

**Monthly Report: March 2017**

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Please see the bulleted list below for the major actions and accomplishments associated with Cooperative Agreement Number W912HZ-14-2-0002 (Modification Number P00002) for the month of March 2017.

Please let me know if you would like me to elaborate on the details of any items I've listed below, or if there are any status updates you'd like on unlisted topics.

Thank you,

Jamie

### Marsh Vegetation

- There are no updates.

### Water Data

- Data from all water sensors were downloaded during the days of 16 – 17 March.
- An updated salinity table is provided (Table 1).
- There haven't been any data losses since January.
  - See Table 2 for a complete list of salinity data losses thus far for FY17.
- A "spot check" of belowground salinity conditions were measured using a YSI Pro30 handheld salinity meter during the March sensor download. Salinity values were compared to those measured via Aquatrolls (Table 3).

### Forest monitoring

- Monthly measurements of baldcypress tree growth were last taken on 16 February at the swamp monitoring areas.
- Average basal area increase since last measurement:
  - Swamp 1: 0.1 cm<sup>2</sup> (16 February – 17 March)
  - Swamp 2: 0.0 cm<sup>2</sup> (16 February – 17 March)
  - Swamp 3: 0.0 cm<sup>2</sup> (16 February – 17 March)

Table 1. Fiscal Year 2017 average, minimum, and maximum salinity (psu: practical salinity units) measured via sensors at above- and below-ground locations at (12) marsh monitoring areas and (3) tidal forest areas. Summaries are based on hourly measurements starting 01 October 2016 through 16 March 2017 for all monitoring areas unless noted by superscript; details of data losses are provided in Table 2. Measurements taken during dry well conditions were removed from calculations of summary statistics.

Area	Month	<u>Aboveground Salinity (psu)</u>			<u>Belowground Salinity (psu)</u>		
		Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max	Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max
Back 1	October 2016	0.03 (0.01)	0.00	0.24	0.22 (0.00)	0.12	0.30
	November 2016	0.07 (0.01)	0.00	0.55	0.32 (0.00)	0.26	0.39
	December 2016	0.04 (0.01)	0.00	0.12	0.23 (0.00)	0.16	0.33
	January 2017	0.05 (0.00)	0.05	0.06	0.13 (0.00)	0.09	0.18
	February 2017	0.05 (0.00)	0.05	0.06	0.09 (0.00)	0.07	0.11
	March 2017	0.08 (0.02)	0.00	0.11	0.10 (0.00)	0.09	0.11
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.05 (0.01)	0.00	0.55	0.19 (0.00)	0.07
Back 2	October 2016	0.16 (0.01)	0.00	1.58	0.31 (0.00)	0.19	0.53
	November 2016	0.35 (0.03)	0.00	2.61	0.63 (0.01)	0.28	1.30
	December 2016	0.06 (0.01)	0.00	0.85	0.28 (0.00)	0.15	0.72
	January 2017	0.04 (0.01)	0.00	0.34	0.15 (0.00)	0.07	0.33
	February 2017	0.11 (0.01)	0.00	0.40	0.14 (0.00)	0.08	0.25
	March 2017	0.09 (0.01)	0.00	0.61	0.19 (0.00)	0.10	0.30
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.16 (0.01)	0.00	2.61	0.29 (0.00)	0.07

Table 1 (cont'd). Fiscal Year 2017 average, minimum, and maximum salinity at above- and below-ground locations in marsh and tidal freshwater forest monitoring areas.

Area	Month	Aboveground Salinity (psu)			Belowground Salinity (psu)		
		Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max	Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max
Back 3	October 2016	0.24 (0.03)	0.00	2.63	1.19 (0.02)	0.41	1.96
	November 2016	0.52 (0.06)	0.00	4.05	1.36 (0.02) <sup>a</sup>	0.63 <sup>a</sup>	3.50 <sup>a</sup>
	December 2016	0.10 (0.02)	0.00	2.39	0.81 (0.01) <sup>a</sup>	0.40 <sup>a</sup>	1.50 <sup>a</sup>
	January 2017	0.08 (0.01) <sup>a</sup>	0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.17 <sup>a</sup>	0.65 (0.00) <sup>a</sup>	0.27 <sup>a</sup>	1.84 <sup>a</sup>
	February 2017	0.13 (0.03)	0.00	0.96	0.60 (0.01)	0.19	0.87
	March 2017	0.16 (0.05)	0.00	0.94	0.66 (0.01)	0.43	0.88
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.29 (0.02) <sup>a</sup>	0.00 <sup>a</sup>	4.05 <sup>a</sup>	0.92 (0.01) <sup>a</sup>	0.19 <sup>a</sup>
Back 3.5	October 2016	0.44 (0.04)	0.00	10.27	2.14 (0.01)	1.75	2.44
	November 2016	0.87 (0.07)	0.00	5.37	2.28 (0.00)	2.09	2.73
	December 2016	0.20 (0.02)	0.00	2.74	2.24 (0.00)	2.05	2.37
	January 2017	0.15 (0.03)	0.00	1.79	2.14 (0.00)	1.97	2.31
	February 2017	0.24 (0.03)	0.00	1.54	2.08 (0.00)	1.95	2.24
	March 2017	0.24 (0.05)	0.00	1.46	2.04 (0.00)	1.97	2.22
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.43 (0.02)	0.00	10.27	2.16 (0.00)	1.75

<sup>a</sup> Incomplete data record. See Table 2 for details.

Table 1 (cont'd). Fiscal Year 2017 average, minimum, and maximum salinity at above- and below-ground locations in marsh and tidal freshwater forest monitoring areas.

Area	Month	Aboveground Salinity (psu)			Belowground Salinity (psu)		
		Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max	Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max
Back 4	October 2016	1.01 (0.06)	0.00	8.96	3.68 (0.02)	3.01	4.50
	November 2016	1.38 (0.11)	0.00	8.80	3.76 (0.02)	3.15	4.18
	December 2016	0.66 (0.06)	0.00	5.72	3.87 (0.01)	3.50	4.20
	January 2017	0.34 (0.05)	0.00	3.12	3.06 (0.02)	2.23	3.68
	February 2017	0.26 (0.04)	0.00	4.56	2.16 (0.01)	1.54	3.07
	March 2017	0.22 (0.04)	0.00	3.96	2.06 (0.01)	1.73	2.42
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.75 (0.03)	0.00	8.96	3.21 (0.01)	1.54
Front 1	October 2016	0.18 (0.02)	0.00	1.23	0.25 (0.00)	0.09	0.60
	November 2016	0.42 (0.03)	0.00	1.86	0.56 (0.01)	0.30	0.94
	December 2016	0.10 (0.01)	0.00	0.66	0.42 (0.00)	0.28	0.63
	January 2017	0.07 (0.00)	0.02	0.14	0.30 (0.00)	0.20	0.36
	February 2017	0.10 (0.01)	0.00	0.22	0.23 (0.00)	0.16	0.29
	March 2017	0.21 (0.02)	0.01	0.30	0.21 (0.00)	0.15	0.34
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.23 (0.01)	0.00	1.86	0.34 (0.00)	0.09

Table 1 (cont'd). Fiscal Year 2017 average, minimum, and maximum salinity at above- and below-ground locations in marsh and tidal freshwater forest monitoring areas.

Area	Month	Aboveground Salinity (psu)			Belowground Salinity (psu)		
		Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max	Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max
Front 2	October 2016	0.52 (0.07)	0.00	12.29	1.43 (0.02)	0.48	6.07
	November 2016	0.83 (0.08)	0.00	6.53	1.84 (0.01)	1.15	2.26
	December 2016	0.21 (0.03)	0.00	5.73	1.58 (0.01)	1.30	2.20
	January 2017	0.12 (0.02)	0.00	1.87	1.04 (0.01)	0.34	1.77
	February 2017	0.26 (0.04)	0.00	2.65	0.79 (0.01)	0.43	2.62
	March 2017	0.34 (0.06)	0.00	2.71	1.02 (0.01)	0.71	1.21
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.46 (0.03)	0.00	12.29	1.31 (0.01)	0.34
Middle 1	October 2016	0.29 (0.02) <sup>a</sup>	0.08 <sup>a</sup>	3.35 <sup>a</sup>	0.55 (0.02)	0.24	9.62
	November 2016	1.11 (0.09)	0.00	3.46	0.88 (0.02)	0.37	1.68
	December 2016	0.37 (0.02)	0.00	0.79	0.83 (0.00)	0.70	0.95
	January 2017	0.17 (0.02)	0.02	0.39	0.64 (0.00)	0.36	0.74
	February 2017	0.07 (0.01)	0.00	0.28	0.47 (0.00)	0.27	0.56
	March 2017	0.11 (0.02)	0.00	0.39	0.41 (0.00)	0.39	0.44
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.48 (0.04) <sup>a</sup>	0.00 <sup>a</sup>	3.46 <sup>a</sup>	0.65 (0.01)	0.24

<sup>a</sup> Incomplete data record. See Table 2 for details.

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Area	Month	Aboveground Salinity (psu)			Belowground Salinity (psu)		
		Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max	Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max
Middle 2	October 2016	0.84 (0.36)	0.00	11.67	0.75 (0.04)	0.19	11.17
	November 2016	0.34 (0.12)	0.00	6.20	1.44 (0.03)	0.48	5.50
	December 2016	0.16 (0.03)	0.00	0.94	1.04 (0.02)	0.42	2.00
	January 2017	0.11 (0.01)	0.00	0.57	0.70 (0.01)	0.32	0.98
	February 2017	0.05 (0.03)	0.00	0.12	0.63 (0.01)	0.32	0.99
	March 2017	0.10 (0.04)	0.00	0.37	0.59 (0.01)	0.26	0.72
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.29 (0.07)	0.00	11.67	0.88 (0.01)	0.19
Middle 3	October 2016	0.26 (0.26)	0.00	5.92	1.02 (0.04)	0.32	9.64
	November 2016	N/A <sup>b</sup>	N/A <sup>b</sup>	N/A <sup>b</sup>	2.01 (0.04)	0.80	5.28
	December 2016	0.24 (0.05)	0.00	1.29	1.35 (0.02)	0.54	2.64
	January 2017	0.21 (0.05)	0.00	0.89	0.96 (0.01)	0.47	1.37
	February 2017	N/A <sup>b</sup>	N/A <sup>b</sup>	N/A <sup>b</sup>	0.81 (0.01)	0.59	1.16
	March 2017	N/A <sup>b</sup>	N/A <sup>b</sup>	N/A <sup>b</sup>	0.72 (0.00)	0.56	0.94
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.24 (0.06)	0.00	5.92	1.19 (0.01)	0.32

<sup>b</sup> There wasn't aboveground flooding for this reporting period.

Table 1 (cont'd). Fiscal Year 2017 average, minimum, and maximum salinity at above- and below-ground locations in marsh and tidal freshwater forest monitoring areas.

Area	Month	Aboveground Salinity (psu)			Belowground Salinity (psu)		
		Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max	Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max
Middle 4	October 2016	0.55 (0.09)	0.00	16.89	3.23 (0.07) <sup>a</sup>	1.02 <sup>a</sup>	11.16 <sup>a</sup>
	November 2016	0.81 (0.09)	0.00	7.41	3.74 (0.02)	2.60	4.90
	December 2016	0.14 (0.03)	0.00	6.34	3.38 (0.03)	2.17	5.90
	January 2017	0.20 (0.04)	0.00	0.83	2.36 (0.02)	1.16	3.33
	February 2017	0.18 (0.05)	0.00	2.98	2.09 (0.01)	0.68	2.88
	March 2017	0.16 (0.05)	0.00	1.97	2.09 (0.02)	0.97	2.48
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.47 (0.04)	0.00	16.89	2.87 (0.02) <sup>a</sup>	0.68 <sup>a</sup>
Middle 5	October 2016	0.63 (0.05)	0.00	10.82	1.51 (0.01)	0.92	2.42
	November 2016	0.84 (0.06)	0.00	5.57	1.54 (0.01)	1.17	1.78
	December 2016	0.26 (0.02)	0.00	3.63	1.69 (0.00)	1.58	1.75
	January 2017	0.15 (0.02)	0.00	1.85	1.56 (0.01)	1.19	1.73
	February 2017	0.19 (0.02)	0.00	1.97	1.36 (0.01)	1.03	1.64
	March 2017	0.23 (0.03)	0.00	1.91	0.88 (0.01)	0.60	1.28
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.47 (0.02)	0.00	10.82	1.47 (0.00)	0.60

<sup>a</sup> Incomplete data record. See Table 2 for details.



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Area	Month	Aboveground Salinity (psu)			Belowground Salinity (psu)		
		Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max	Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max
Swamp 1	October 2016	0.07 (0.00)	0.00	0.43	0.07 (0.00)	0.06	0.08
	November 2016	0.07 (0.00)	0.00	0.08	0.07 (0.00)	0.06	0.09
	December 2016	0.05 (0.00)	0.00	0.07	0.07 (0.00)	0.05	0.09
	January 2017	0.04 (0.00)	0.00	0.05	0.06 (0.00)	0.05	0.07
	February 2017	0.04 (0.00)	0.02	0.05	0.05 (0.00)	0.04	0.07
	March 2017	0.05 (0.00)	0.04	0.05	0.05 (0.00)	0.04	0.06
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.06 (0.00)	0.00	0.43	0.06 (0.00)	0.04
Swamp 2	October 2016	0.46 (0.09)	0.00	10.95	0.25 (0.00)	0.14	0.37
	November 2016	0.43 (0.04)	0.00	1.80	0.33 (0.00)	0.31	0.37
	December 2016	0.22 (0.01)	0.01	0.36	0.27 (0.00)	0.21	0.32
	January 2017	0.10 (0.01)	0.00	0.18	0.20 (0.00)	0.18	0.23
	February 2017	0.09 (0.01)	0.00	0.14	0.15 (0.00)	0.11	0.19
	March 2017	0.10 (0.01)	0.03	0.13	0.12 (0.00)	0.11	0.14
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.35 (0.04)	0.00	10.95	0.23 (0.00)	0.11

Table 1 (cont'd). Fiscal Year 2017 average, minimum, and maximum salinity at above- and below-ground locations in marsh and tidal freshwater forest monitoring areas.

Area	Month	Aboveground Salinity (psu)			Belowground Salinity (psu)		
		Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max	Avg. (std. err.)	Min	Max
Swamp 3	October 2016	0.25 (0.04)	0.00	5.72	0.32 (0.00)	0.20	0.57
	November 2016	0.38 (0.04)	0.00	3.04	0.39 (0.01)	0.19	0.66
	December 2016	0.11 (0.01)	0.00	0.68	0.32 (0.00)	0.21	0.41
	January 2017	0.09 (0.01)	0.00	0.26	0.18 (0.00)	0.01	0.22
	February 2017	0.08 (0.00)	0.00	0.13	0.11 (0.00)	0.09	0.14
	March 2017	0.10 (0.01)	0.00	0.18	0.09 (0.00)	0.08	0.11
	April 2017						
	May 2017						
	June 2017						
	July 2017						
	August 2017						
	September 2017						
		<b>FY17</b>	0.21 (0.02)	0.00	5.72	0.25 (0.00)	0.01

Table 2. Summary of FY17 salinity data losses from Aquatroll sensors deployed at SHEP monitoring areas between the dates of 01 October - 16 March 2017. Data loss periods and number of days may include periods within FY16. Minor data losses were incurred when data were downloaded near pre-programmed sensor measurements. Water level data losses may be beyond dates listed below.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Data loss period</b>		<b># Days</b>	<b>Reason</b>
		<b>Beginning</b>	<b>End</b>		
Middle 1	Aboveground	09/28/2016 03:00	10/20/2016 12:00	22.38	Circuit board failure
Middle 4	Belowground	10/09/2016 07:00	10/20/2016 15:00	11.33	Circuit board failure
Back 3	Belowground	11/06/2016 02:00	11/06/2016 18:00	0.67	Sensor fouling
Back 3	Belowground	12/07/2016 08:00	12/09/2016 07:00	1.96	Sensor fouling
Back 3	Belowground	12/15/2016 20:00	12/17/2016 14:00	1.75	Sensor fouling
Back 3	Belowground	12/29/2016 10:00	12/29/2016 21:00	0.46	Sensor fouling
Back 3	Belowground	01/17/2017 04:00	01/27/2017 13:00	10.38	Sensor fouling
Back 3	Aboveground	01/19/2017 11:00	01/27/2017 13:00	8.08	Incorrect download interval*

\*these data will be recovered

Table 3. Comparison of belowground salinity measurements taken March 2017 via autonomous sensors (In-Situ Aquatrolls) versus a "spot check" measured via handheld YSI salinity meter (units: parts per thousand = ppt). Reports typically provide summaries of hourly Aquatroll measurements of salinity as practical salinity units (psu) though measurements of total dissolved solids as parts per thousand (ppt) are also collected. Here we report both Aquatroll measurements to facilitate comparisons with handheld YSI measurements. Accuracy of the handheld YSI meter is 0.1 (ppt), while accuracy of the Aquatrolls is 0.001 (psu, ppt); Aquatroll values were rounded to the nearest 0.1 to facilitate comparisons.

Site	Aquatroll Total		YSI "spot check" (ppt)	YSI Measurement Time	Aquatroll Measurement Time
	Aquatroll Salinity (psu)	Dissolved Solids (ppt)			
Back 1	0.1	0.1	0.1	3/16/2017 14:38	3/16/2017 14:00
Back 2	0.2	0.3	0.2	3/16/2017 15:09	3/16/2017 15:00
Back 3	0.7	0.9	0.7	3/16/2017 16:52	3/16/2017 16:00
Back 3.5	2.0	2.5	2.0	3/16/2017 15:47	3/16/2017 15:00
Back 4	2.1	2.6	2.2	3/16/2017 16:08	3/16/2017 16:00
Front 1	0.2	0.3	0.3	3/16/2017 11:33	3/16/2017 11:00
Front 2	1.2	1.5	1.2	3/17/2017 14:36	3/17/2017 14:00
Middle 1	0.4	0.5	0.4	3/16/2017 13:05	3/16/2017 13:00
Middle 2	0.7	0.9	0.7	3/16/2017 12:34	3/16/2017 12:00
Middle 3	0.8	1.1	0.9	3/16/2017 12:04	3/16/2017 12:00
Middle 4	2.2	2.7	2.4	3/16/2017 10:19	3/16/2017 10:00
Middle 5	1.2	1.5	1.3	3/16/2017 9:49	3/16/2017 9:00
Swamp 1	0.0	0.1	0.1	3/17/2017 10:04	3/17/2017 10:00
Swamp 2	0.1	0.2	0.1	3/17/2017 10:50	3/17/2017 10:00
Swamp 3	0.1	0.1	0.1	3/17/2017 12:56	3/17/2017 12:00