

TRESBP ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING SUMMARY

OCTOBER 2015

OVERVIEW

In October 2015:

- 22,519 m³ of sand was pumped to Snapper Rocks East and 17,770 m³ of sand pumped to Duranbah.
- There was one media article relating to the project area during October.
- Wave heights ranged from calm to moderate (0.5 to 1.9 m) but mostly from calm to average (0.5 to 1.5 m), with a maximum significant wave height of 1.9 m on 9th October. Wave directions varied from NNE to ESE but mostly from ENE and ESE
- 2,149 vessel crossings were recorded for the month. (This is 25% more than the October average).
- The estimated amount of sand moving north towards the Tweed River Entrance by natural processes was in the order of 28,000 m³ (this is almost the same as the October average).

1. SAND PUMPING & DREDGING

Sand Delivery October 2015

Pumped:	40,289 m ³
Dredged:	0 m ³
Total:	40,289 m ³

The number of days sand was pumped this month = 18

Sand Delivery January to October 2015

Pumped:	468,547 m ³
Dredged:	0 m ³
Total:	468,547 m ³

Stage II Sand Delivery April 2000 to October 2015

Pumped:	8,018,930 m ³
Dredged:	2,061,972 m ³ *
Total:	10,080,902 m ³ *

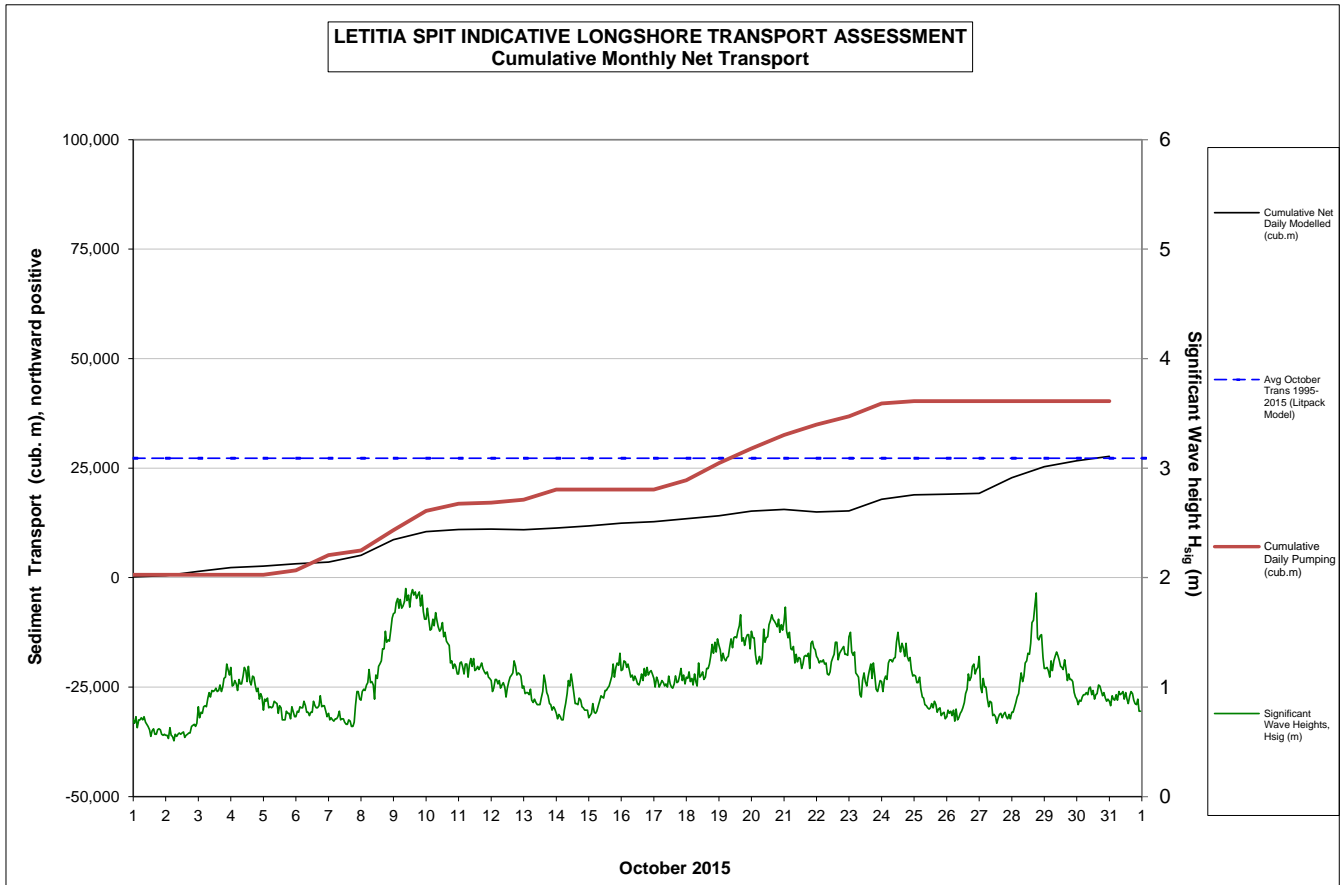
* This Includes 22,870 m³ of sand delivered by dredge to Palm Beach between June and September 2005

2. INDICATIVE LONGSHORE TRANSPORT

The graph below is based on simplified sediment transport modelling and is indicative only.

In October 2015 the estimated natural sand transport moving North towards the Tweed River entrance was calculated to be in the order of 28,000 m³.

This result is almost same as the average estimated sand transport quantity of approximately 27,000 m³ for the month of October.



3. MEDIA COVERAGE

Swellnet published a media article on the 15th reporting that Tweed River Entrance Sand Bypassing Project (TRESBP) are considering changing how much sand will flow to various outflow points of the pumping system. The result would be different volume of sand and hence different wave shape at Duranbah, Snapper and other waves further down the Superbank.

4. TWEED RIVER ENTRANCE CONDITIONS

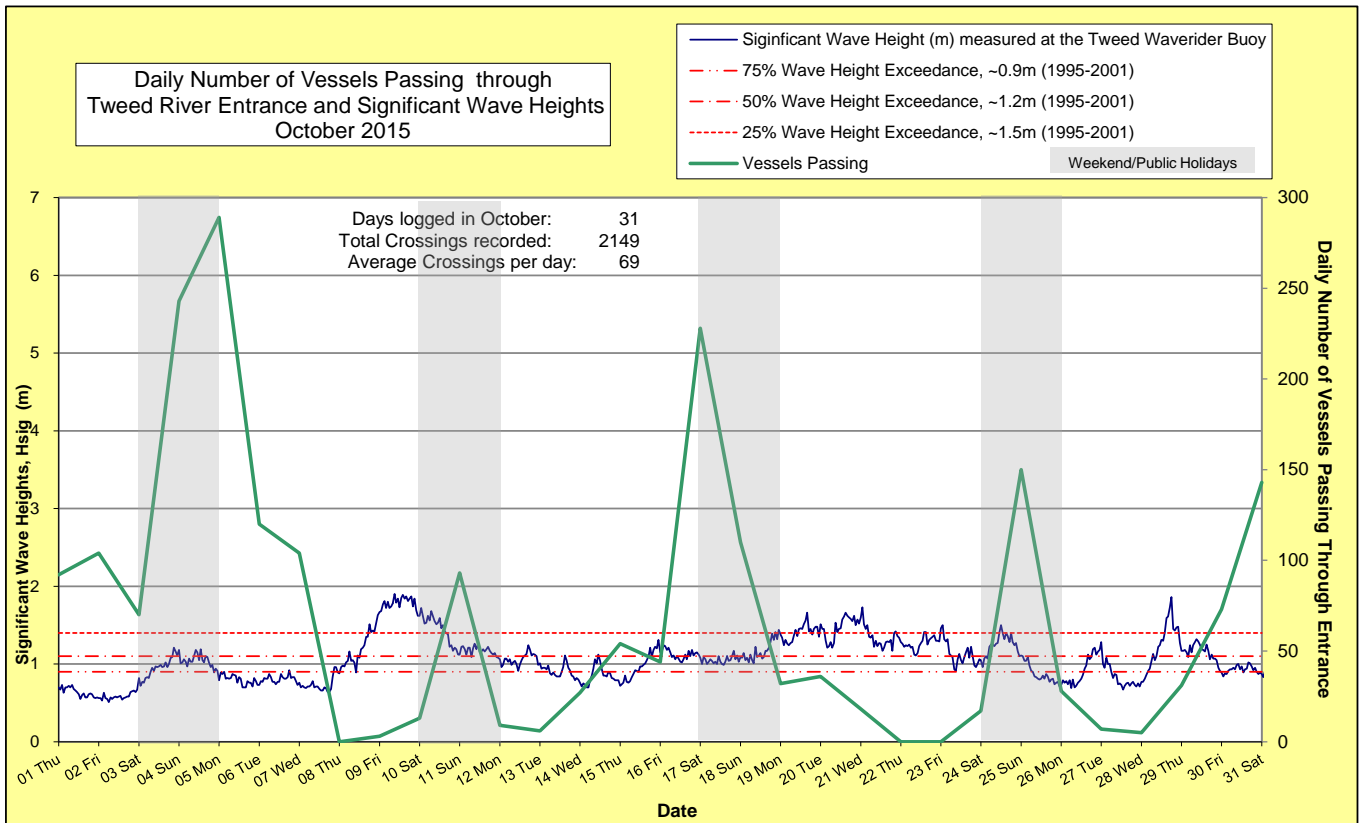
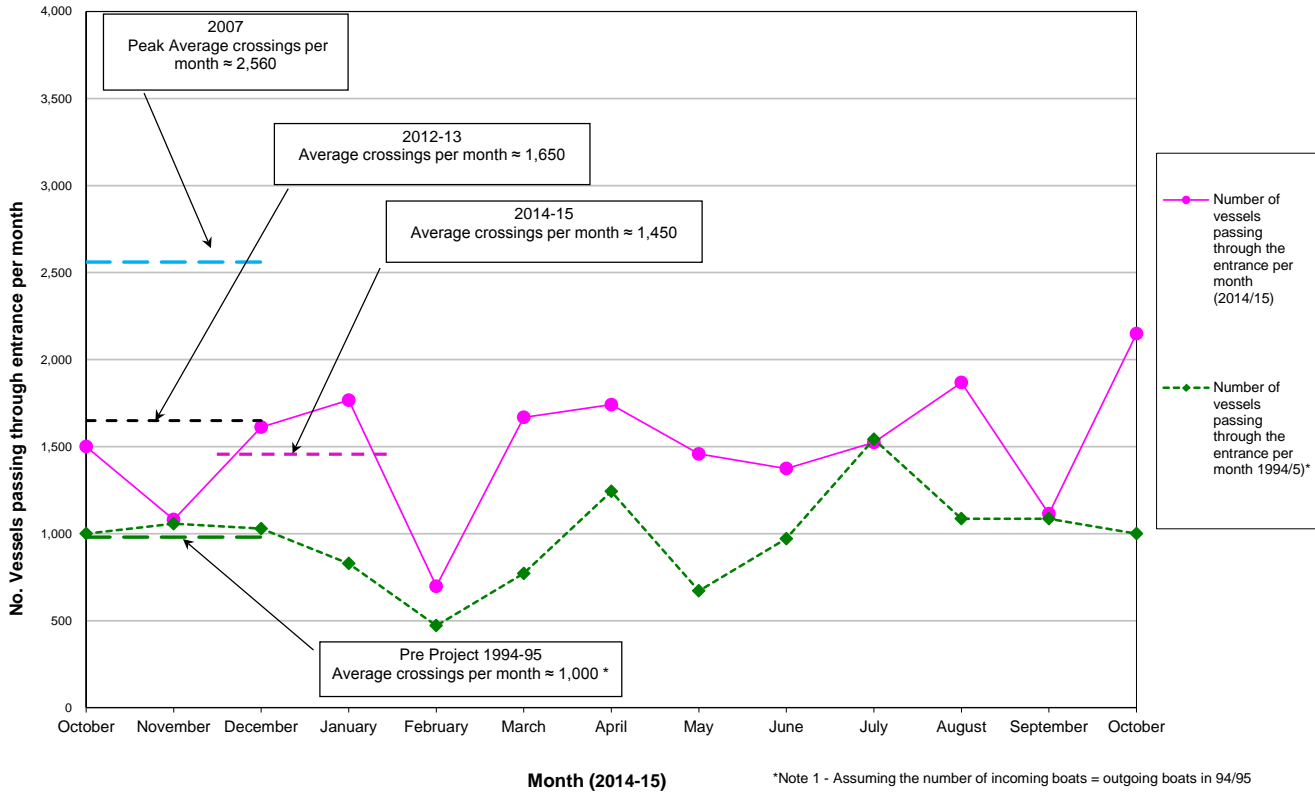
MARINE RESCUE NSW - MONITORING RESULTS

☐ Weekends and public holidays

Date	Navigation Rating Impassable-----Good					Number of Boats
	Impassable (1)	Difficulty Encountered (2)	Some Difficulty Encountered (3)	Relatively Good Crossing (4)	Good Conditions (5)	
1 st						92
2 nd						104
3 rd						70
4 th						243
5 th						289
6 th						120
7 th						104
8 th						0
9 th						3
10 th						13
11 th						93
12 th						9
13 th						6
14 th						27
15 th						54
16 th						44
17 th						228
18 th						110
19 th						32
20 th						36
21 st						18
22 nd						0
23 rd						0
24 th						17
25 th						150
26 th						28
27 th						7
28 th						5
29 th						31
30 th						73
31 st						143
						Total
						2149

Source: Marine Rescue NSW, Point Danger

Comparison of the Number of Vessels Passing Through the Entrance per month 2014/15 compared to 2007 (peak crossings) and 1994/95 (prior to entrance improvements)



5. WAVE CONDITIONS

Wave conditions over the month: Wave heights ranged from calm to moderate (0.5 to 1.9 m) but mostly from calm to average (0.5 to 1.5 m), with a maximum significant wave height of 1.9 m on 9th October. Wave directions varied from NNE to ESE but mostly from ENE and ESE.

Monthly minimum significant wave height: 0.5 m on 9th October

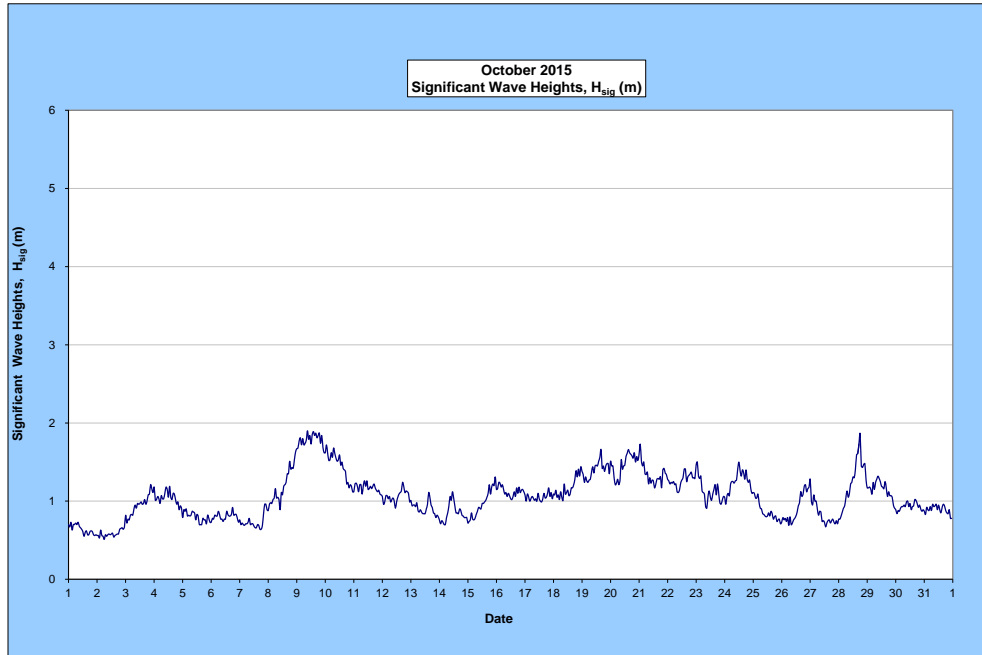
Monthly maximum significant wave height: 1.9 m on 2nd October

Number of days on which waves were below 1.0 m: 22 days

Number of days on which waves were above 2.0 m: None

Note: Significant wave heights or H_{sig} is the average of the highest one third of recorded waves.

(Source: Tweed & Brisbane Wave Buoy; Queensland Government)



A link to data recorded by the Tweed Waverider Buoy is available at: <http://www.qld.gov.au/waves>

WAVE DIRECTION

