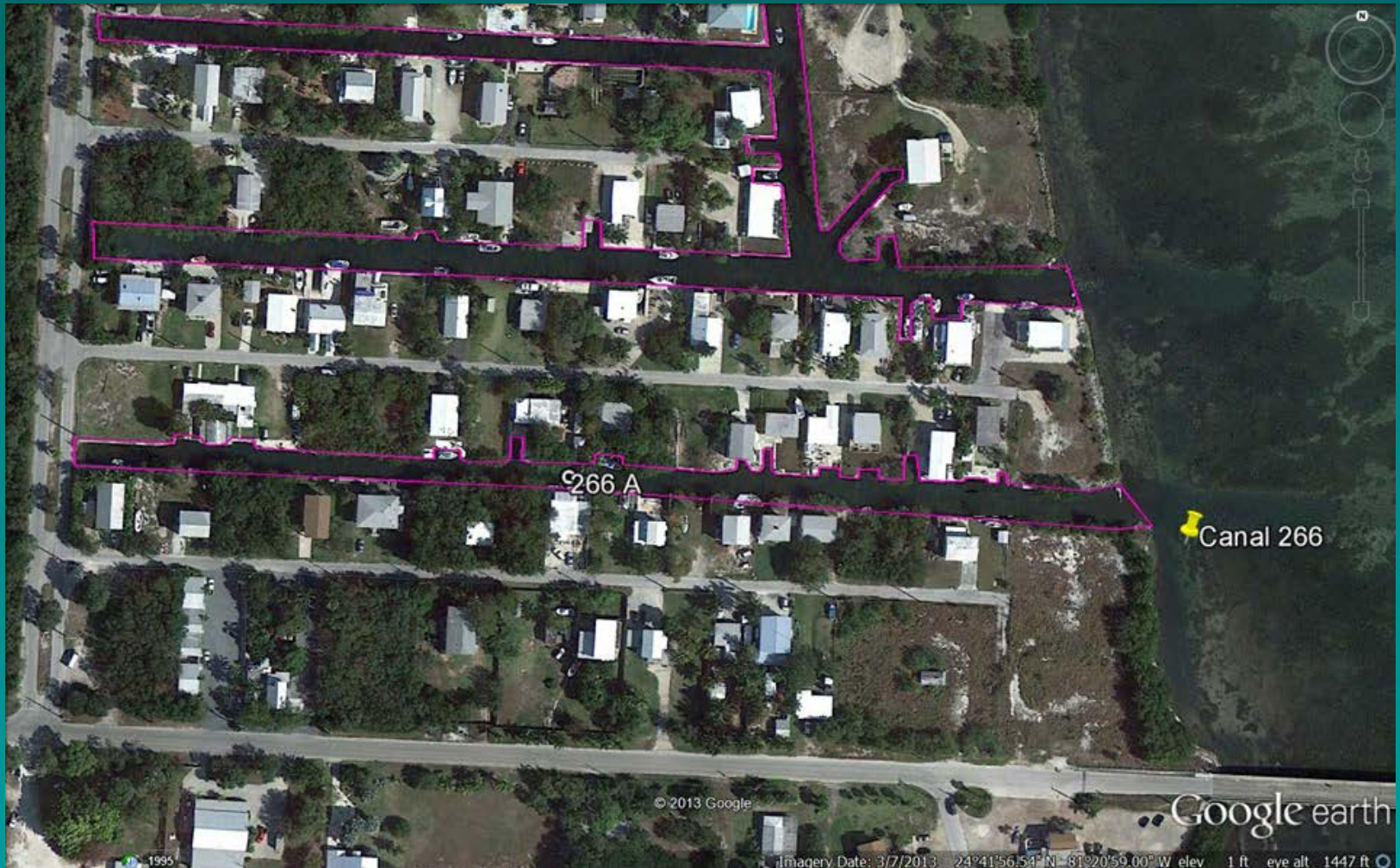
### Big Pine, Tropical Bay, Canal #277 Surface

%DO Saturation Compliance



<10%	10%>X<50%	50%<X<90%	>90%
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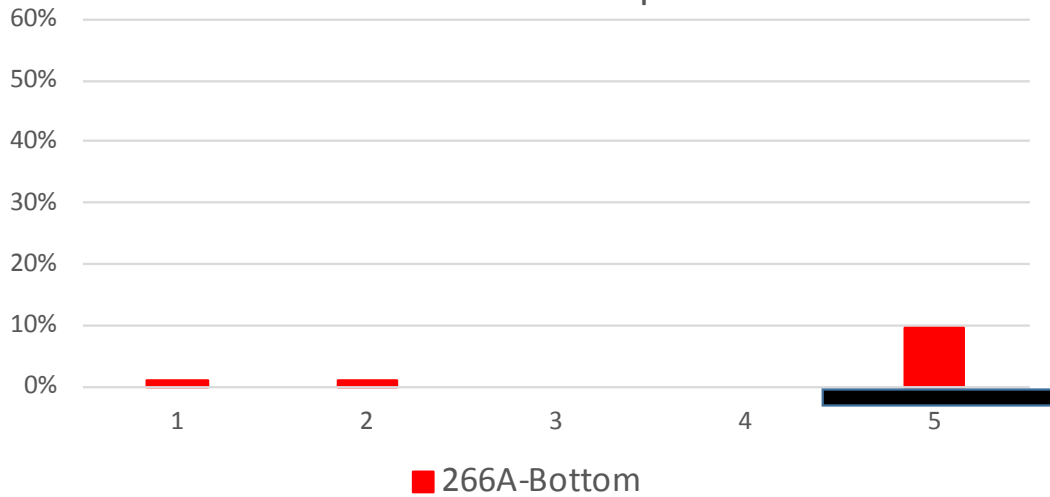
# #266 Organic Removal & Weed Barrier





# Big Pine, Dr Arm Subdivision, Canal #266 Bottom

## %DO Saturation Compliance



### 266A-Bottom 266A-Surface

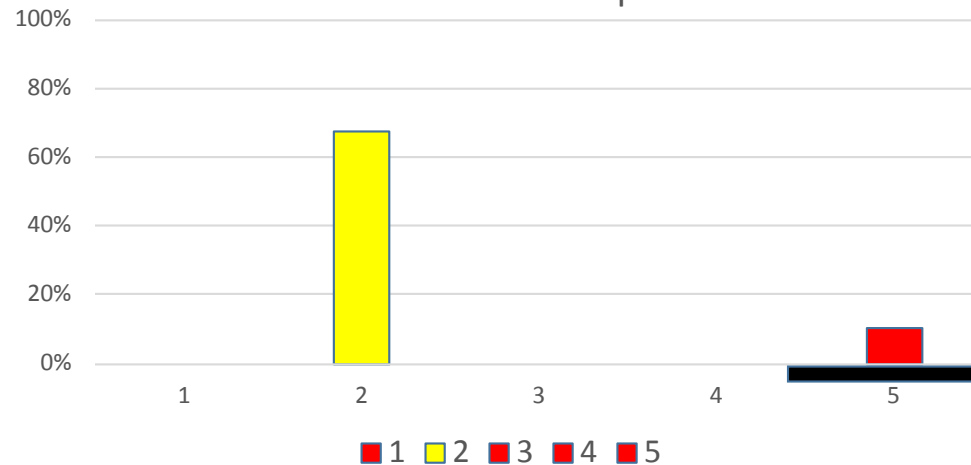
6/9/2014	1%	0%
9/24/2014	1%	68%
8/15/2015		
2/10/2016		
6/21/2016	10%	10%

**5/20/16**

# #266 Organic Removal & Weed Barrier

## Big Pine, Dr Arm Subdivision, Canal #266 Surface

### %DO Saturation Compliance



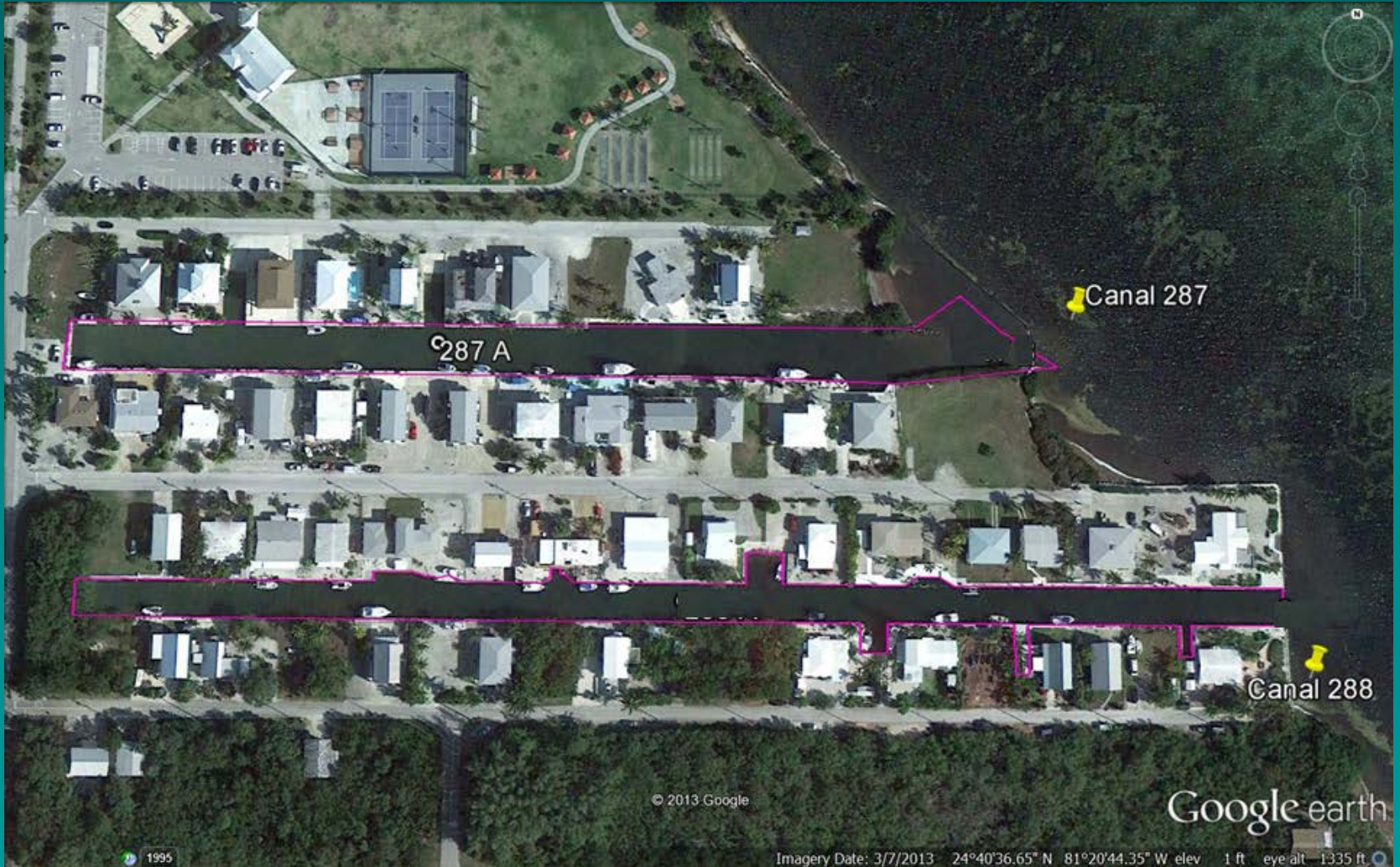
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10%>X<50%

50%<X<90%

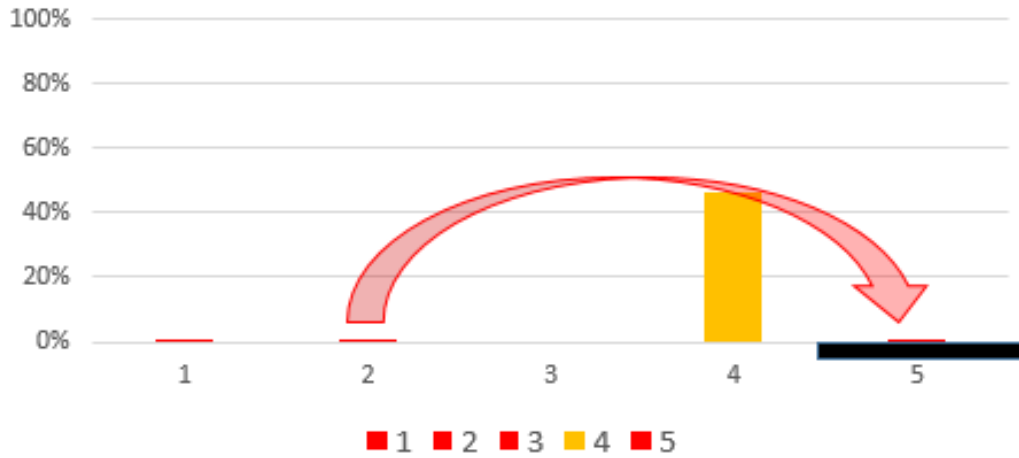
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# #287 Weed Barrier





### Big Pine, Hollerich, Canal #287 Bottom %DO Saturation Compliance



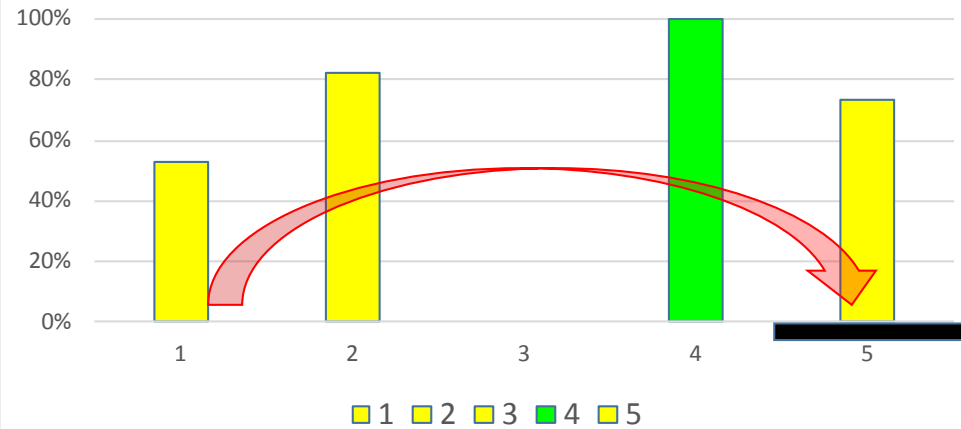
### 287A-Bottom 287A-Surface

6/7/2014	1%	53%
9/23/2014	1%	82%
8/15/2015		
2/10/2016	46%	100%
6/21/2016	1%	73%

**6/6/16**

## #287 Weed Barrier

### Big Pine, Hollerich, Canal #287 %DO Saturation Compliance



<10%

10%>X<50%

50%<X<90%

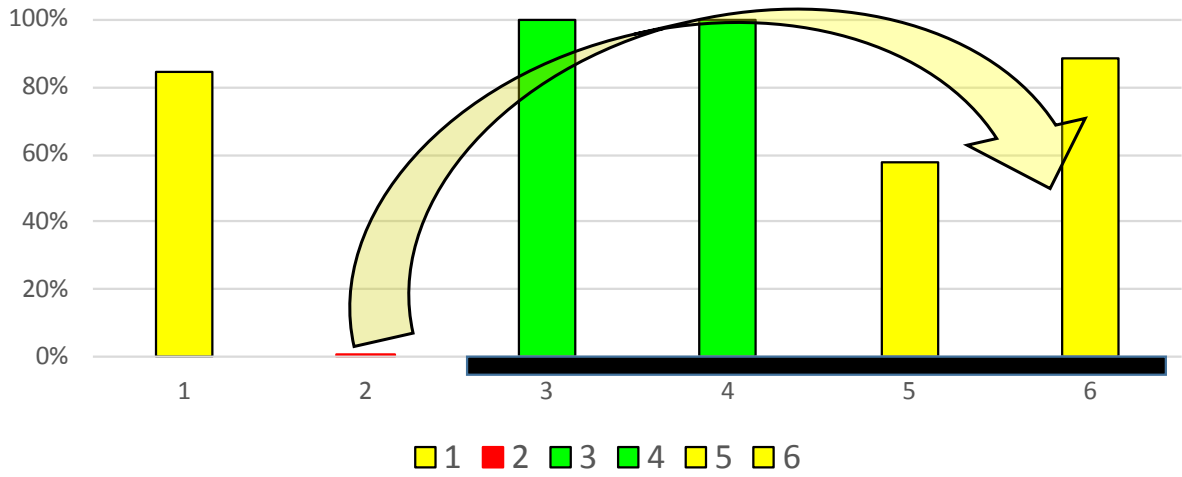
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### Key Largo, Sexton Cove, Canal #29 Bottom %DO Saturation Compliance

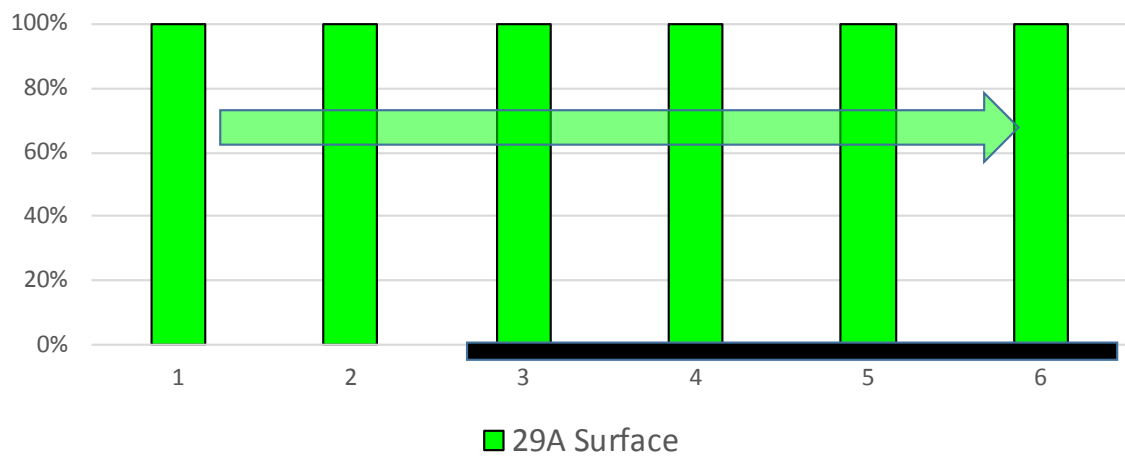


	29A Bottom	29A Surface
3/28/2014	84%	100%
9/12/2014	0%	100%
2/2/2016	100%	100%
4/28/2016	100%	100%
7/28/2016	58%	100%
8/1/2016	88%	100%

**7/13/15**

## #29 Backfilling

### Key Largo, Sexton Cove, Canal #29 Surface %DO Saturation Compliance



<10%	10%>X<50%	50%<X<90%	>90%
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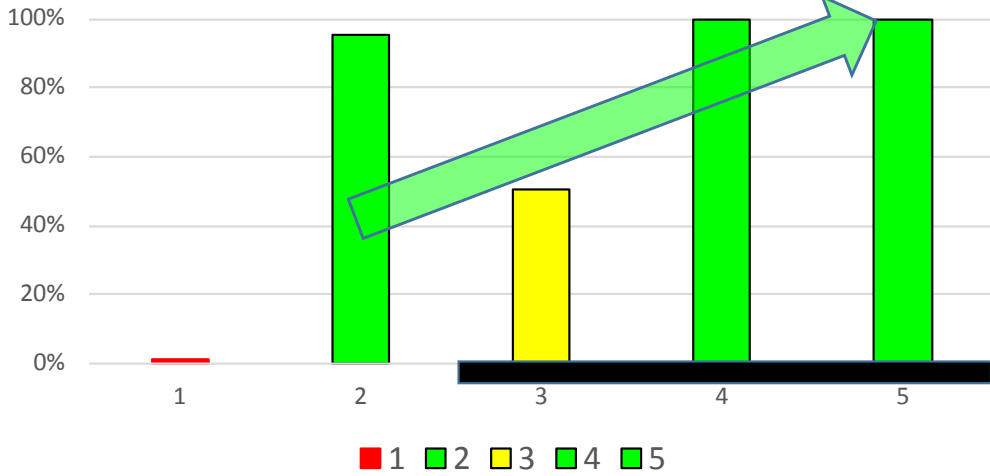


# #137 Aerator & Weed Barrier





### Treasure Harbor, Canal #137 Bottom %DO Saturation Compliance

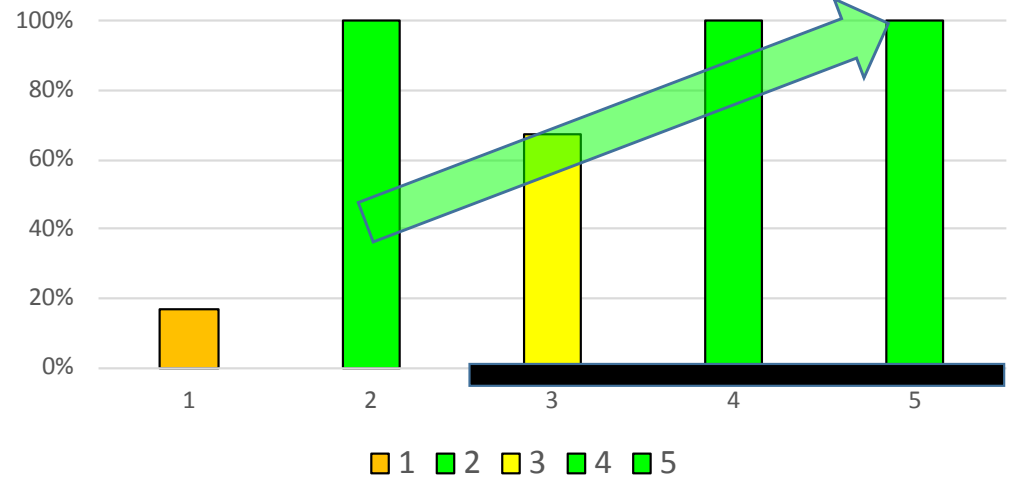


	137A-Surface	137A-Bottom
4/2/2014	17%	1%
9/16/2014	100%	95%
7/30/2015	68%	50%
1/27/2016	100%	100%
7/19/2016	100%	100%

**11/4/14**

## #137 Aerator & Weed Barrier

### Treasure Harbor, Canal #137 Surface %DO Saturation Compliance



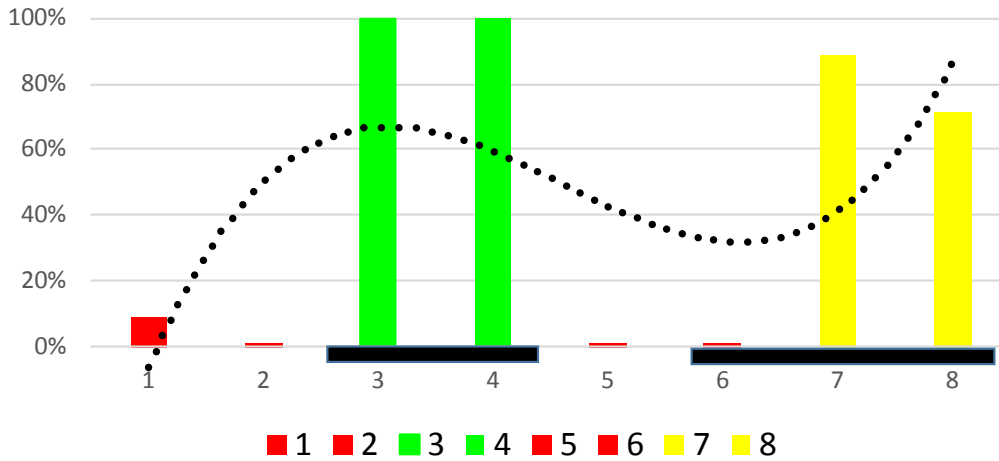
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# #472 Culvert Installation



### Geiger Key, Boca Chica, Canal #472 Bottom %DO Saturation Compliance

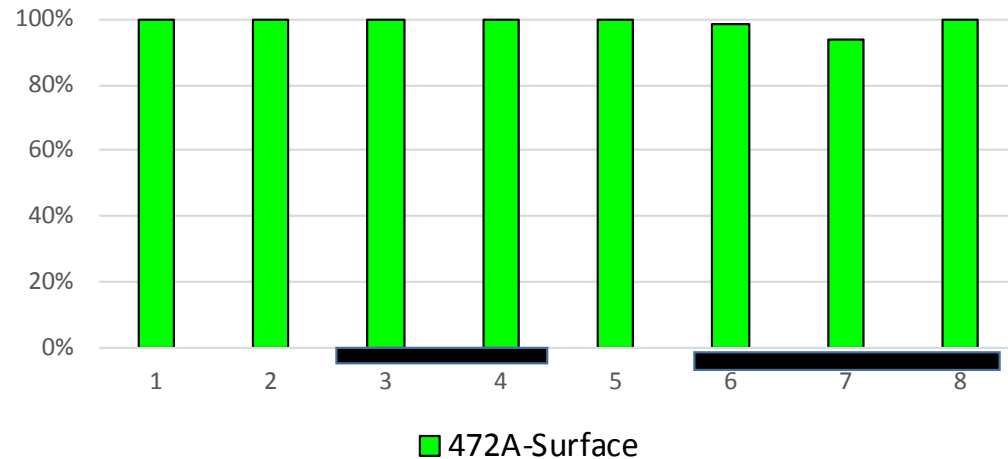


	472A-Bottom	472A-Surface
5/23/2014	9%	100%
9/25/2014	1%	100%
5/4/2015	100%	100%
5/7/2015	100%	100%
8/3/2015	1%	100%
5/16/2016	1%	99%
8/21/2016	89%	94%
8/21/2016	71%	100%

**4/22/15; 7/2/15; 5/5/16**

## #472 Culvert Installation

### Geiger Key, Boca Chica, Canal #472 surface %DO Saturation Compliance



**<10%**   **10%>X<50%**   **50%<X<90%**   **>90%**



## Preliminary Conclusions

- Data seems to indicate that signs of water quality improvement, in terms of Dissolved Oxygen, takes several months to at least one year after remediation.
- Reaction to culver installation seems to be relatively fast, as is response to combined aeration and weed-gate combination.



**Are canals contributing to  
nutrient enrichment of  
Florida Keys National  
Marine Sanctuary waters?**

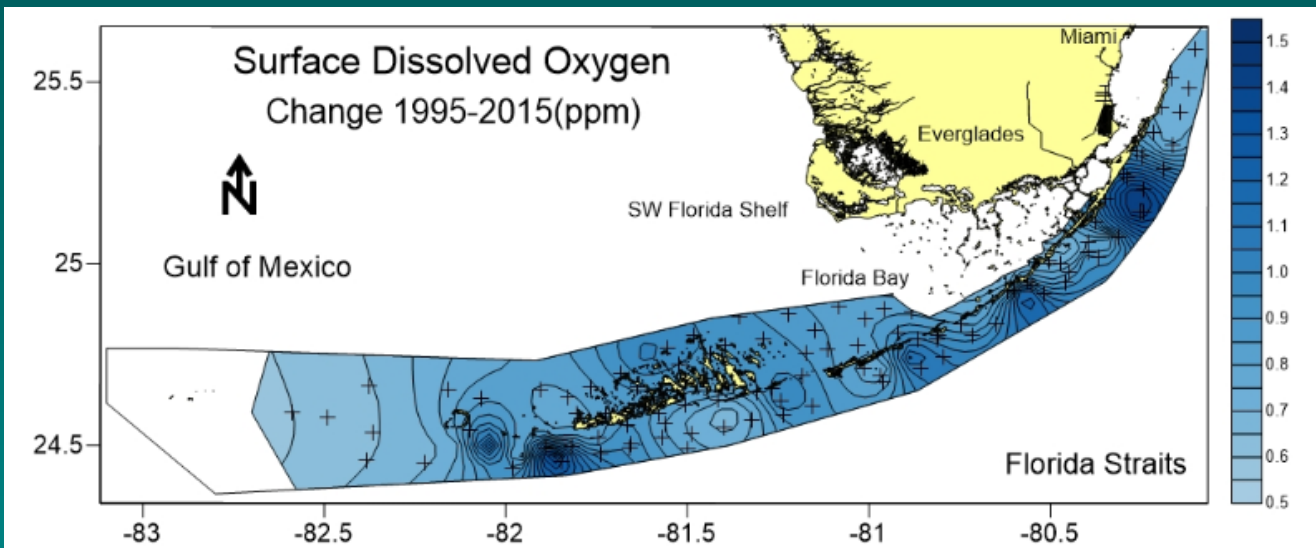




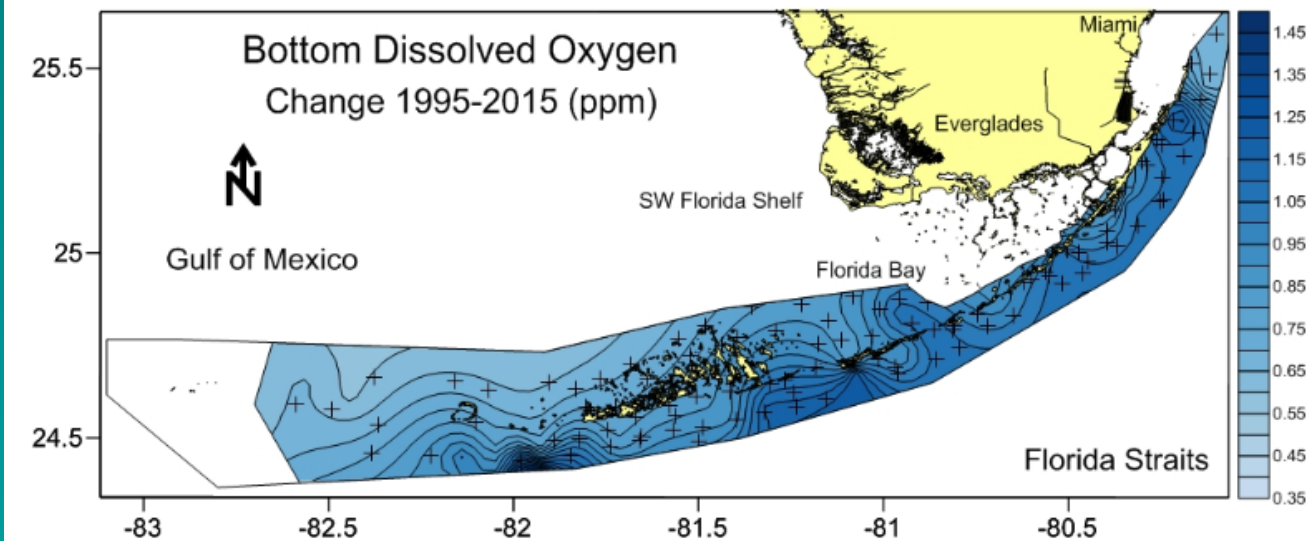
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***The Regional Scope***

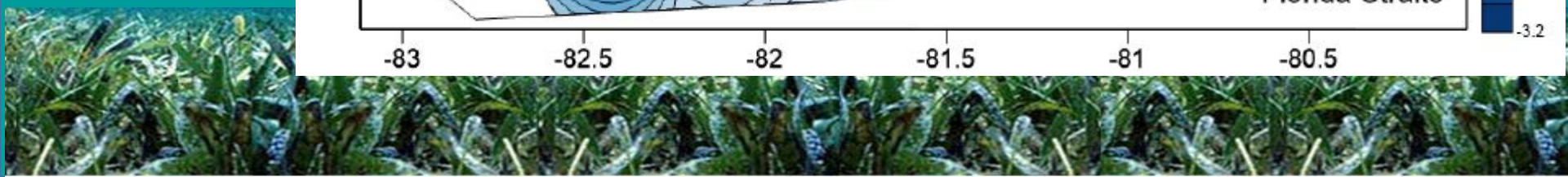
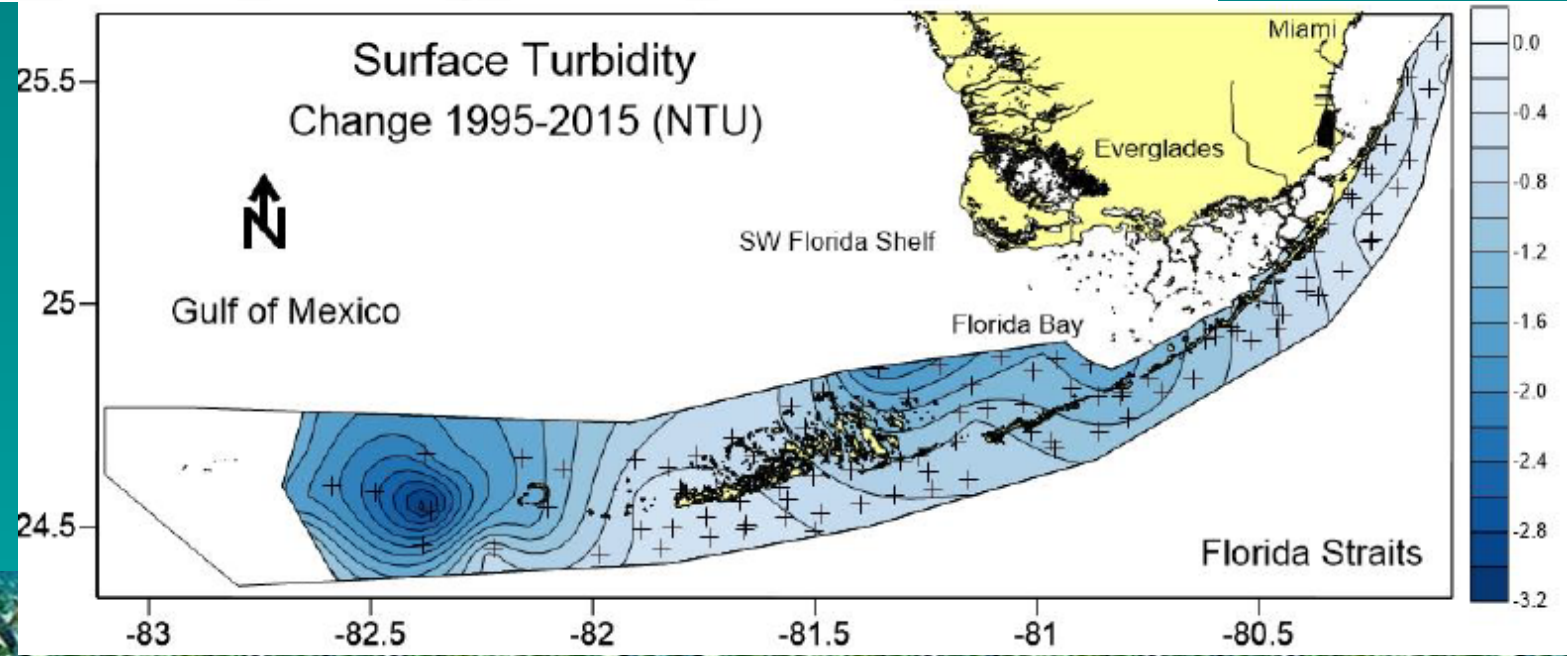
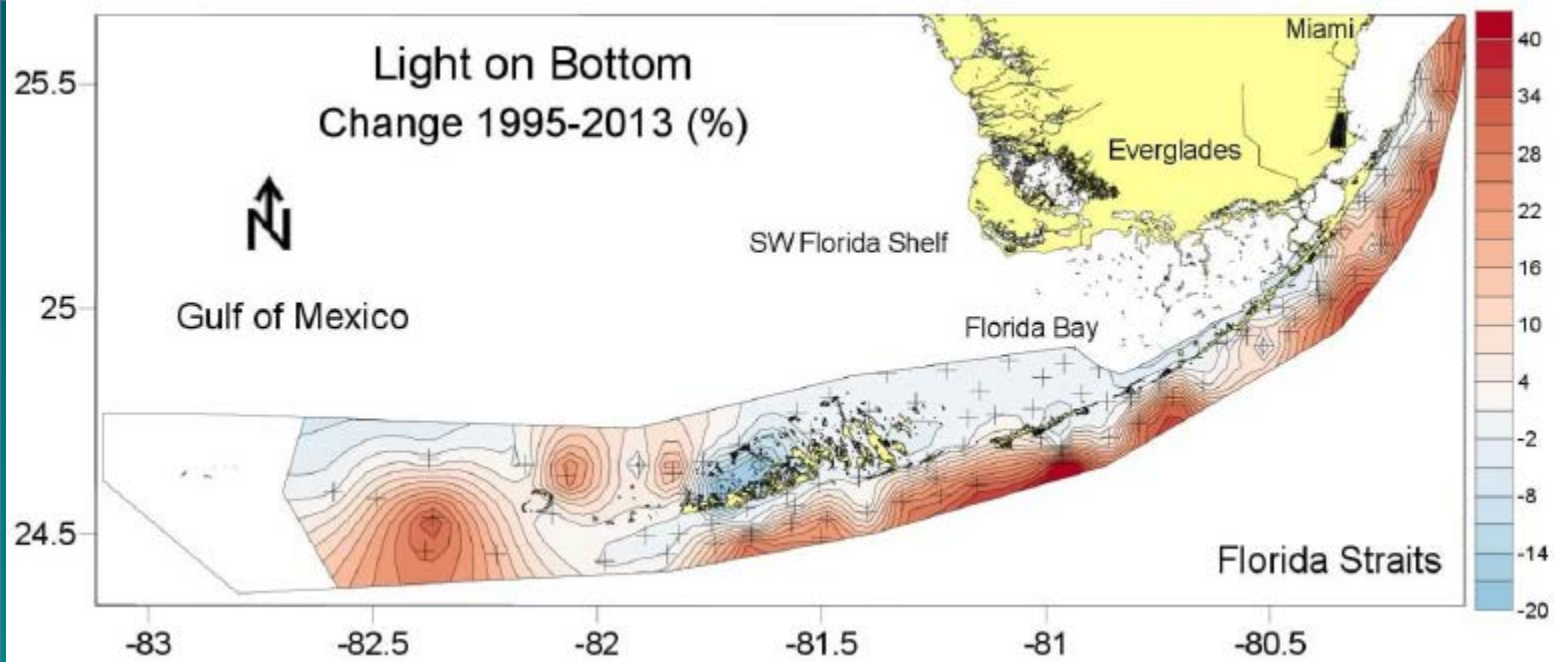


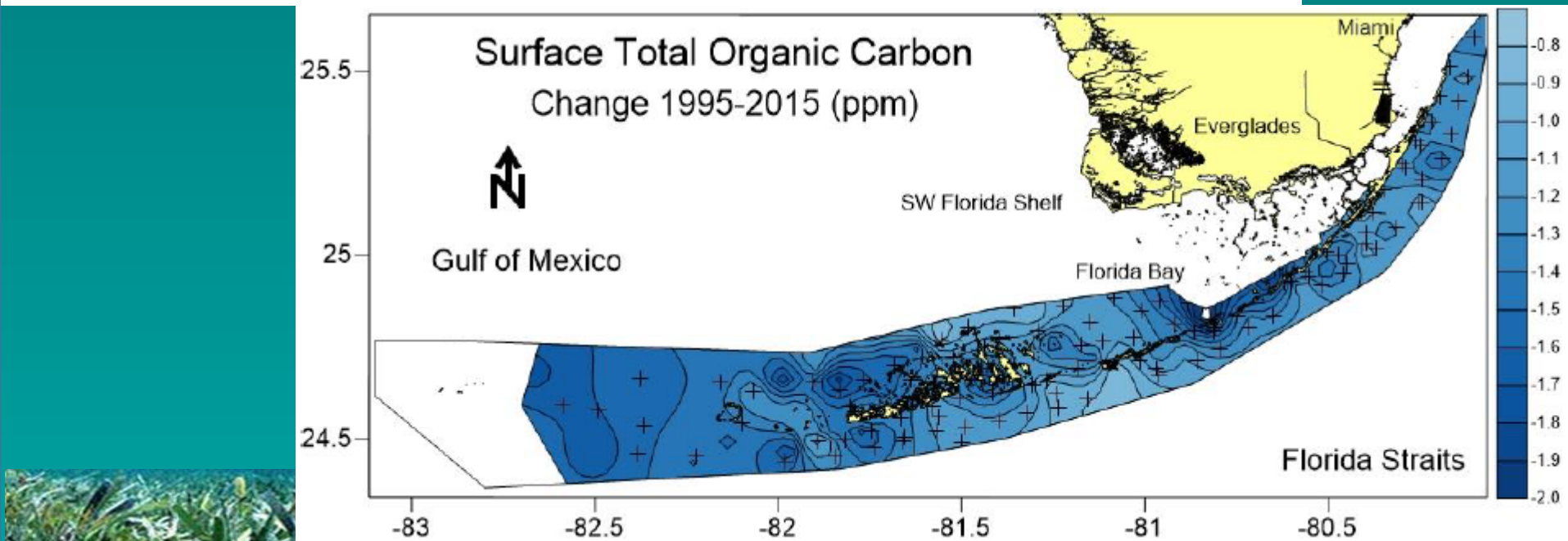
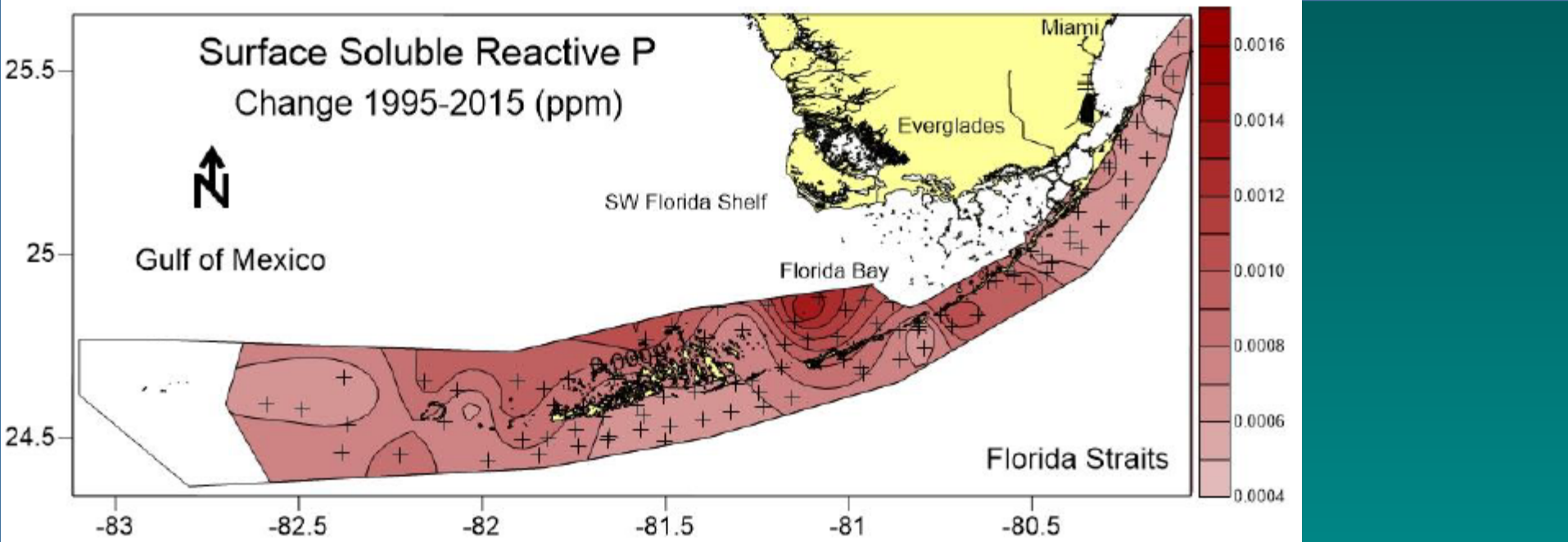


**Figure ii.** Total change in DO of surface waters for 20 year period calculated from significant trends.







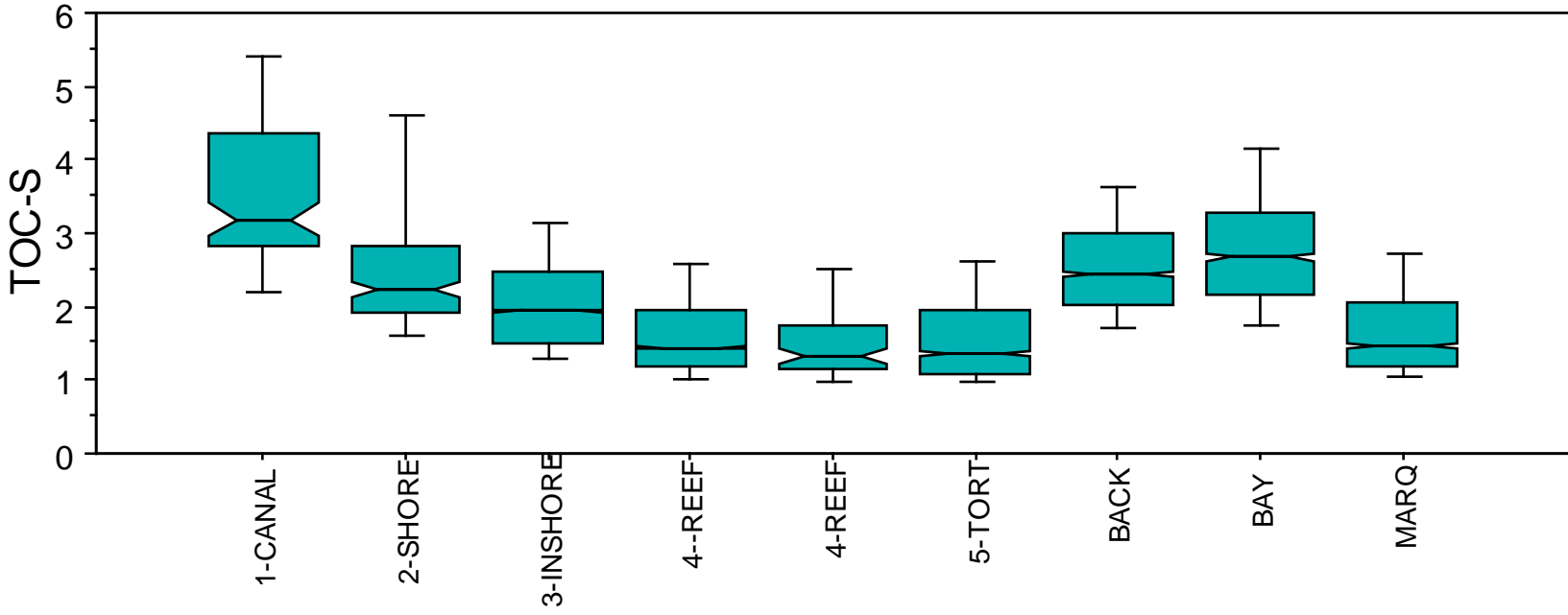
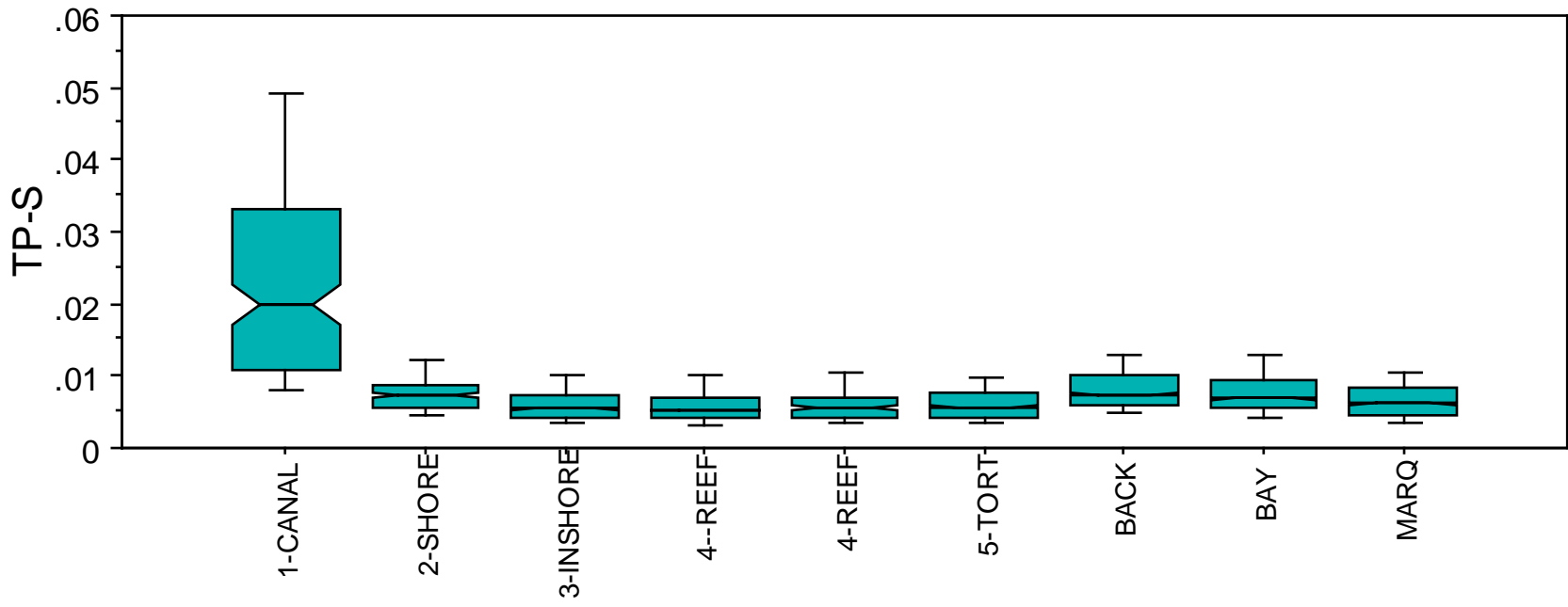




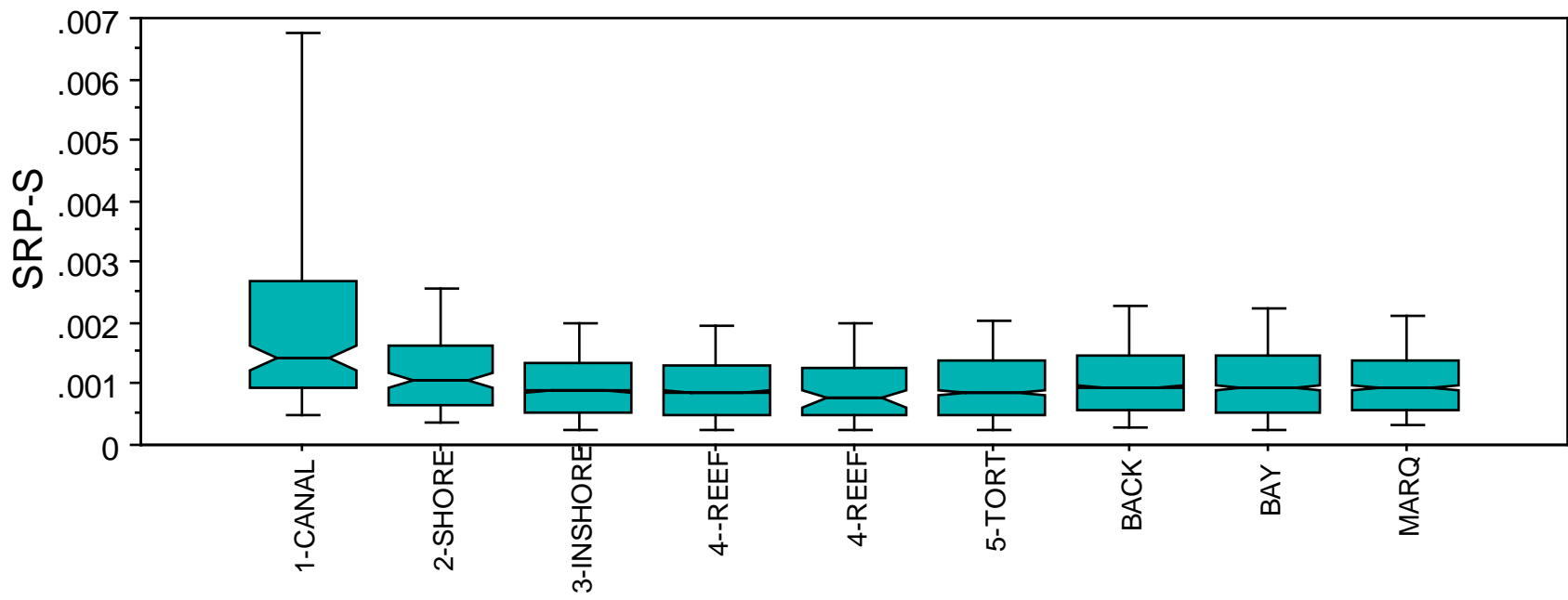
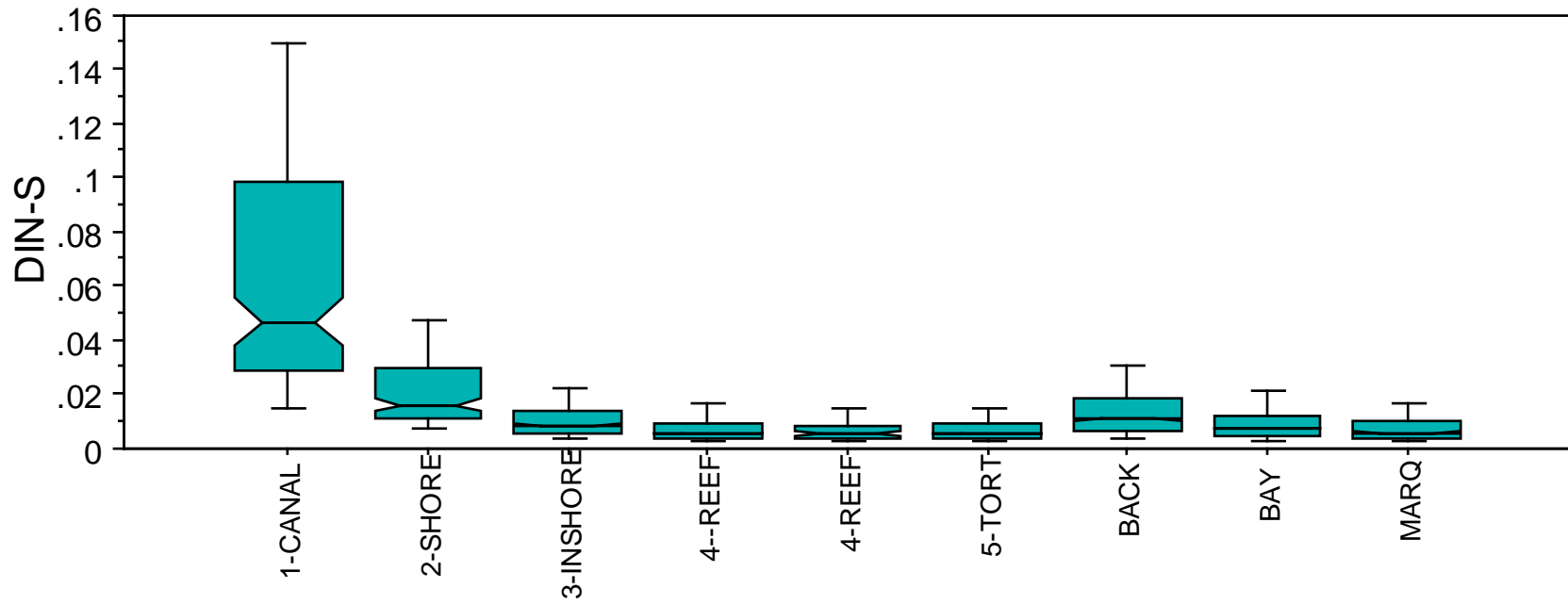
### EPA WQPP Water Quality Targets

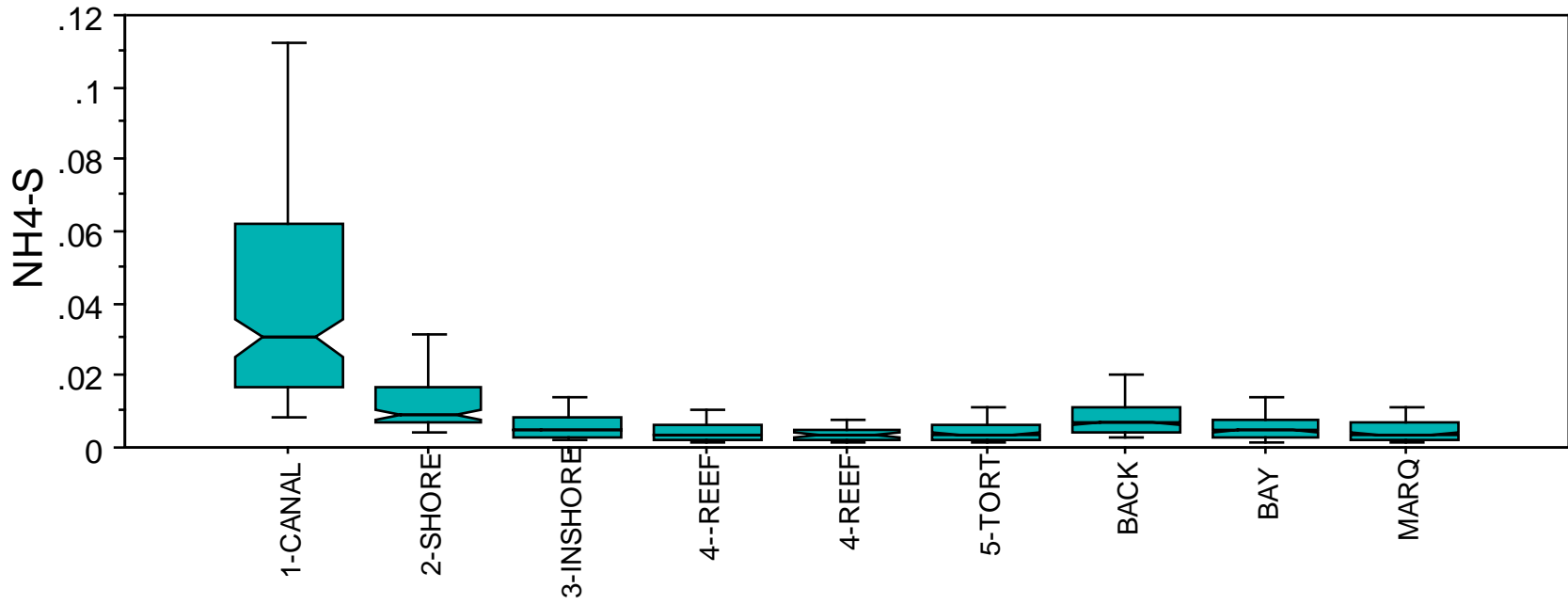
Year	REEF Stations		All Stations (excluding SHORE sites)	
	CHLA $\leq 0.35 \mu\text{g l}^{-1}$	$K_d \leq 0.20 \text{ m}^{-1}$	DIN $\leq 0.75 \mu\text{M}$	TP $\leq 0.25 \mu\text{M}$
			(0.010 ppm)	(0.0077 ppm)
1995-05	1778 of 2367 (75.1%)	1042 of 1597 (65.2%)	7826 of 10254 (76.3%)	7810 of 10267 (76.1%)
2006	196 of 225 (87.1%)	199 of 225 (88.4%)	432 of 990 (43.6%)	316 of 995 (31.8%)
2007	198 of 226 (87.6%)	202 of 222 (91.0%)	549 of 993 (55.3%)	635 of 972 (65.3%)
2008	177 of 228 (77.6%)	181 of 218 (83.0%)	836 of 1,000 (83.6%)	697 of 1,004 (69.4%)
2009	208 of 228 (91.2%)	189 of 219 (86.3%)	858 of 1,003 (85.5%)	869 of 1,004 (86.6%)
2010	170 of 227 (74.9%)	176 of 206 (85.4%)	843 of 1000 (84.3%)	738 of 1,003 (73.6%)
2011	146 of 215 (67.9%)	156 of 213 (73.2%)	813 of 1012 (80.3%)	911 of 1013 (89.9%)
2012	142 of 168 (84.5%)	135 of 168 (80.4%)	489 of 683 (71.6%)	634 of 684 (92.7%)
2013	148 of 172 (86.0%)	150 of 172 (87.2%)	496 of 688 (72.1%)	603 of 688 (87.6%)
2014	141 of 172 (82.0%)	133 of 172 (77.3%)	426 of 690 (61.7%)	540 of 690 (78.3%)
2015	122 of 172 (70.9%)	135 of 172 (78.5%)	487 of 688 (70.8%)	613 of 688 (89.1%)



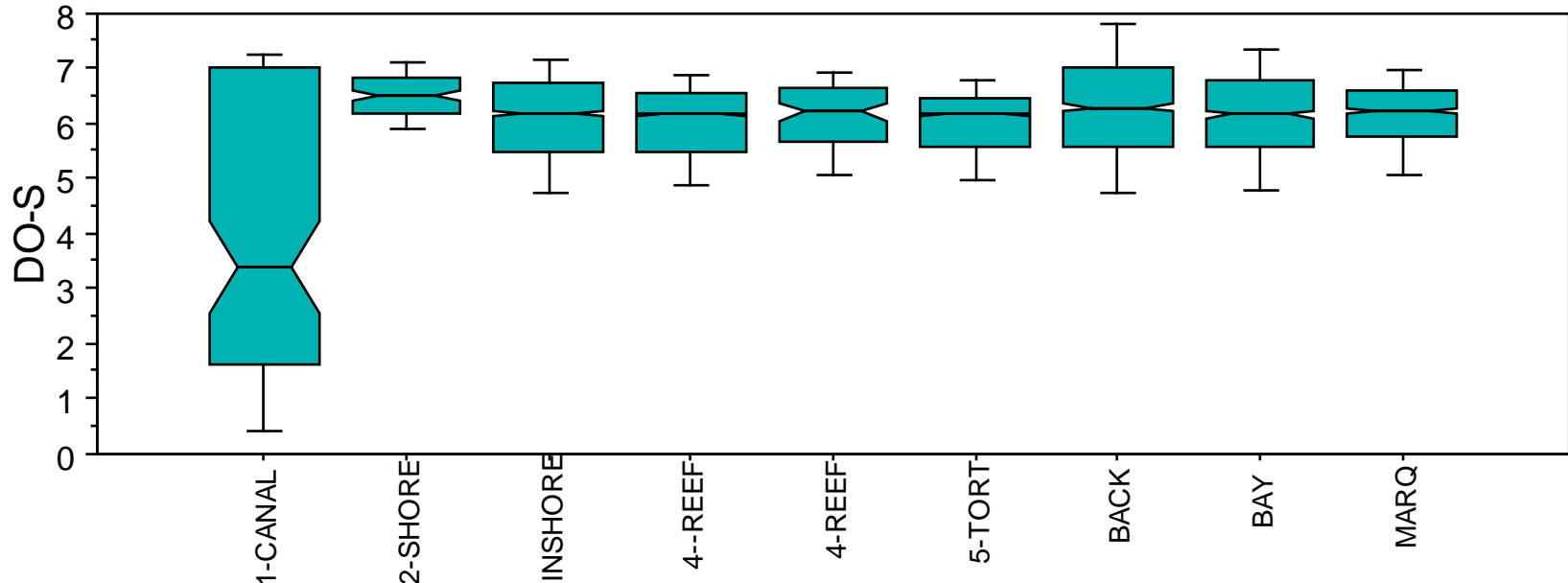
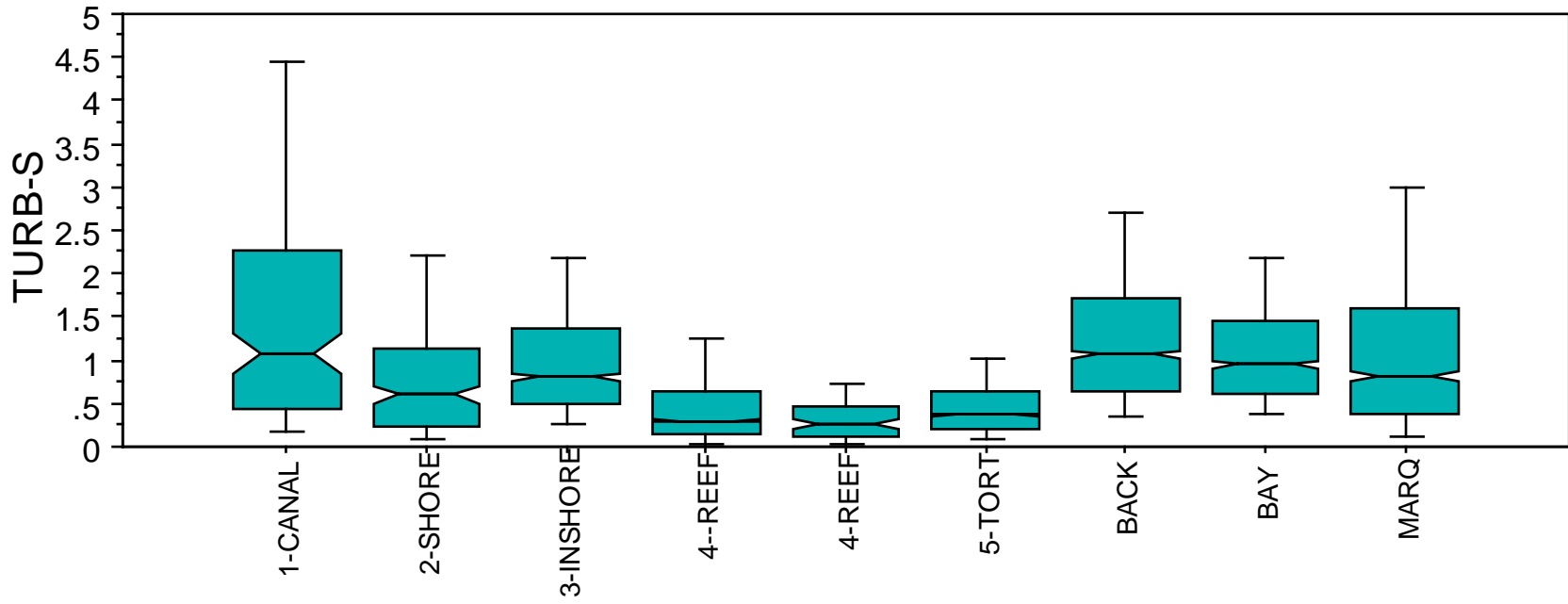












# Summary

- There is a significant nutrient gradient from Canals to the coral reefs
- This gradient may be indicative of Key (Canal) derived nutrients diluting into offshore waters
- Tidal flushing of canal waters may contribute to the Halo (SHORE) zone around the Keys, and from there pollutants may migrate to offshore sites

