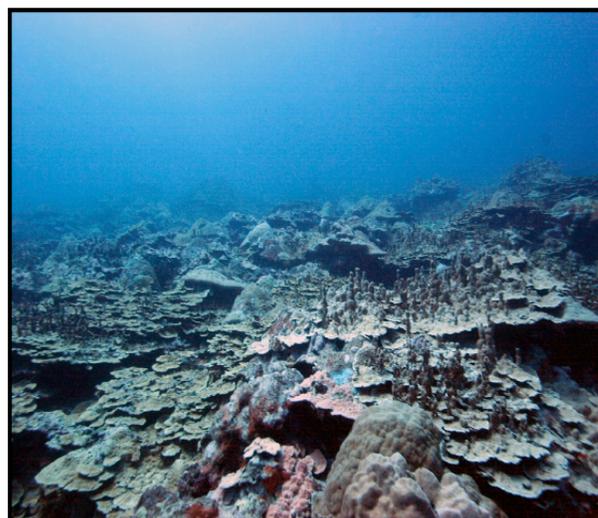




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## **Introduction**

Flow in and around coral reefs affects a number of physical, chemical and biologic processes that influence the health and sustainability of coral reef ecosystems. These range from the residence time of sediment and contaminants to nutrient uptake and larval retention and dispersal. As currents approach a coast they diverge to flow around reef structures, causing high horizontal and vertical shear. This can result in either the rapid advection of material in localized jets, or the retention of material in eddies that form in the lee of bathymetric features. The high complexity and diversity both within and between reefs, in conjunction with past technical restrictions, has limited our understanding of the nature of flow and the resulting flux of physical, chemical, and biologic material in these fragile ecosystems.

Sediment, nutrients, and other pollutants from a variety of land-based activities adversely impact many coral reef ecosystems in the U.S. and around the world. These pollutants are transported in surface water runoff, groundwater seepage, and atmospheric fallout into coastal waters, and there is compelling evidence that the sources have increased globally as a result of human-induced changes to watersheds. In Guam, and elsewhere on U.S. high islands in the Pacific and Caribbean, significant changes in the drainage basins due to agriculture, feral grazing, fires, and urbanization have in turn altered the character and volume of land-based pollution released to coral reefs. Terrigenous sediment run-off (and the associated nutrients and contaminants often absorbed to it) and deposition on coral reefs are recognized to potentially have significant impact on coral health by blocking light and inhibiting photosynthesis, directly smothering and abrading coral, and triggering increases in macro algae. Studies that combine information on watershed, surface water- and groundwater-flow, transport and fate of sediment and other pollutants in the reef environment, and their impact on reef health and ecology are essential for effective reef management.

Two of the main anthropogenic activities along west-central Guam's coastline that may impact the region's coral reef ecosystems include pollution and coastal land use/development, as discussed in the review by Porter and others (2005). The pollution threats include point-sources, such as municipal wastewater (Northern District, Hagatna, Naval Station Guam, and Agat-Santa Rita Waster Water Treatment Plants), cooling water (Tanguisson Steam and Cabras Power Plants), and numerous storm water, ballast water, and tank bottom draw outfalls; nonpoint sources include septic systems, urban runoff, illegal dumping, and groundwater discharges. Poor

land-use practices include development without the use of runoff management measures, increased areal extent of impervious surfaces and decreased extent of vegetative barriers, and recreational off-road vehicle use. Furthermore, feral ungulates and illegal wildfires remove protective vegetative cover and generally result in increased soil erosion. While anthropogenic point-sources have been reduced in many areas due to better management practices, nonpoint sources have either stayed constant or increased. Between 1975 and 1999, it is estimated that Guam lost more than a quarter of its tree cover, and more than 750 wildfires each year have resulted in a greater proportion of badlands and other erosion-prone land surfaces with high erosion rates (Forestry and Soil Resources Division, 1999).

Approximately 1.8 square kilometers (km<sup>2</sup>) of Asan Bay, west-central Guam, lies within the National Park Service's (NPS) War-in-the-Pacific National Historical Park's (WAPA) Asan Unit; the bay is the sink for material coming out of the Asan watershed. Anthropogenic modifications of the watersheds adjacent to Asan Bay, which include intentionally-set wildfires, construction, and agriculture (Minton, 2005), are believed to have increased over the past 25 years (National Resource Conservation Service, 1996). These land-use practices cause accelerated erosion by removing grasses and small trees that stabilize the soil. While even modest rains on Guam cause sediment plumes to be discharged from many rivers to coastal waters, including the Asan River (Minton and others, 2007), typhoons pass close enough to Guam every 2-3 years to cause heavy precipitation (>2 cm/hour) on the island, rapidly flushing unstabilized soil down to the coast and onto WAPA's nearshore reefs (Porter and others, 2005).

Observations by Minton and others (2007) suggest that this terrestrial sediment discharge to the coastal waters has resulted in sedimentation, eutrophication, and pollution that has impacted WAPA's coral reef ecosystem. These authors have shown that sediment collection rates in tube traps on the fore reef of Asan Bay's fringing reef are very high and the trapped material is predominantly composed of fine-grained terrestrial sediment that typically has nutrients, bacteria, and pesticides adsorbed to the particles; the trap collection rates are both spatially and temporally heterogeneous. Work by Minton and others (2007) further shows that the input of terrestrial sediment to the park's nearshore waters is greater during the wet season (July-December), which is of serious concern as this is also the time of peak coral spawning and larval settlement (Richmond and Hunter, 1990). Observations by Minton (2005) and Minton and others (2007), however, suggest that while large quantities of terrestrial sediment are being collected in traps on the fore reef and often covered their coral recruitment tiles, the reefs themselves are not being buried by mud, suggesting that oceanographic processes are sufficient to limit net sedimentation on the fore reef. Quantitative information on the deposition, residence time and advection of this fine-grained terrestrial material through the bay's fringing reef system, along with the controls on these processes, is needed to better manage the WAPA's marine resources.

Because of these observations, the Asan watershed is an area of concern to the NPS and was designated as one of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF) Guam Local Action Strategy's (LAS) priority watersheds. In 2007 the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Western Coastal and Marine Geology (WCMG) Team initiated an investigation of coastal circulation, sediment flux, and sediment residence time along west-central Guam, primarily focusing on WAPA's Asan Unit.

This work also supports the USCRTF's goal of investigating the impact of land-based pollution on corals reefs. Furthermore, the data collected during this experiment will provide NPS and the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with quantitative baseline data for possible future measurements made during the planned large-scale expansion of the U.S. military installation at Apra Harbor, which is less than 2 km south of the park, and extension of the Hagatna Water treatment outfall, which is less than 4 km north of WAPA's Asan Unit.

## Project Objectives

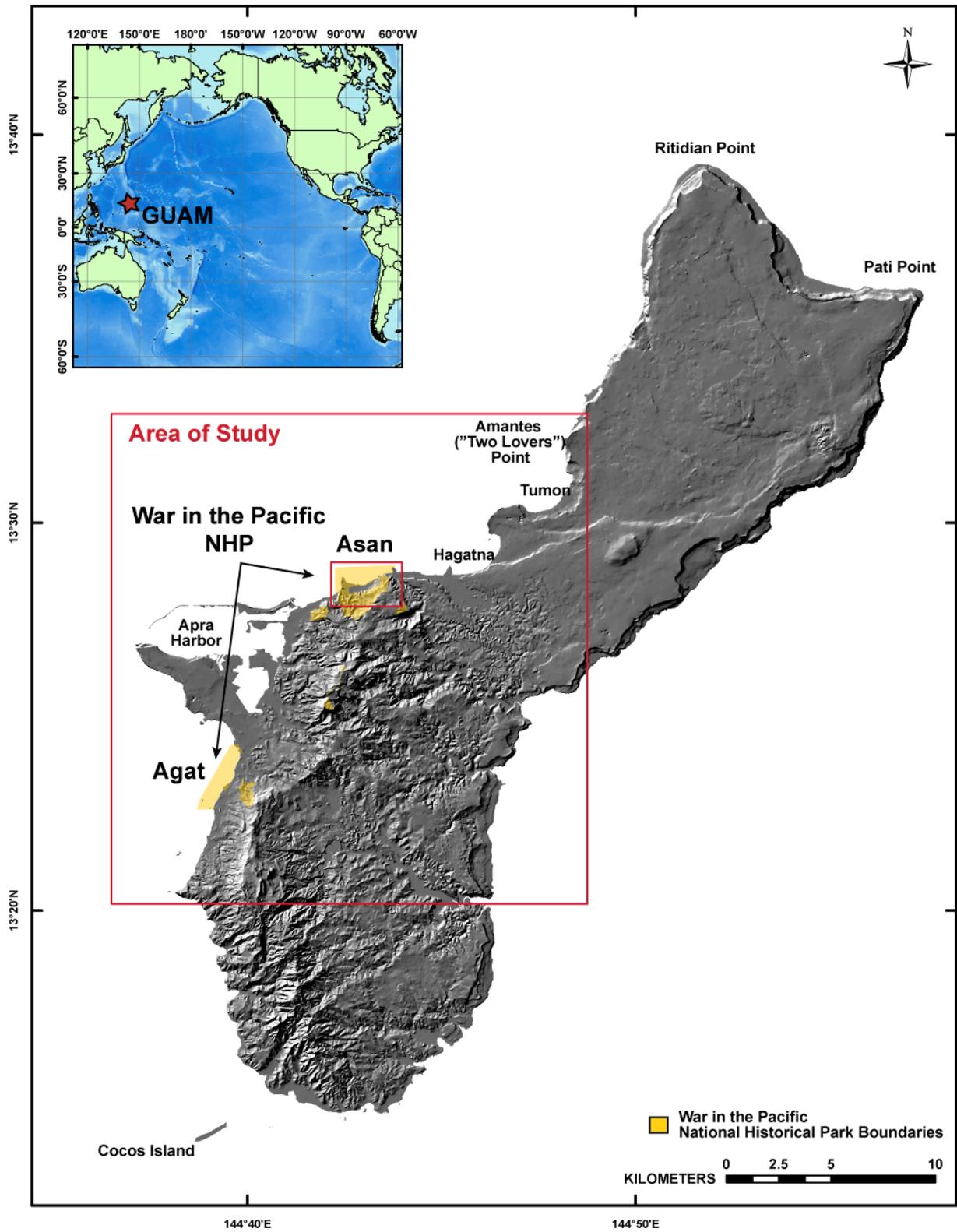
In 2007, USGS and NPS researchers began a collaborative study to determine coastal circulation patterns and sediment flux along west-central Guam, and in particular, in WAPA's Asan Unit and its coral reef ecosystem. To meet these objectives, flow and water column properties along west-central Guam, and in WAPA's Asan Unit in particular, were investigated using a suite of meteorologic, fluvial, and oceanographic instrument packages. The continuous measurements of winds, rainfall, river discharge, waves, currents, tides, and water properties (turbidity, temperature, salinity, and light) from these instrument deployments provide information on nearshore circulation and the variability in these hydrodynamic properties for WAPA's Asan Unit. These data will complement ongoing and future water quality efforts along west-central Guam and in WAPA and will provide baseline information of the hydrodynamic and oceanographic regime for the marine portion of WAPA's Asan Unit.

The field experiment consisted of continuous collection of oceanographic, meteorologic and sediment data in WAPA from July 2007 through January 2008. In October 2007, the USGS and NPS recovered, downloaded, cleaned, repowered and redeployed the instruments. The goals of the experiment were to understand the episodic delivery of sediment to the bay and its residence time in the bay. In order to do this, the USGS and NPS set out to do the following:

- a) Measure wave heights, wave periods, wave directions, current speeds, current directions, temperature, salinity and turbidity to provide baseline information to NPS and others.
- b) Measure wind speed, wind direction, rainfall and barometric pressure to: (1) provide baseline information to NPS and others; (2) address forcing of oceanographic data, and (3) provide boundary conditions and calibration information for a 3-dimensional, hydrodynamic numerical model for west-central Guam's waters.
- c) Determine flow and transport (sediment, contaminants, nutrients, larvae) patterns for different sets of forcing conditions.
- d) Acquire digital time series imagery of the study area from a land-based camera system to document surface conditions and plume dispersal pattern(s).
- e) Determine the influence of oceanographic and meteorologic forcing on plume and seafloor sediment dynamics.

## Study Area

This study was conducted along the west-central coast of the island of Guam, Mariana Islands, USA (fig. 1). Guam lies between 13.2°N and 13.7°N and between 144.6°E and 145.0°E, and has an area of 541km<sup>2</sup>. It is the southernmost island in the Mariana Islands and is the largest and most heavily populated island in Micronesia (Office of Insular Affairs, 2008). The northern part of the island is a forested coralline limestone plateau rising more than 260 m above sea level while the south is primarily highly erodible volcanic terrain with peaks as much as 406 m that are covered in forest and grassland. A coral reef surrounds most of the island, except where rivers discharge into bays. The island's population is most dense in the northern and central regions. Guam is described by the Pacific Islands Global Climate Observing System (2008) as having a tropical marine climate, with an average annual rainfall of 2,260 mm, ranging from 2,000 mm to



**Figure 1.** Map of Guam and its location in the western Pacific Ocean. The red boxes denote the study area and the yellow areas denote War-in-the-Pacific National Historical Park (WAPA) boundaries.

more than 3,300 mm (Lander and Guard, 2003). The wet season runs from July through November (~70 percent rainfall), with the remaining months constituting the dry season (~30 percent rainfall). On longer time scales, rainfall is correlated with El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO), with the period from the end of the ENSO year through the year following ENSO tending to be very dry. The greatest frequency of typhoons occurs between October and November, however, they can form throughout the year. On average, 3 tropical storms and 1 typhoon pass within 330km of Guam each year.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Wave Information Studies (WIS) wind and wave hindcast data for west-central Guam (Coastal Hydraulic Laboratory, 2008) for the period from 1981-2004 show the dominance of the northeast trade winds on the general wind and wave climate for the study area. Winds are predominantly out of the east-northeast at speeds of approximately 12 m/s; similarly, waves are primarily out of the east-northeast and have mean heights on the order of 2 m. While the mean wind and wave climate is dominated by the northeast trade winds, the influence of typhoons passing close to Guam is evident in the directional distribution of high-speed winds and large waves. While their frequency of occurrence is low, the direction of the fastest winds speeds and largest waves are more uniformly distributed than the means dominated by the trade winds, with the fastest wind speeds and largest waves coming out of the south and southwest. The tides along west-central Guam are described by the Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (2008) as microtidal, semidiurnal, with 2 uneven high tides and low tides each day; the mean tidal range is 0.49 m and the diurnal tidal range is 0.72 m. Mean sea levels are generally highest (+6.4 mm) during July and lowest (-6.9 mm) during December (Pacific Islands Global Climate Observing System, 2008).

The seafloor in WAPA's Asan units was mapped by NOAA's National Center for Coastal Ocean Science (2005) as predominantly a coral pavement with limited aggregate reef. By their definition, the habitat consists of a macroalgae-covered (10 to <50 percent) reef flat, macroalgae-covered (50 to <90 percent) reef crest, coral-covered (10 to <50 percent) fore reef, and turf-covered (10 to <50 percent) upper insular shelf with interspersed patches of unconsolidated sediment, primarily off the awa channel in the reef flat referred to as the Cut just offshore of the bay's central coast. The study area and design were chosen specifically to characterize coastal circulation, sediment flux, and sediment residence time in WAPA's Asan Unit, an area of concern to NPS, but due to the wave exposure along this coast and vessel traffic, compromises were made to ensure safe deployment and recovery of the deployed instruments.

## Operations

This section provides information about the personnel, equipment, and field operations used during the study. See table 1 for a list of personnel involved in the experiment and tables 2 through 15 for complete listings of instrument and deployment information.

The proposed study consisted of 3 instrument suites to provide an integrated understanding of circulation and sediment dynamics in WAPA's coastal waters: terrestrial instruments, bottom-mounted oceanographic instruments, and spatial hydrographic surveys.

The terrestrial instruments included a weather station sampling every half hour and a digital camera system imaging the study area several times a day. The camera system was deployed at the Asan overlook to get as wide a field of view as possible of the Park's waters. The weather station was deployed along the shoreline at Asan to measure wind speed and direction, barometric pressure, air temperature and rainfall to provide meteorologic forcing information. The USGS river gauge on the Asan River was destroyed in Typhoon Pongsona in 2002, thus the necessary river discharge data was lacking to correlate to the proposed measurements made in

the Park's waters. The USGS, therefore, deployed pressure sensors at the Marine Corps Drive Bridge over the Asan River in Asan to measure river stage as a proxy estimate for discharge.

The bottom-mounted oceanographic instruments were deployed in a "T" formation in WAPA's Asan Unit, consisting of a cross-shore line extending offshore from the river mouth to connect with a line extending alongshore on the fore reef (fig. 2). The moorings were placed along the cross-shore line to provide *in situ* measurements of the vertical structure of temperature, salinity, and turbidity in the water column from temperature/salinity sensors and optical backscatter sensors, respectively. The bottom packages included temperature/salinity sensors and optical backscatter sensors to make near-bed measurements of these parameters, along with upward-looking acoustic Doppler current profilers, which made measurements of current speed, current direction, and acoustic backscatter throughout the water column; all of these oceanographic sensors collected 1 averaged sample every 10 min. The acoustic Doppler current profilers also provided directional wave information every 2 hours. Additionally, 2 wave and tide gauges were deployed upcoast and downcoast of the park to provide nondirectional wave and water level boundary conditions for a 3-dimensional hydrodynamic numerical model for west-central Guam's waters. All of the measurements were on the insular shelf in water depths less than 20 m.

In addition to these fixed, bottom-mounted, time-series measurements, repetitive spatial surveys of water column properties (variations in water temperature, salinity, turbidity, dissolved oxygen, photosynthetically-available radiation, and fluorescence with depth) were made at a number of stations approximately every km from Two Lover's Point at the northern end of Tumon Bay south to Agat Harbor (fig. 1). This larger-scale alongshore survey was supplemented with a higher-density survey of the same parameters within WAPA's Asan Unit's waters and within Apra Harbor to compare to the *in situ*, bottom-mounted, time-series measurements and separate quantitative measurements of the coral reef ecosystem's structure made by the NPS.

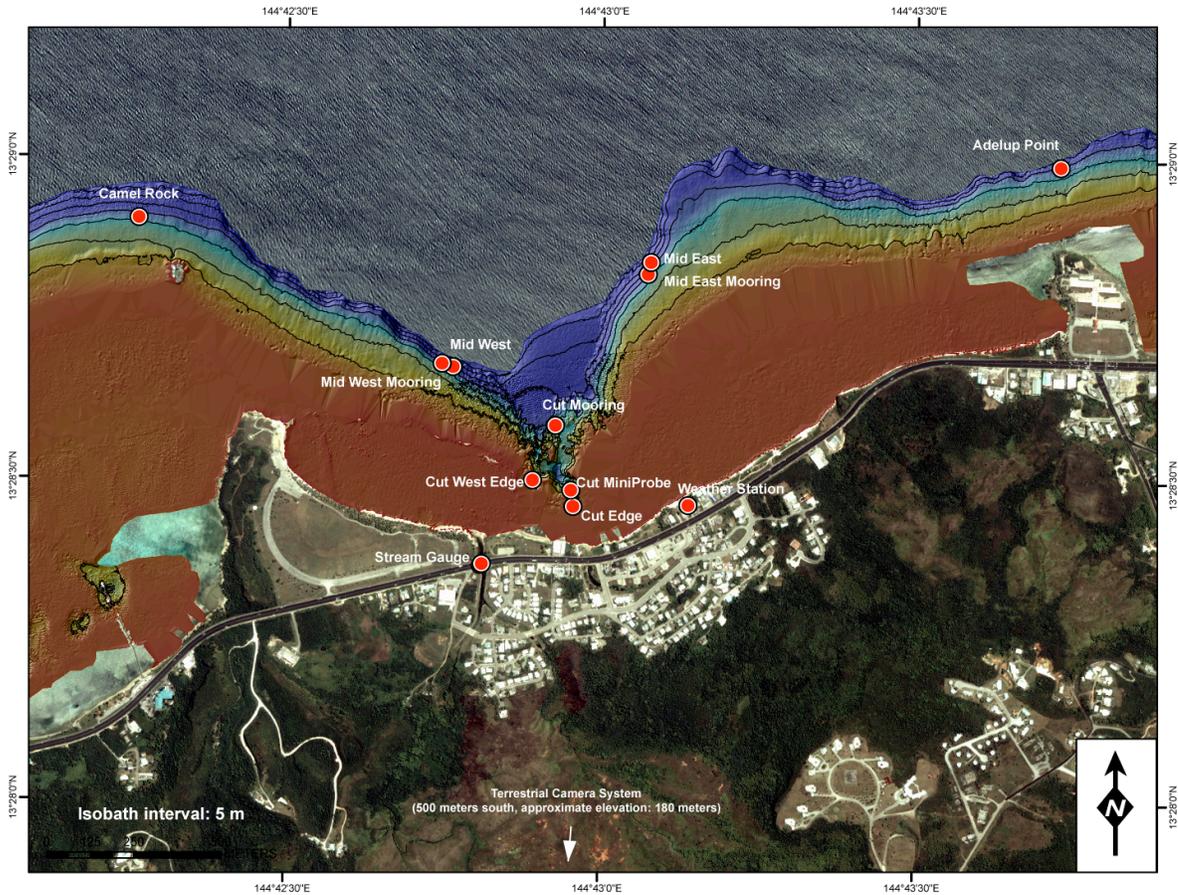
## Equipment and Data Review

### Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers (ADCP)

Four upward-looking acoustic Doppler current profilers (ADCP) were mounted on MiniPROBEs (fig. 3a) along the 20 m isobath in Asan Bay and used to sample 48 0.5-m bins from 1.15 m above the seafloor up to the surface for 87.5 s at 2 Hz every 10 min to allow calculation of tides (m), mean current speeds (m/s) and directions ( $^{\circ}$ True), and higher frequency motions, such as internal tidal bores and nonlinear internal waves. An upward-looking ADCP mounted on a MiniPROBE (fig. 3b) at a depth of 10 m in Asan Bay's Cut sampled 20 0.5-m bins from 1.25 m above the seafloor up to the surface for 120 s at 2 Hz every 10 min. Directional wave data were recorded for 512 s at 2 Hz every 2 hours; these data included water depth (m), current speed (m/s), and current direction ( $^{\circ}$ True) every 0.5 s to compute tides (m), significant wave height (m), dominant wave period (s), mean wave direction ( $^{\circ}$ True), and directional spread ( $^{\circ}$ ). Acoustic backscatter data (dB) collected from the ADCPs for the current measurements also provide information on the particulates in the water column and are used as a qualitative measurement of turbidity. The sensor locations are listed in tables 2 and 3; complete sensor and processing information is listed in appendix 1.

### Wave and Tide Gauges (WTG)

Two wave and tide gauges (WTG; fig. 3c) were deployed along the 10 m isobath and used to collect water level data for 512 s at 2 Hz every hour to compute tides (m), significant wave



**Figure 2.** Aerial photograph and SHOALS lidar of Asan Bay with the locations of the instrument sites.

height (m), and dominant wave period (s). One WTG was deployed off Two Lover’s Point at the northern end of Tumon Bay, and 1 WTG was deployed off Agat Harbor to the south of Apra Harbor and the Orote Peninsula, to provide nondirectional wave and water level boundary conditions for a 3-dimensional hydrodynamic numerical model for west-central Guam’s waters. The sensor locations are listed in tables 2 and 3; complete sensor and processing information is listed in appendix 2.

### Conductivity and Temperature (CT)

Twelve conductivity and temperature (CT) sensors (fig. 3d) collected and averaged 4 samples every 5 min to measure water temperature (°C) and conductivity (S/m), from which salinity in Practical Salinity Units (PSU) was calculated. The rapid sampling rate was established in an attempt to record the transient freshwater plumes being advected past the instruments. The instrument locations in the Cut were chosen to determine the presence of freshwater discharge. Offshore instrument locations were selected to record the areal extent, mixing, and direction of the freshwater plumes with oceanic water and to correlate the plumes with current measurements at the offshore sites. The deeper sites along the 20 m isobath were used to record the extent of freshwater mixing and to determine if internal bores pumped deep water up into the WAPA’s shallows. The sensor locations are listed in tables 2 and 3; complete sensor and processing information is listed in appendix 2.

## Turbidity Sensors (SLOBS)

Eight self-logging optical backscatter sensors (SLOBS; fig. 3d) collected 8 samples every 5 min to measure turbidity data in Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU). The SLOBSs on the MiniPROBES were mounted above the ADCPs in order for the turbidity data to be correlated with co-located ADCP acoustic backscatter data as discussed below. The sensor locations are listed in tables 2 and 3; complete sensor information is listed in appendix 2.

## Light Sensors (LS)

Six light sensors (LS; fig. 3b) collected a sample of luminance data (lux) every 60 min. One LS was deployed on the weather station to provide incident surface illumination information. The data from the LSs mounted on the MiniPROBES were subtracted from the data values obtained from the LS deployed on the weather station to determine changes in illumination at the seafloor due to water column properties. The sensor locations are listed in tables 2 and 3; complete sensor information is listed in appendix 2.

## Pressure Loggers (PL)

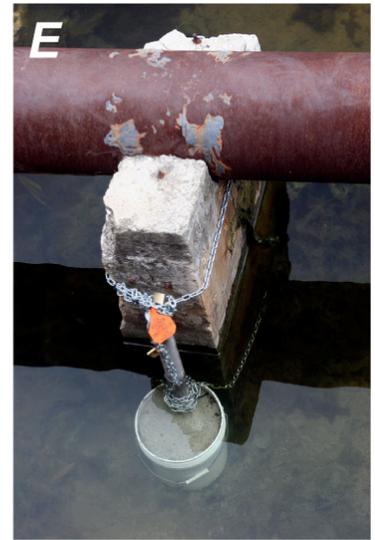
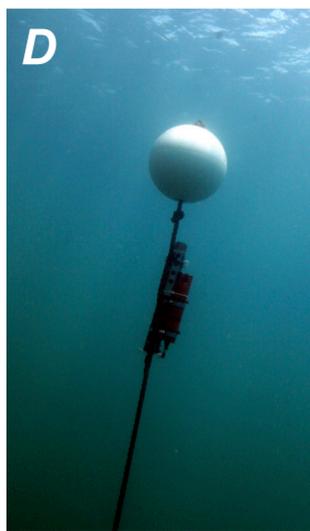
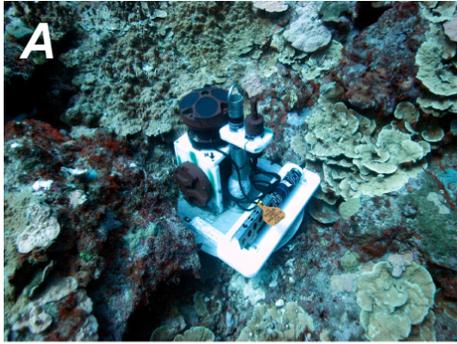
Two pressure loggers (PL; fig. 3e) collected a sample of pressure data (mb) every 30 min. One PL was deployed at the NPS Maintenance Facility to provide atmospheric pressure information; these data were subtracted from the data values obtained from the PL deployed in the portable well in the Asan River to determine river stage. The sensor locations are listed in tables 2 and 3; complete sensor information is listed in appendix 2.

## Weather Station (WS)

Meteorological data was acquired by a self-contained weather station (WS) deployed on top of the old NPS library roof (fig. 3f), 17 m above ground, on the coast in central Asan. The WS recorded 25 min averages of barometric pressure (mb), air temperature (°C), precipitation (mm), wind speed (m/s), and wind direction (°True) every half hour. The instrument's location is listed in tables 2 and 3; complete sensor information is listed in appendix 3.

## Terrestrial Imaging System (TIS)

Imagery of the WAPA Asan Unit's hillslopes and coastal waters was collected using the USGS terrestrial imaging system (TIS), which consists of a Nikon CoolPix 8700 8-megapixel digital camera, a control unit, and battery in a waterproof housing with an external solar panel; both the housing and the solar panel were mounted on a vertical pole just below WAPA's Asan Bay overlook (fig. 3g). This system was employed to collect a time series of images to provide information on the natural frequency and duration of processes impacting the Asan Unit's hillslopes (rainfall, fire, and such) and Asan Bay (river discharge, freshwater plumes, sediment plumes, and such). The TIS took images every 2 hours during daylight hours (0600, 0800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600, and 1800 Chamorro Standard Time [ChST]) throughout the deployments. The sensor location is listed in tables 2 and 3; complete sensor information is listed in appendix 3.



**Figure 3.** Photographs of the equipment used in the study. *A*, Example of MiniProbe with ADCP, SLOBS, and CT along the 20 m isobath at Adelup Point. *B*, Cut MiniProbe at 10 m in the Cut; *C*, DOBIE wave. *D*, Microcat and SLOBS 3 m below the surface on a subsurface mooring. *E*, CTD profiler. *F*, Weather station. *G*, Terrestrial imaging system at WAPA overlook. *H*, River gauge in Asan River.

## Water Column Profiler

Surveys of water column properties were made using a conductivity/temperature/depth (CTD) Profiler with optical backscatter (OBS), photosynthetically-available radiation (PAR), dissolved oxygen (DO), and chlorophyll (fluorescence) sensors to collect vertical profiles of water temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), salinity (PSU), density ( $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ ), turbidity (NTU), PAR (mE), DO (percent), and fluorescence ( $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ ), as shown in fig. 3h. The profiler cast location and depth information is listed in table 4; complete sensor information and individual cast acquisition logs are listed in appendixes 4-7. The profile surveys were conducted between Two Lover's Point and Agat Harbor and were repeated during 3 different seasons (July-wet, November-transitional, and February-dry).

## Sediment Data

Sediment traps were deployed during the second deployment (November 2007-January 2008) to collect suspended sediment from the water column. Simple tube traps, consisting of a clear plastic tube 60-cm long with an internal diameter of 6.7 cm, were deployed with their openings 0.7 m above the seabed at the six main instrument sites. A baffle was placed in the top of each tube trap to reduce turbulence and minimize disturbance by aquatic organisms (Bothner and others, 2006), as shown in fig. 3b. These standard USGS simple tube traps were used in this study for 2 reasons. First, in conjunction with the baffles, they provide the greater than 10:1 length-to-diameter ratio suggested for sediment traps (for example, Gardner and others, 1983; Baker and others, 1988) that is needed to minimize the effect of flow at the top of the trap, which causes eddies to propagate down into the trap and resuspend the trapped material. Secondly, the use of these standard traps allowed for comparison to other USGS sediment trap studies conducted elsewhere (for example, Bothner and others, 2006).

Because of the energetics of the inner shelf environment, the traps did not measure net vertical sediment flux to the coral reef surface. This is because material falling into the trap has a much lower potential for resuspension than the same material that settles on the adjacent reef surface (Bothner and others, 2006). In addition, the traps were likely to preferentially collect coarser particle sizes because of their higher settling velocity than finer particles. Particles with slow settling velocities relative to the circulation and exchange of water contained in the trap can be underrepresented in the collected samples (for example, Gardner and others, 1983; Baker and others, 1988). The location and depth information for the tube traps is listed in table 5. In addition to these suspended sediment samples, sea floor sediment samples were collected by divers at 3 of the five main study sites- there was insufficient sea floor sediment off Camel Rock and Adelup Point for samples. The bulk grain sizes of the sediment samples were analyzed using both Beckman Coulter Counter (silt and clay fractions) and 2 m settling tubes (sand fraction), and within each grain size fraction the percent carbonate was determined with a UIC Coulometer. The carbonate and terrigenous percentages for the sand-, silt-, and clay-size fractions were determined using the methodology developed by Barber (2002).

## Miscellaneous Data Sources

The far-field meteorologic forcing for the study period was compiled by NCDC's (2008) Andersen Air Force Base Guam weather station. This station collected hourly measurements of barometric pressure (mb), wind speed (m/s), wind direction ( $^{\circ}\text{True}$ ), and air temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). Navigation equipment for deployment, recovery, and survey operations included hand-held WAAS-equipped GPS units and a computer with positioning and mapping software. The

positioning and mapping software enabled real-time GPS position data to be combined with images of previously collected high-resolution SHOALS color-coded LiDAR, shaded-relief bathymetry, 5 m isobaths, and aerial photographs of terrestrial portions of the maps.

## Numerical Circulation Modeling

A Delft3D coupled 3-dimensional, wave-current numerical circulation model of Asan Bay was constructed in order to extrapolate the limited Eulerian point measurements spatially and to examine the effects of waves, winds, and tides on circulation and buoyant transport over WAPA's coral reef ecosystem. The main components of the model are the coupled Delft3D-Wave and Delft3D-Flow modules, and a steering module (MORSYS) describing the sequence of alternating calls between waves and flow. Delft3D-Flow forms the core of the model system and simulates water motion due to tidal and meteorological forcing by solving the unsteady shallow-water equations that consist of the continuity equation, the horizontal momentum equations, and the transport equation under the shallow water and Boussinesq assumptions. Vertical accelerations are assumed minor compared to gravitational acceleration (shallow water assumption), thus reducing the vertical momentum equation to the hydrostatic pressure relation. By specifying boundary conditions for bed roughness (quadratic friction law), free surface (wind stress), lateral boundaries (water level and currents) and closed boundaries with free-slip conditions at the coasts, the equations can be solved on a staggered grid by using an Alternating Direction Implicit method (Stelling 1984; Leendertse, 1987, Delft User Manual, 2006).

Wave effects, such as enhanced bed shear stresses and wave-induced current forcing due to wave breaking, are integrated in the flow simulation by running the 3rd generation SWAN wave processor (Version 40.41A). The SWAN-model is based on discrete spectral action balance equations, computing the evolution of random, short-crested waves (Holthuijsen and others, 1993; Booij and others, 1999; Ris, 1999). Physical processes include generation of waves by wind, dissipation due to whitecapping, bottom friction and depth-induced breaking, and, nonlinear quadruplet and triad wave-wave interactions. Wave propagation, growth, and decay are solved periodically on subsets of the flow grid. The results of the wave simulation, such as wave height, peak spectral period, and mass fluxes are stored on the computational flow grid and included in the flow calculations through additional driving terms near the surface and bed, enhanced bed shear stress, mass flux, and increased turbulence (for example, Walstra and others, 2000).

## Research Platform and Field Operations

The instrument deployments and recoveries were conducted using the *F/V Heavy Metal*. Vessel operations, including mobilization and demobilization, were based out of Hagatna boat basin and Agat marina. The port quarterdeck was adapted for instrument deployment and recovery operations, which included the use of an electric winch and an overhead davit. The instruments were deployed by attaching a removable bridle to the instrument package with a connecting line through the davit and down to the winch. The instruments were lowered to within a few meters of the seafloor where scuba divers attached a lift bag and detached the lifting line. The divers then moved the instrument package into position for anchoring. Surficial seafloor sediment samples were collected, and the heights of the sensors above the seafloor were measured and recorded. Recovery operations employed the same techniques. The water column profiler casts were conducted by hand from the same vessel. The driver's station was outfitted with a laptop computer and GPS-enabled navigation system to provide the vessel captain with a graphic display of position information, speed, heading and distance to the next location.

## Data Acquisition and Quality

Data were acquired for 185 days during the periods from July 23, 2007, to October 25, 2007, and from November 5, 2007, through January 30, 2008 (2007 Year Day [YD] 204-298 and 309-395), with a period of instrument recovery and refurbishment from XX-YY. More than 6,600,000 data points were recorded by the ADCPs, CTs, SLOBSs, WTGs, LSs, PLs, and WS; more than 40,000 data points were recorded by the water column profiler; and 1,364 images were taken by the TIS. The raw data were archived and copies of the data were post-processed for analysis.

The ADCP, CT, PL, and weather station data generally appeared to be of high quality. In order to determine the contributions of different forcing mechanisms to flow patterns, the current data were constrained to periods when just the forcing mechanism was dominant. For example, in order to identify the influence of trade winds (large waves) on flow patterns, a period of time was identified without concurrent large waves (strong trade winds), and the data were 36-hour low-pass filtered to remove the influence of tides; to identify the contribution of tides, a period of time without trade winds or large waves was selected and then 10-28 hour band-pass filtered.

The SLOBS and LS data were severely degraded due to biofouling and inadequate cleaning, limiting their datasets to a few days to weeks at a time. In order to extend the limited turbidity data, the turbidities recorded by the SLOBS during non-biofouled periods were correlated to co-located ADCP acoustic backscatter data that had already been processed for beam spreading and attenuation using the methodology proposed by Deines (1999). The resulting regression equations were then used to estimate NTU values from the corrected acoustic backscatter data throughout the rest of the deployments when biofouling impaired the SLOBS data.

The TIS imagery, while overall very good, was slightly degraded toward the end of the first deployment (July 2007-November 2007) due to the growth of a plant into the camera's field of view. The water column profiler data were very high in quality; as typical, the data near the seabed often displayed spikes in the OBS data due to interaction of the optical beam with the seabed.

## Results

This section reviews the data collected by the instruments during the deployments and addresses the significance of the findings to better understand the oceanographic conditions in the study area.

### Oceanographic and Atmospheric Forcing

The study period from July 2007 through January 2008 covered 2 distinct seasons: the wet rainy season that normally runs from July through November, and the dry trade-wind season that normally runs from December through June. The transition during our study period occurred around Year Day 335 (December 1, 2007) as shown in the meteorological data in fig. 4. At the beginning of the study the wind speeds and directions measured at Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB; at Pati Point in fig. 1) and at the weather station along Asan Bay (WS, fig. 2) were variable in strength and duration, although consistently stronger at the more exposed AAFB (fig. 4c,d). The transition to the dry season was marked by more consistent wind speeds and directions from the northeast at both AAFB and the Asan WS, again with higher speeds at AAFB (fig. 4c,d).

Rainfall during the study period followed the seasonal trends with greater rainfall during the wet season, and a higher frequency at the Asan WS than at AAFB, potentially due to topographic variations. The hourly precipitation ranged from 0.0 to 25.3 mm, with a mean rainfall  $\pm 1$  standard deviation of  $0.1\pm 0.8$  mm (table 6). The air temperature also followed the seasonal trend with warmer and more variable temperatures during the wet season that transitioned to cooler, more consistent temperatures in the dry season (fig. 4b). The air temperature ranged from 23.94 to 36.50°C with a mean temperature  $\pm 1$  standard deviation of  $27.71\pm 2.13$ °C.

## River Discharge

A pressure sensor was deployed 70 m upstream from the Asan River's mouth to provide a relative measurement of water level and discharge (fig. 4f); the river's mouth was generally closed due to the presence of a river-mouth bar that caused a small estuary to form. Water levels at the pressure sensor ranged from 0.36 to 1.04 m, with a mean  $\pm 1$  standard deviation of  $0.46\pm 0.10$  m. The water levels were a function of local precipitation and the breaching of the river-mouth bar. Water levels reached their maximum elevations when the precipitation generated runoff and river discharge, but the river-mouth bar was sufficiently high to contain the water in the small bar-built estuary. When the precipitation and river discharge were great enough to breach the bar (as occurred on YD 221), or when ocean waves eroded the seaward side of the bar (as occurred on YD 377), the water levels rapidly dropped as the pent-up waters discharged into Asan Bay.

## Tides

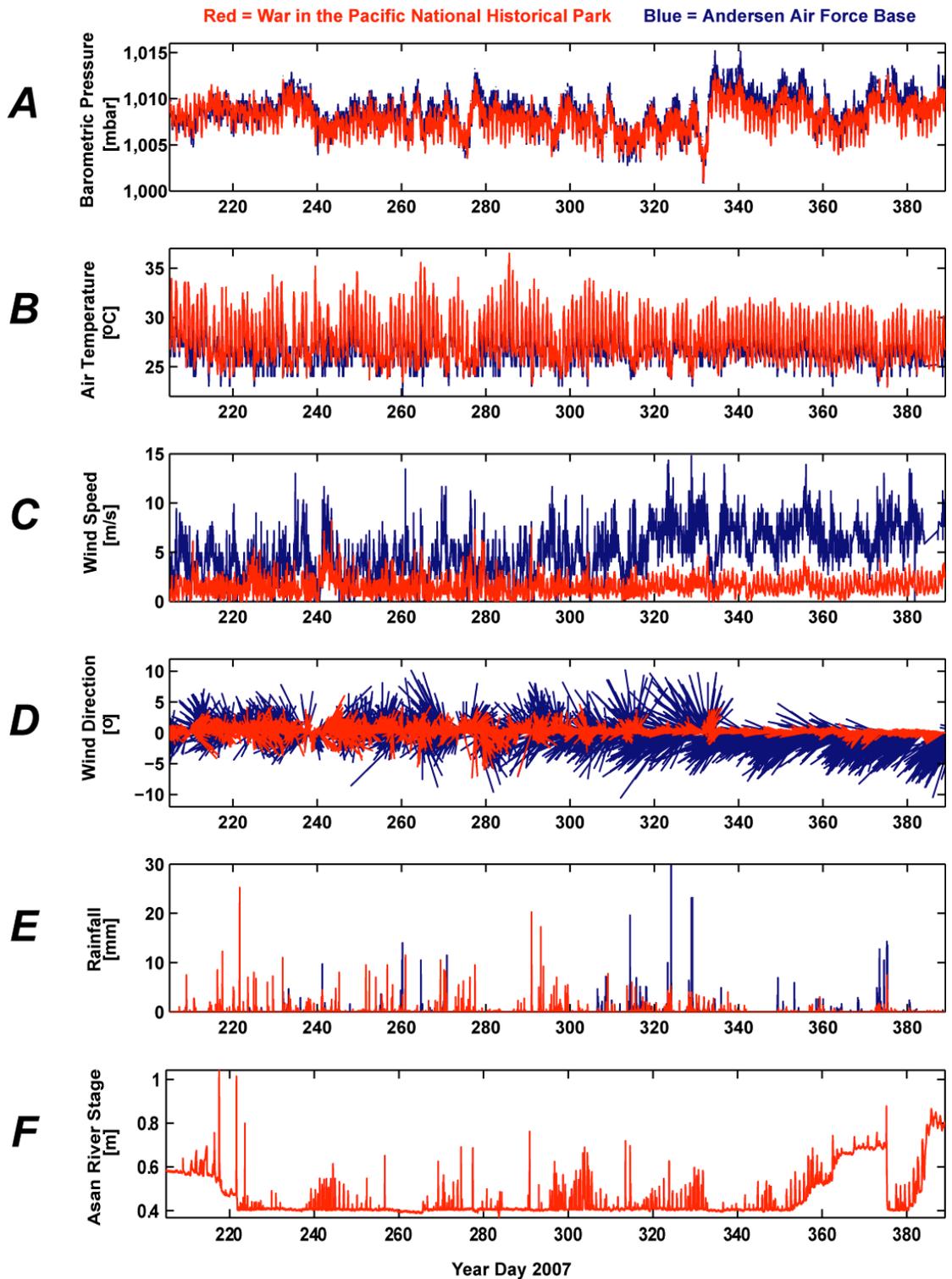
The study period encompassed more than 11 complete spring-neap tidal cycles. The tides in Asan Bay are microtidal, mixed, semidiurnal with 2 uneven high tides and 2 uneven low tides per day; thus, the tides change just over every 6 hours (fig. 5a). The mean daily tidal range was approximately 0.71 m, while the minimum and maximum daily tidal ranges were 0.16 and 1.10 m during neap and spring tides, respectively.

## Winds

The winds speeds at the WAPA ranged from 0.00 to 8.25 m/s, with a mean speed  $\pm 1$  standard deviation of  $1.53\pm 0.87$  m/s during the deployment (table 6). Wind speeds measured in the southern end of Asan Bay were slightly lower but more consistent during the winter months (fig. 5b, YD 330-390) than the wet season months (fig. 5b, YD 210-330) due to the passage of storm systems. The topography and location of the anemometer at the WAPA WS may have resulted in lower wind speeds during the dry season in comparison to AAFB where the sensor was more exposed to open ocean conditions.

## Currents

The mean current speed at the 4 deep (20 m water depth) MiniProbe sites  $\pm 1$  standard deviation for Asan Bay during the study period was  $0.12\pm 0.05$  m/s close to the surface and  $0.06\pm 0.03$  m/s close to the sea floor (fig. 5c, table 7). The greater near surface current speeds during the dry season were likely a result of more consistent trade-wind forcing.



**Figure 4.** Meteorological forcing data during the study period from the War-in-the-Pacific National Historical Park (WAPA, red), and Andersen Air Force Base (blue), weather stations. *A*, Barometric pressure, in millibars. *B*, Air temperature, in degrees Celsius. *C*, Wind speed, in meters per second. *D*, Wind speed and direction, in meters per second from degrees true north. *E*, Rainfall, in millimeters. *F*, Asan River stage (water level), in meters. The meteorologic data shows the transition from the warm, rainy season to the drier, windier, and cooler season beginning around 2007 Year Day 335 (December 1, 2007).

## Waves

The waves that impacted WAPA during the course of the experiment are shown in fig. 5d,e. Significant wave heights ranged from 0.23 to 2.31 m, with a mean significant height  $\pm 1$  standard deviation of  $0.72\pm 0.28$  m (table 8). Dominant wave periods varied from 3 to 11.2 s, with a mean dominant period  $\pm 1$  standard deviation of  $5.78\pm 1.11$  s. The mean wave direction  $\pm 1$  standard deviation was  $344.8\pm 37.7^\circ$ . The first deployment from YD 204-298 (July 2007–October 2007) was relatively quiescent, except for 1 large wave event from YD 279-282, when waves with heights greater than 2 m and periods of 10 s were measured. Consistently larger waves ( $>1$  m) were observed throughout the trade wind dominated second deployment (November 2007–January 2008).

## Temporal Variations Water Column Properties

The water column properties that were measured by the deployed CTs and SLOBS included variations in temperature ( $^\circ\text{C}$ ), salinity (PSU), and suspended sediment concentrations (mg/L). The water column properties that were measured by the CTD/OBS/PAR profiler included variations in temperature ( $^\circ\text{C}$ ), salinity (PSU), turbidity (NTU), PAR (mE), DO (percent), and chl ( $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ ) with depth.

### Temperature

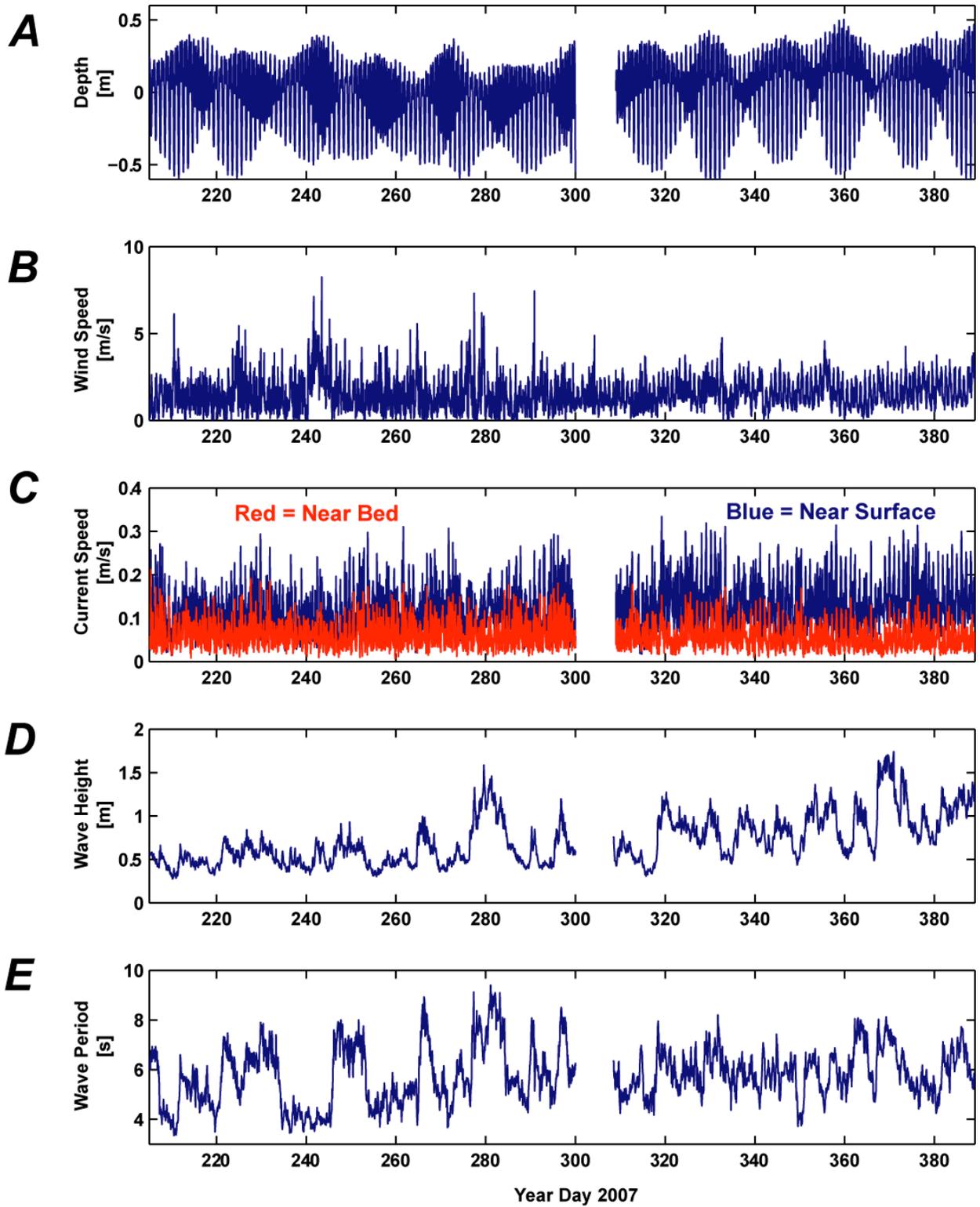
Water temperatures ranged between  $27.03$  and  $34.21^\circ\text{C}$ , with a mean temperature  $\pm 1$  standard deviation of  $29.6\pm 0.32^\circ\text{C}$  (table 9). The water typically warmed 1 to  $2^\circ\text{C}$  at the shallow sites during the day due to insolation (fig. 6b), while the variability at the deep sites appeared to be related to tidal forcing, with frequent rapid decreases in water temperature on the order of 1 to  $4^\circ\text{C}$  (fig. 6d); this same change in water temperature due to the tides may have occurred at the shallow sites but is masked by the diurnal warming trend. A seasonal shift to decreased variability in temperature at the deep sites was observed around YD 335 that coincided with a seasonal shift in wind speed and direction (fig. 7a,c).

### Salinity

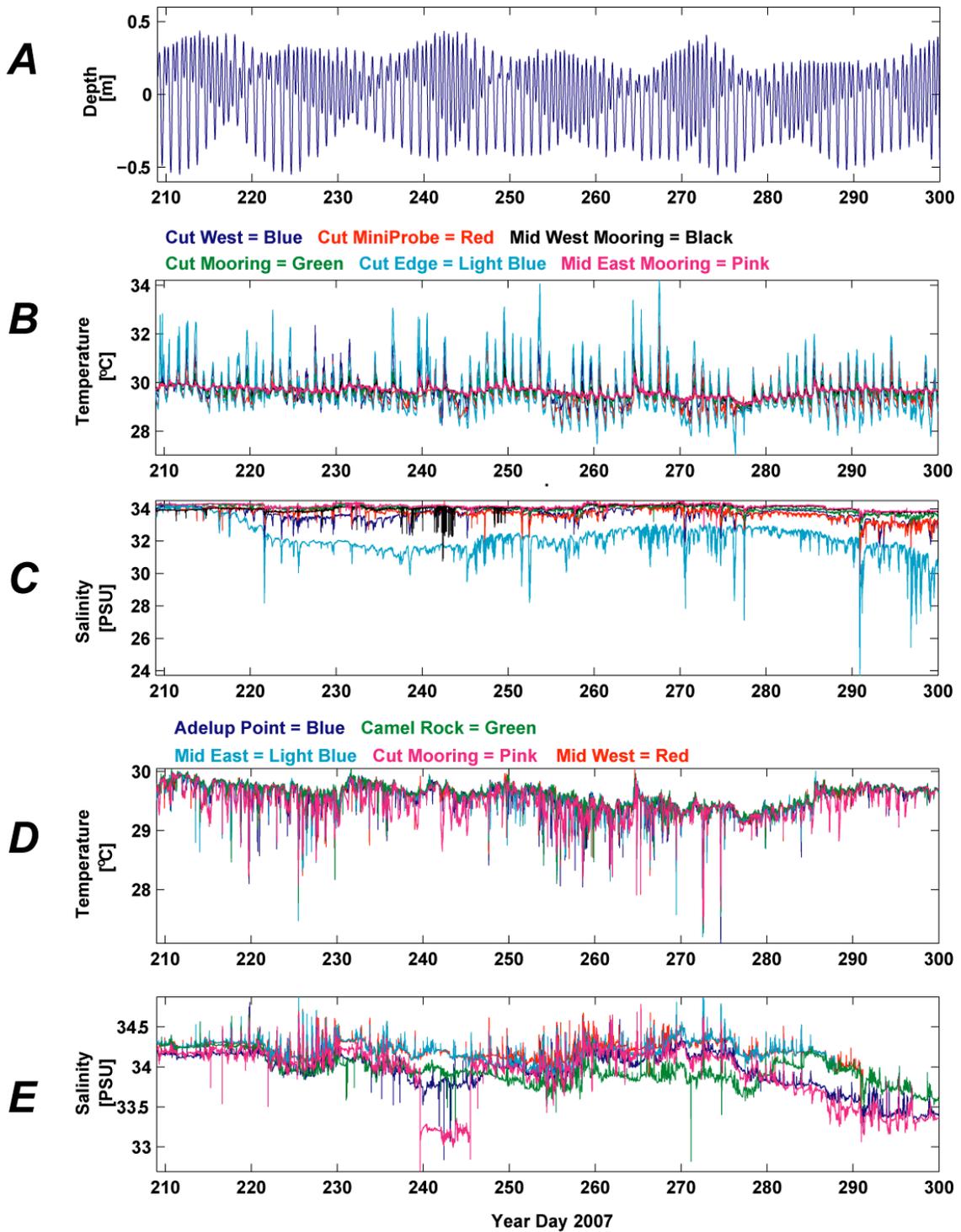
Salinity in the bay ranged between 30.77 and 34.88 PSU, with a mean salinity  $\pm 1$  standard deviation of  $34.01\pm 0.22$  PSU (table 10). Salinity at the shallow sites was fairly constant at approximately 34 PSU, with slight dips during precipitation and corresponding river flood events (fig. 6c). Salinity at the Cut Edge site followed the same general trend as the other shallow sites but was much lower, likely due to either greater surface freshwater percolating through the Asan River mouth's bar or to submarine groundwater discharge in this area. Salinity at the deeper sites was slightly higher than at the shallow sites due to the influence of saltier oceanic water, although these sites did experience a decrease in salinity during times of heavy precipitation (fig. 6e, days 285-300).

### Turbidity

Concurrent, reliable turbidity data were recorded for only 16 days from YD 208-225 (July 28-August 13, 2007) from the SLOBS instruments. During that time period, the turbidity in the



**Figure 5.** Oceanographic data for the entire study period. *A*, Tide, in meters. *B*, Wind speed, in meters per second. *C*, Mean current speed, in meters per second. *D*, Mean wave height, in meters. *E*, Mean wave period, in seconds. The oceanographic data shows the seasonality and influence of locality on wind speed, currents, and waves. The gap in the data records between 2007 Year Days 300-308 denotes the period when the instruments were out of the water between deployments for refurbishment.



**Figure 6.** Tide, temperature, and salinity for the shallow and deep sites. *A*, Tide, in meters. *B*, Temperature at the shallow sites, in degrees Celsius. *C*, Salinity at the shallow sites, in Practical Salinity Units. *D*, Temperature at the deep sites, in degrees Celsius. *E*, Salinity at the deep sites, in Practical Salinity Units. The data at the shallow sites show daily variability due to tides and increases of 1 to 4°C in temperature due primarily to insolation, while salinity is fairly constant with changes due to the tides and river discharge. The data from the deep sites show significant decreases in temperature and increases in salinity during falling tides due to internal motions that move colder, more saline water up onto the insular shelf.

study area ranged between 0.0 and 1,180.3 NTU, with a mean turbidity  $\pm$  1 standard deviation of  $6.08 \pm 4.61$  NTU (table 11). The acoustic backscatter data from the ADCPs provided a relative measure of turbidity in the bay during times of biofouling of the SLOBS sensors. The near surface and near bed turbidity at the deep MiniProbe sites along the 20 m isobath were very low throughout the study (fig. 8, table 12). The Cut site showed the largest variability and highest relative turbidity values (fig. 8c). In general, turbidity was low and little variability was observed at the deep and shallow sites outside of the Cut (fig. 8).

## **Spatial Variations in Water Column Properties**

### **West-Central Guam**

Surveys of the water column were conducted from Tumon Bay south to Agat Harbor on the central west coast of Guam on 3 different days spanning the wet and dry seasons. These surveys provide insight into the physical structure of the water column along 35 km of west-central Guam's shoreline and are useful for putting the high-resolution measurements made in WAPA's Asan Unit into regional context.

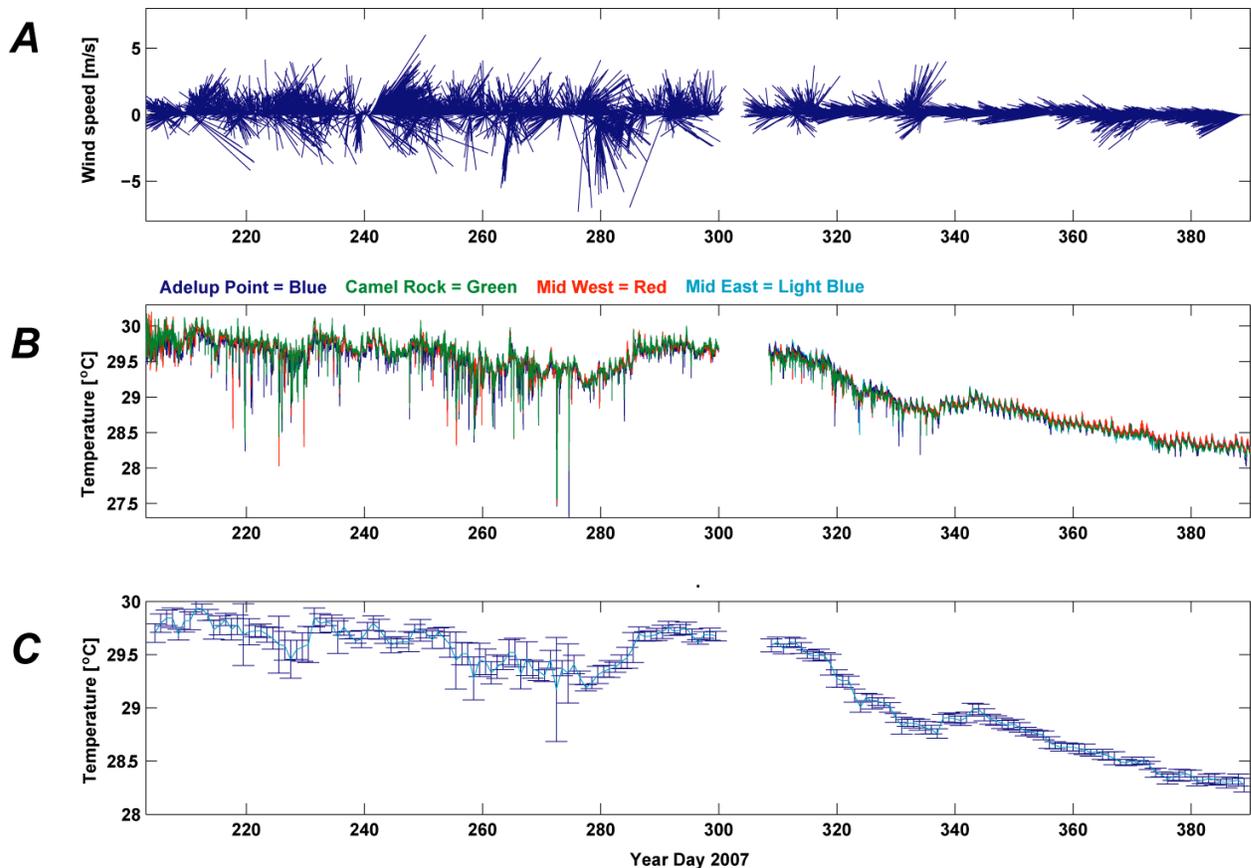
The July 2007 survey showed constant salinity with lower salinity areas near Tumon and Hagatna Bays (fig. 9). The temperatures in July were the warmest of the 3 surveys and show relatively consistent values through the entire water column to depths of 20 m. The turbidity values during this survey were relatively low, except in the areas of Tumon and Hagatna Bay, similar to the salinity profiles. PAR, DO, and chl were highly variable.

The second survey in November 2007 showed lower salinity overall than the July survey, potentially due to the increase in precipitation between the 2 periods. Temperatures were slightly cooler, likely due to the change in seasons, and were fairly uniform through the water column. The turbidity during this survey was also low, with a few regions of high turbidity north of Tumon Bay, between Tumon and Hagatna Bay, and between Hagatna and Asan Bay. Overall, the PAR, DO, and chl had higher values during the November survey (fig. 10). The final survey in February 2008 showed uniform salinity values with a slight decrease near Hagatna Bay. Overall, the salinity values were consistent with the prior surveys. The temperature values were the lowest of the 3 surveys due to lower insolation in the winter. The turbidity values, while in general lower than during the previous 2 surveys, were higher again in Asan Bay relative to the rest of the study area. PAR, DO, and chl were higher than the previous surveys (fig. 11).

### **Asan Bay**

The profiler surveys in Asan Bay provide greater spatial and vertical resolution than the long-term moored and bottom-mounted instruments. The July 2007 survey was at the beginning of the wet season that coincided with heavy precipitation. The July 2007 surveys (figs. 12-13) showed lower salinity, lower temperature, and higher turbidity waters at Asan Cut for up to 10 m below the sea surface and extending more than 800 m offshore. These values indicate that freshwater and sediment were being advected out of the Cut and transported offshore in a low-density plume. It appears that sediment was slowly settling from the plume, which extended down to more than 20 m depth at its offshore extent.

The profiler surveys from the November 2007 survey, which occurred during the transition from the wet to the dry season, showed a similar surface plume at Asan Cut with lower salinity, lower temperature, and higher turbidity (figs. 14-15). In general, the freshwater surface plume



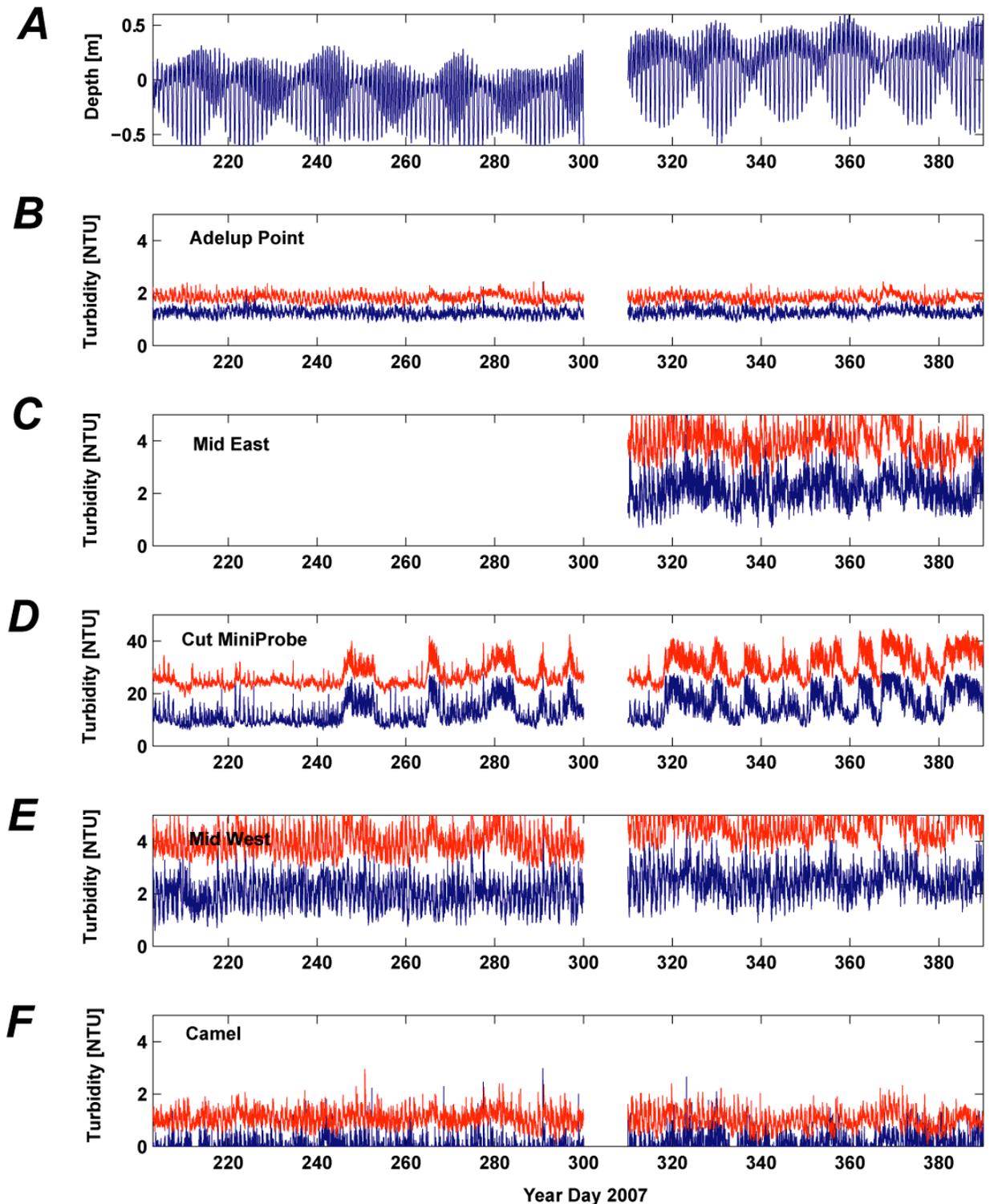
**Figure 7.** Temperature variability as a function of wind forcing. *A*, Wind speed and direction, in meters per second from degrees true north. *B*, Temperature, in degrees Celsius; *C*, Daily mean temperature and standard deviation, in degrees Celsius. The seasonal shift to more consistent wind speeds and directions correlates with the decrease in temperature variability during the deployment.

was more turbid and confined closer to the surface than during the previous survey. The shore-parallel survey shows low temperature and high salinity values in a 10 m-thick wedge above the bottom at Adelup Point. This wedge of higher salinity and lower temperature water at greater depths is consistent with the time series observations that showed the anomalous salinity and temperature values at the deep sites likely related to internal tidal motions.

The shore parallel survey from February 2008 during the dry season shows a much smaller freshwater and turbidity plume at Asan Cut (figs. 16-17), presumably because the drier conditions during this survey resulted in less turbid and freshwater entering the bay. The salinity and temperature profiles show warmer, fresher water at the surface and cooler, more saline water at depth, while the profiles to the east and west of Asan Cut are relatively uniform in temperature and salinity with depth. Higher turbidity was observed only at the surface near Asan Cut. The shore-normal profile also shows the freshwater and turbid plume were confined to the surface (top meter) and extended approximately 300 m offshore.

## Sediment

As shown in table 5, most of the sediment trap collection rates to the east and west of the Cut were rather low (4.77-6.30 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>/day). In the Cut, however, the trap collection rate



**Figure 8.** Tide and turbidity data near the bed (red), and near the surface (blue), at the MiniProbe sites, from east to west. *A*, Tide, in meters. *B*, Turbidity at Adelup Point, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. *C*, Turbidity at Mid East MiniProbe, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. *D*, Turbidity at Asan Cut MiniProbe, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. *E*, Turbidity at Mid West MiniProbe, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. *F*, Turbidity at Camel Rock MiniProbe, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. Turbidity was highest near the Cut and progressively lower with distance offshore at the other sites.

approached 70 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>/day, potentially resulting in mortality of adult corals (Phillips and Fabricius, 2003). The sea floor and sediment trap samples from the same locations differed both by grain size and composition. All of the sea floor sediment samples were gravely sands, with less than 5 percent mud (silts+clays; fig. 18a; table 14). In contrast, the sediment trap samples, including the ones deployed at the sites where the sea floor samples were taken, were predominantly sandy muds, except for those in the Cut, which were muddy sands (fig. 18b). This difference in grain size between the sea floor and what accumulates in sediment traps is not uncommon, for finer-grained, lighter particles can be more easily resuspended and carried higher up into the water column and, thus, to the height of the trap's opening than coarser particles and settle more slowly than coarser particles. Once these fine-grained particles settle into the trap, they cannot be resuspended and advected away as could the same-sized material on the adjacent sea floor. Furthermore, as discussed above, the sediment traps preferentially collect coarser particle sizes because of their higher settling velocity than finer particles.

All of the sea floor sediment samples were predominantly (82-93 percent) reef-derived calcium carbonate, with 10-11 percent total inorganic carbon and 7-18 percent terrigenous material (fig. 19a; table 15). In contrast, the sediment trap samples, including the 1s deployed at the sites where the sea floor samples were taken, were predominantly (65-85 percent) terrigenous material and, to a lesser extent, calcium carbonate (15-35 percent) and total inorganic carbon (2-4 percent). The Cut Mooring site and Cut MiniProbe site, however, consisted of mostly carbonate material (58-60 percent), more than a third terrigenous material (40-42 percent), and approximately 7 percent inorganic carbon (fig. 19b).

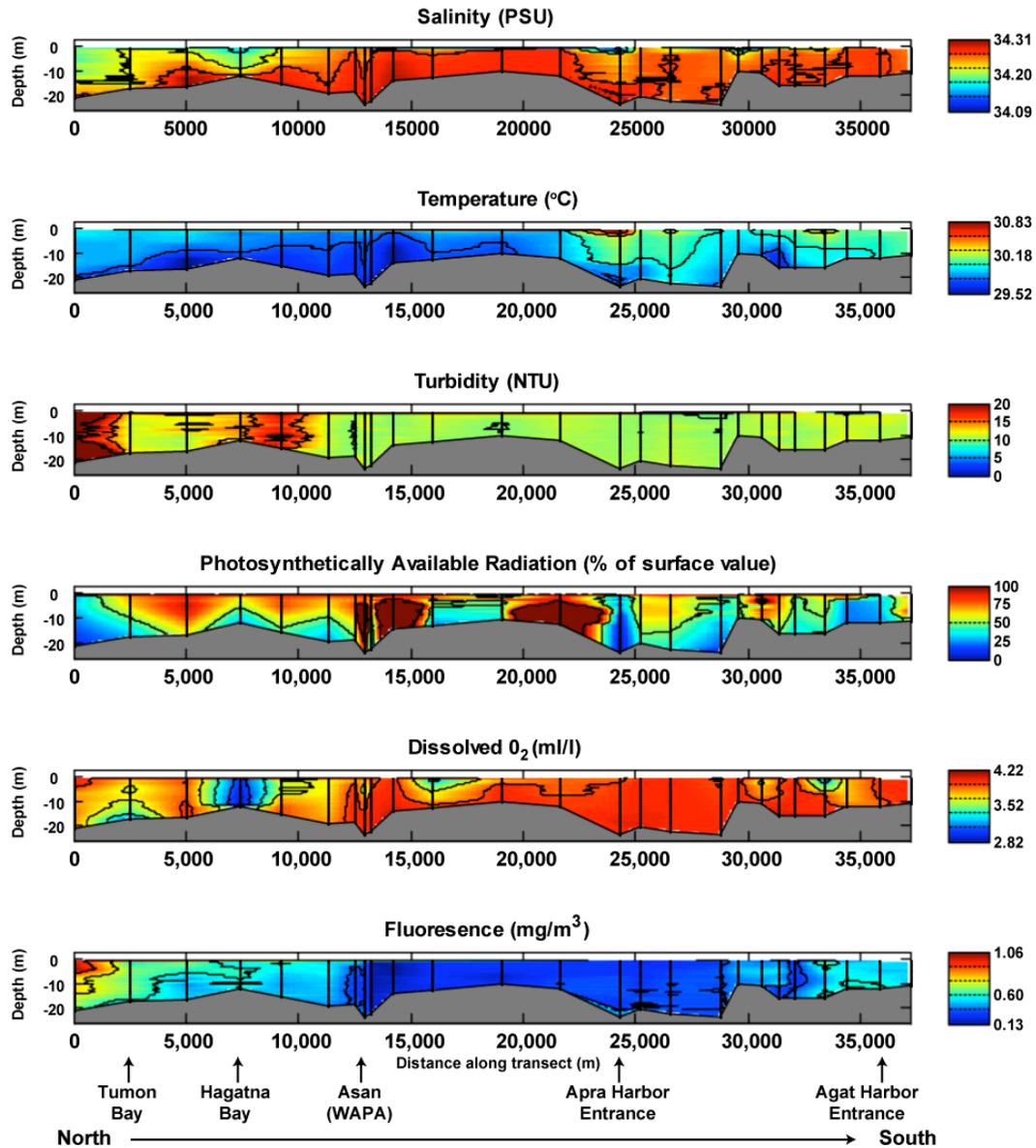
## Numerical Circulation Model

The Delft3D coupled wave-current numerical circulation model settings for the 4 model runs are presented in table 16. A total of 11 model runs were performed, with the first seven runs comprising model development and refinement. With the model in good working order, 4 model runs (table 17) were conducted to explore the influence of different sets of wave conditions (small, short-period trade-wind waves and larger, longer-period swells from different directions) under constant trade-wind forcing and tide data collected as part of the field experiment. All of the model runs were conducted over a 24-hour period in order to encompass a complete mixed, semidiurnal tidal cycle; the results presented show the net flow during the model run.

In the model runs with waves out of the northeast (figs. 20-21), wave breaking is concentrated on the east-facing portions of the reef crest and minimal on the eastern side of the Cut. These patterns of wave breaking drive flow shoreward across the reef crest onto the reef flat, where currents are strongly to the west along the eastern half of the reef flat and weaker to the east along the western half of the reef flat, converging into the Cut. Thus, it appears that wind- and wave-driven flow up onto the reef flat is balanced by offshore-directed return flow out of the Cut. This return flow is then driven to the northwest and west upon exiting the Cut, primarily due to wave-driven flow over the fore reef. There appears to be a small recirculation eddy in the lee of the northwestward-flowing return flow draining the reef flat that likely may help to retain buoyant or dissolved material. The difference between the wave breaking and flow patterns due to larger storm waves (fig. 20) and smaller trade-wind waves (fig. 21) is in the greater fraction of breaking at the reef crest, resulting in faster current speeds on the reef flat during the larger storm waves than during trade wind-wave forcing.

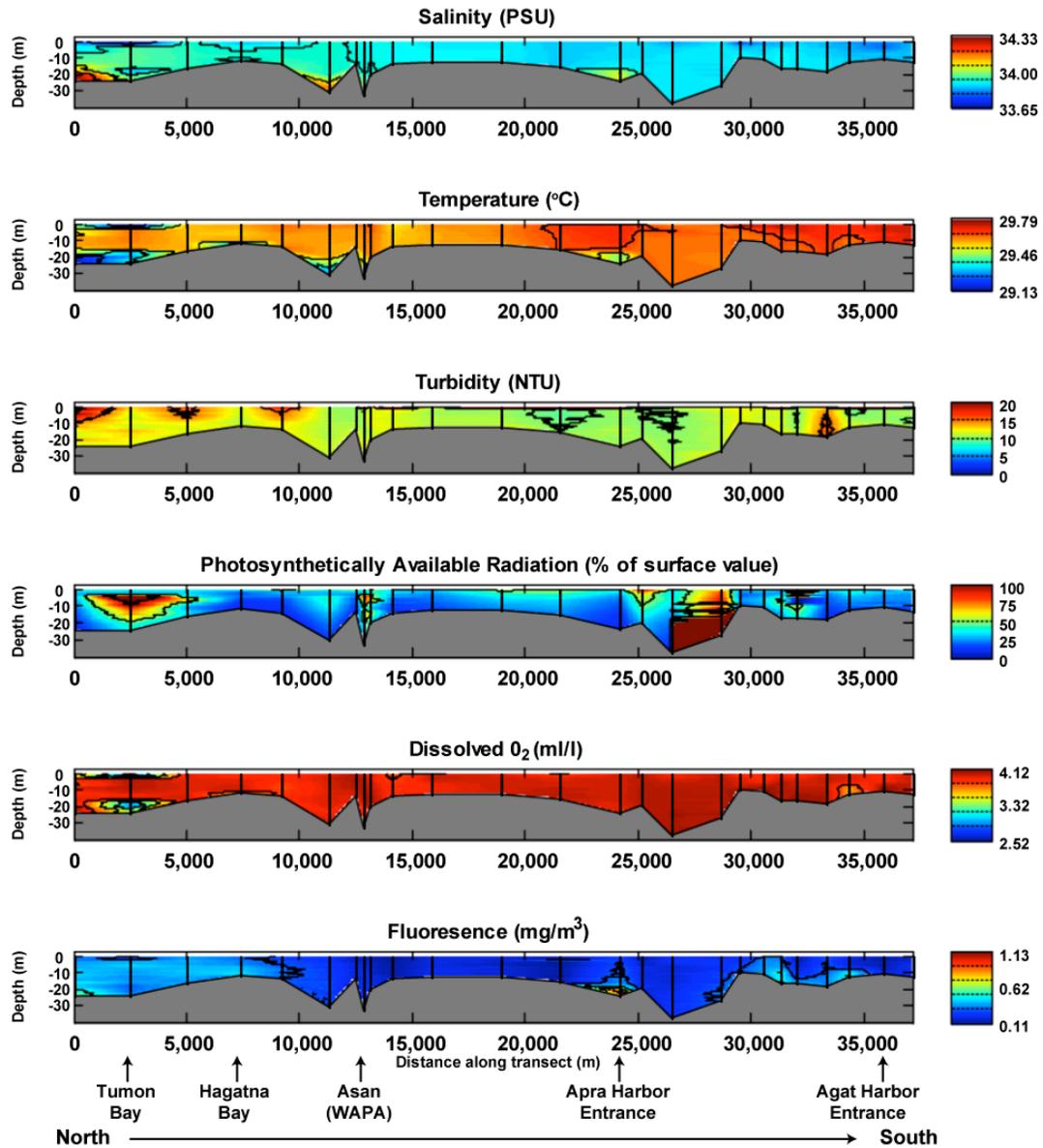
In the model runs with waves out of the northwest (figs. 22-23), wave breaking is concentrated on the west-facing portions of the reef crest and minimal on the western side of the

## Guam NW Shore, North to South, July 23, 2007



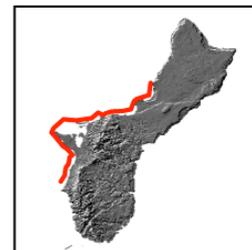
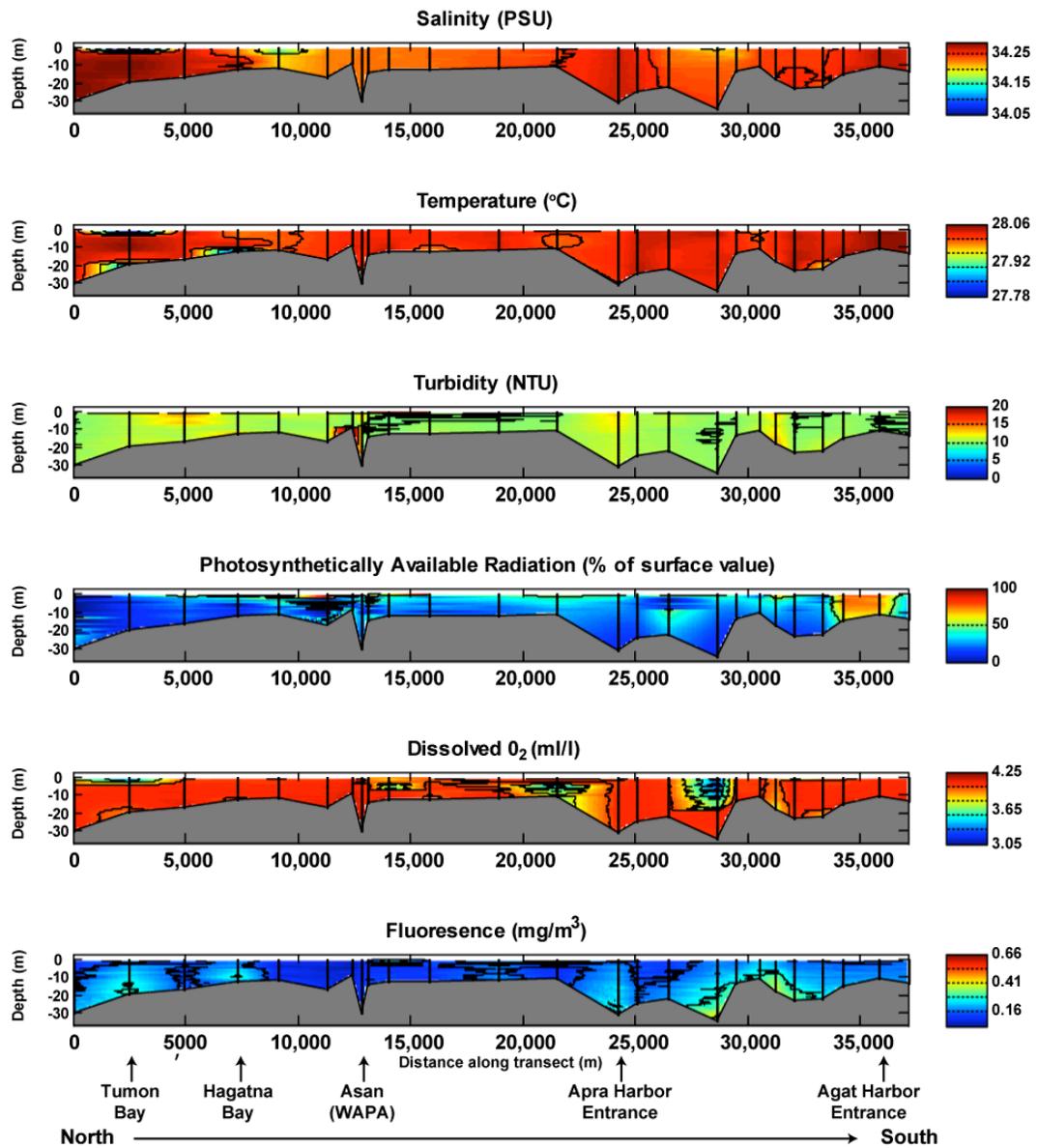
**Figure 9.** Alongshore variability in water column properties off west-central Guam in July 2007. *A*, Salinity, in Practical Salinity Units. *B*, Temperature, in degrees Celsius. *C*, Turbidity, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. *D*, Photosynthetically-available radiation, in percent of surface value. *E*, Dissolved oxygen, in milliliters per liter. *F*, Fluorescence, in milligrams per cubic meter. Note the high variability both within the water column at a given location and alongshore between sites.

## Guam NW Shore, North to South, November 4, 2007



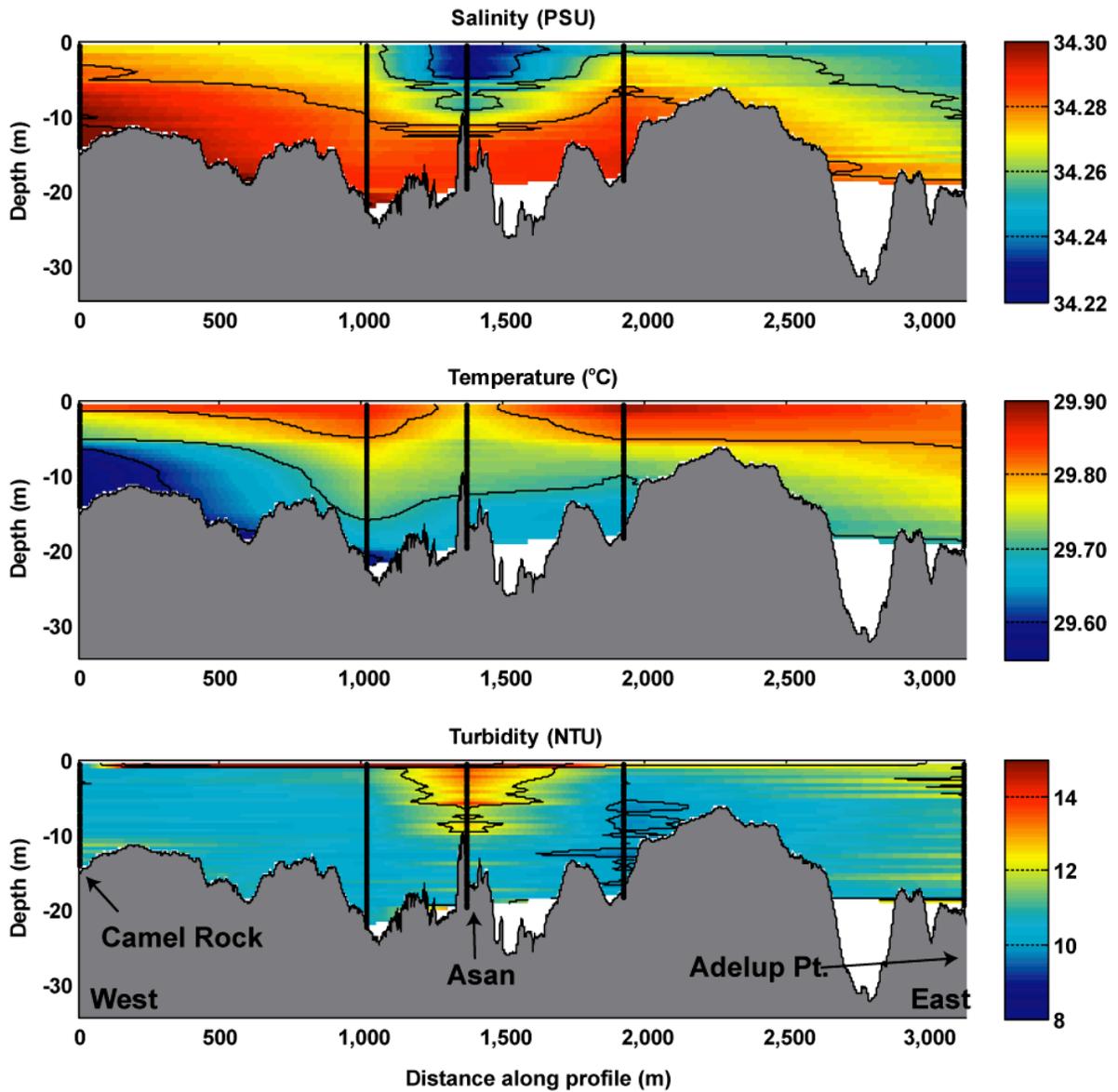
**Figure 10.** Alongshore variability in water column properties off west-central Guam in November 2007. *A*, Salinity, in Practical Salinity Units. *B*, Temperature, in degrees Celsius. *C*, Turbidity, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. *D*, Photosynthetically-available radiation, in percent of surface value. *E*, Dissolved oxygen, in milliliters per liter. *F*, Fluorescence, in milligrams per cubic meter. Note the high variability both within the water column at a given location and alongshore between sites.

## Guam NW Shore, North to South, February 1, 2008



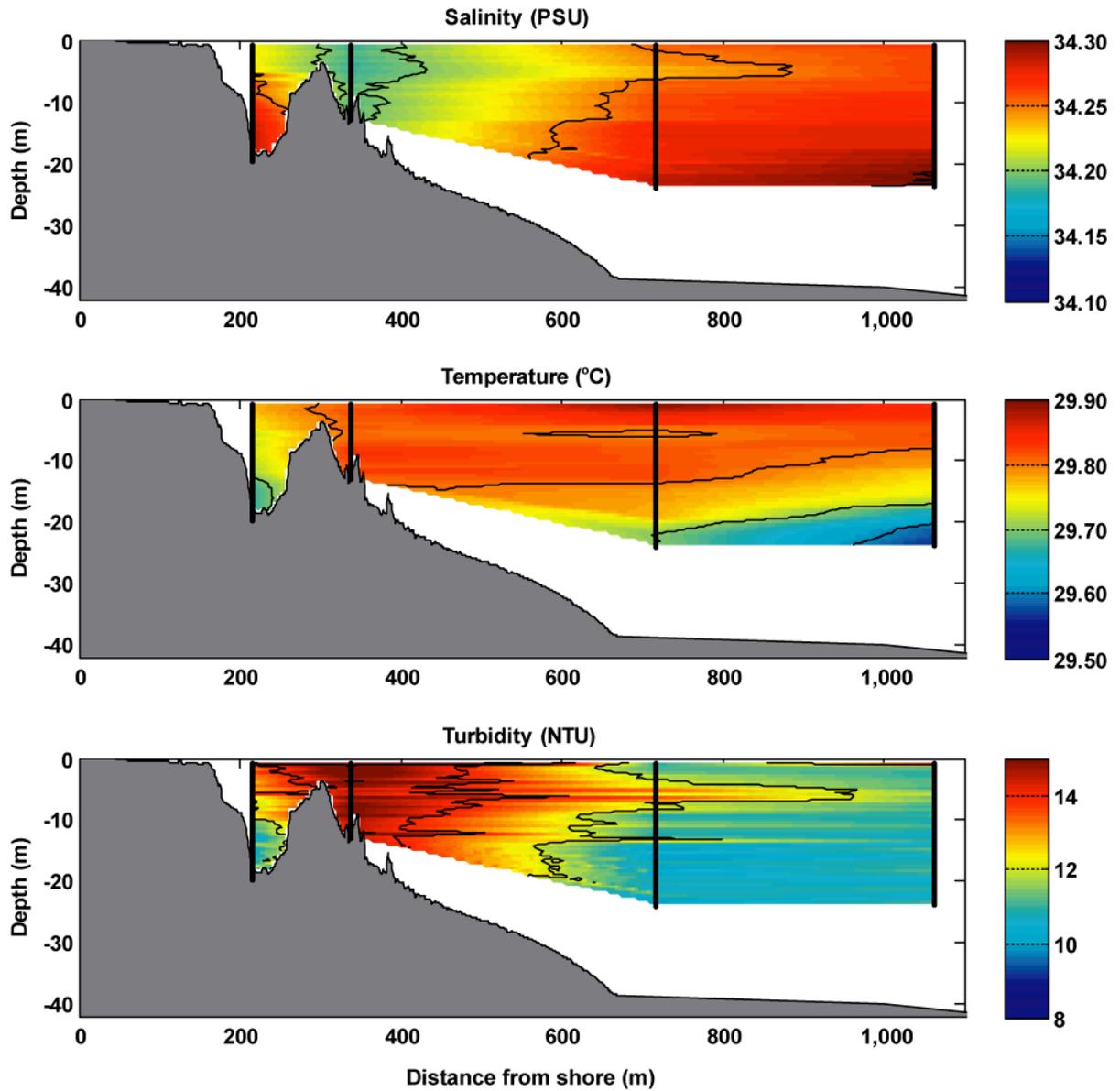
**Figure 11.** Alongshore variability in water column properties off west-central Guam in January 2008. *A*, Salinity, in Practical Salinity Units. *B*, Temperature, in degrees Celsius. *C*, Turbidity, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. *D*, Photosynthetically-available radiation, in percent of surface value. *E*, Dissolved oxygen, in milliliters per liter. *F*, Fluorescence, in milligrams per cubic meter. Note the high variability both within the water column at a given location and alongshore between sites.

### WAPA Shore Parallel, July 23, 2007



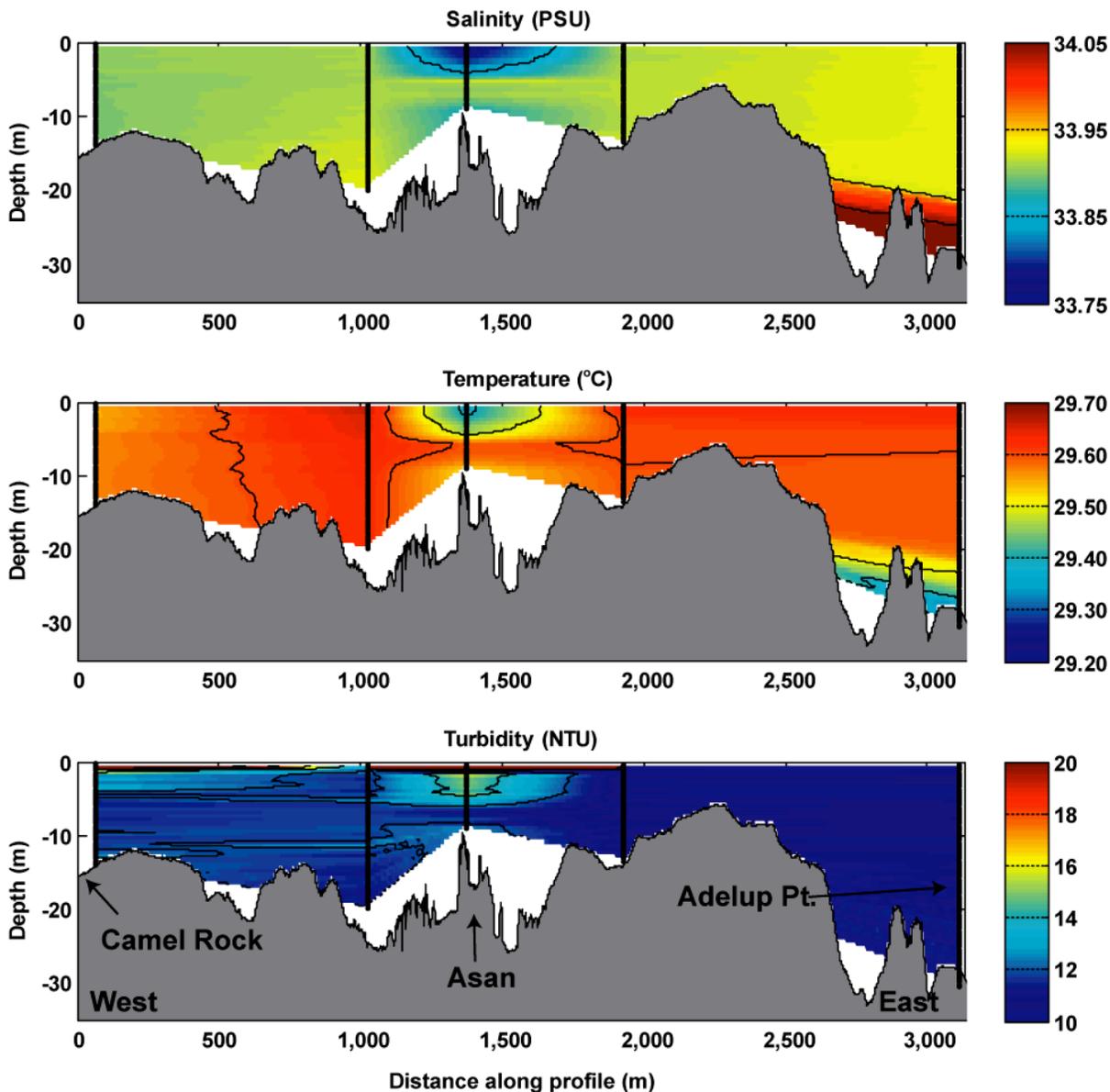
**Figure 12.** Alongshore variability in water column properties in Asan Bay in July 2007. *A*, Salinity, in Practical Salinity Units. *B*, Temperature, in degrees Celsius. *C*, Turbidity, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. Note the lower salinity and higher turbidity at the Cut off the Asan River.

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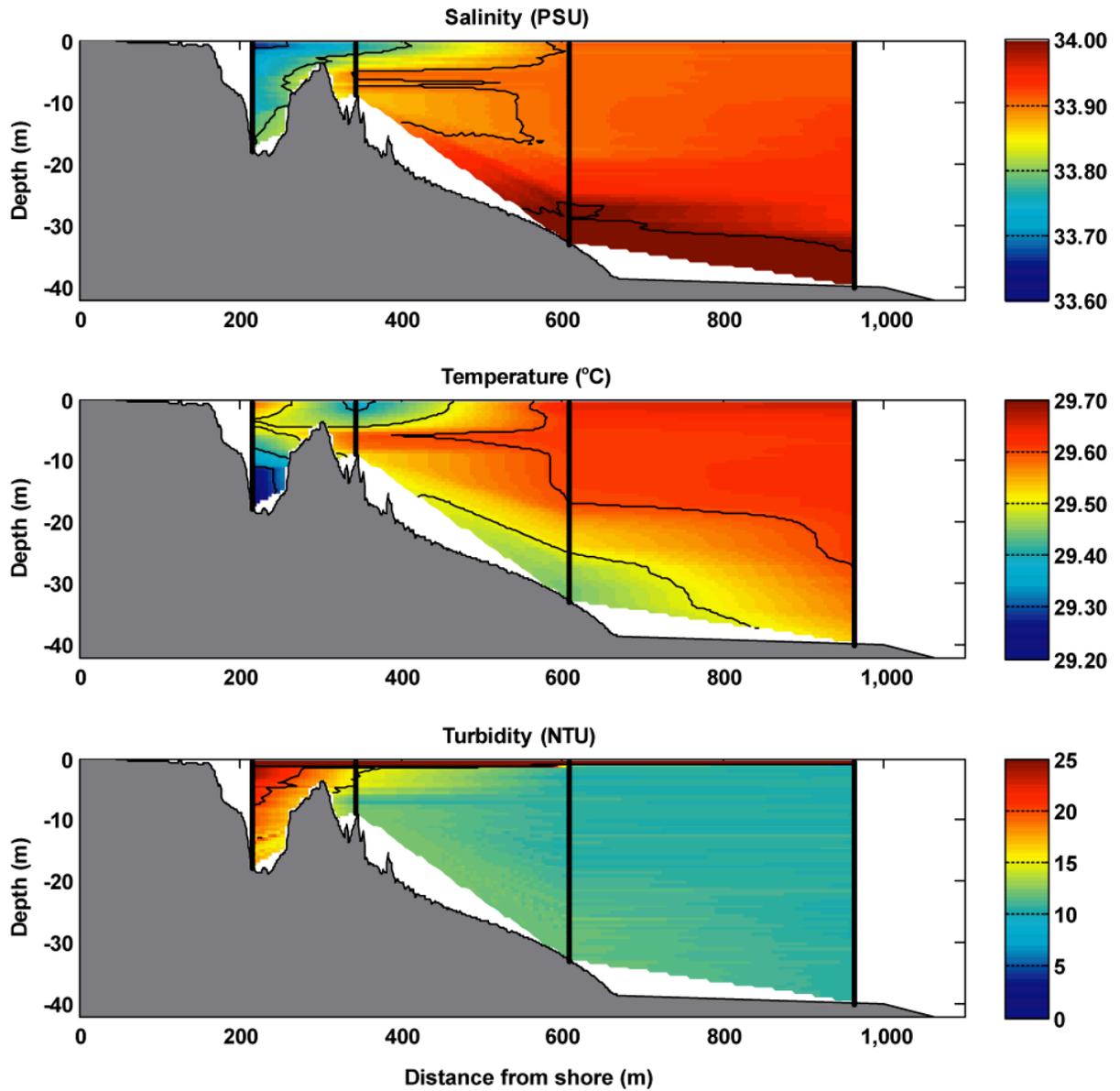
**Figure 13.** Cross-shore variability in water column properties in Asan Bay in July 2007. *A*, Salinity, in Practical Salinity Units. *B*, Temperature, in degrees Celsius. *C*, Turbidity, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. Note the lower salinity and higher turbidity closer to shore off the Cut of the Asan River.

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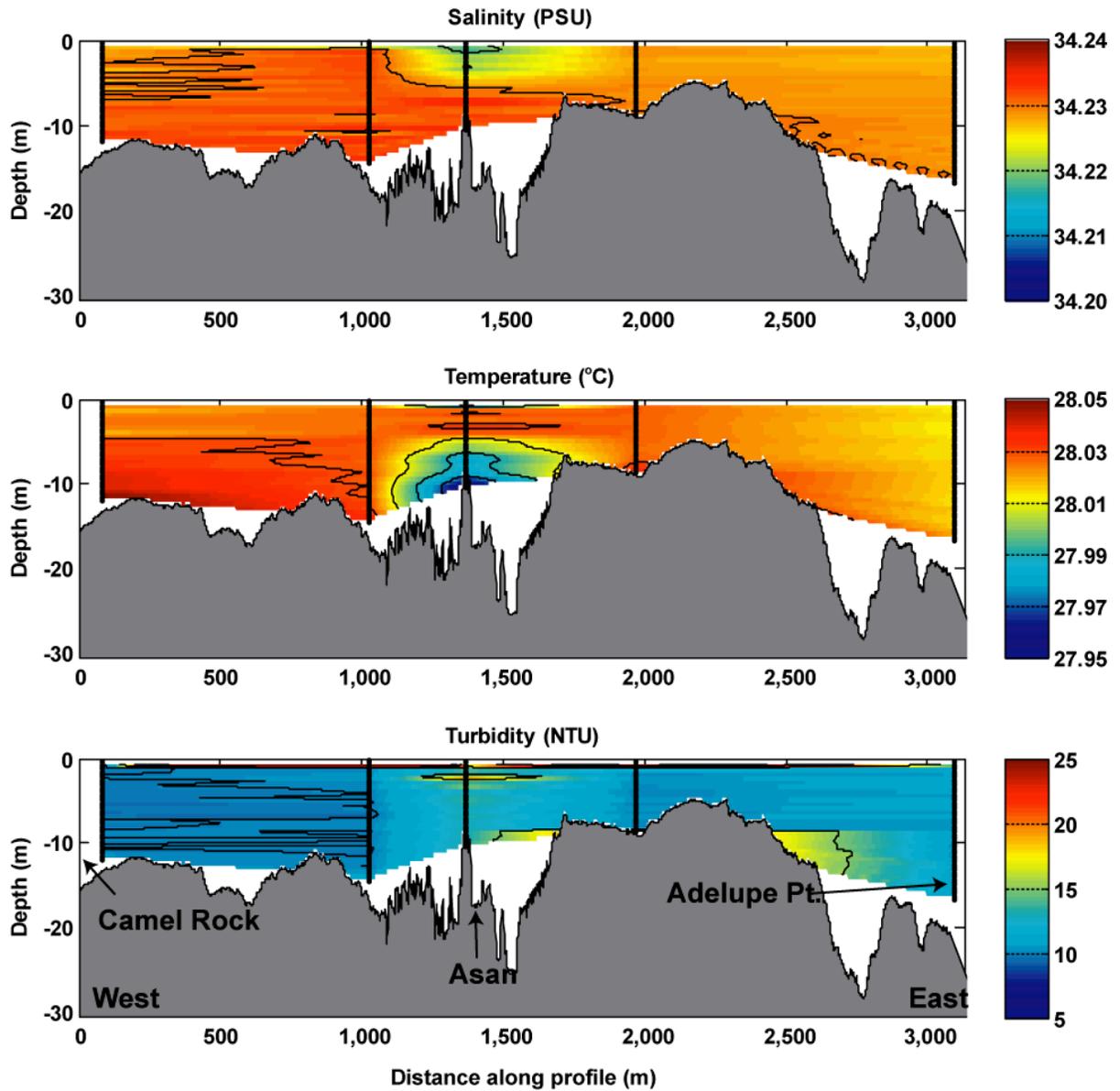
**Figure 14.** Alongshore variability in water column properties in Asan Bay in November 2007. *A*, Salinity, in Practical Salinity Units. *B*, Temperature, in degrees Celsius. *C*, Turbidity, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. Note the lower salinity and higher turbidity at the Cut off the Asan River.

### WAPA Shore Normal, November 4, 2007



**Figure 15.** Cross-shore variability in water column properties in Asan Bay in November 2007. *A*, Salinity, in Practical Salinity Units. *B*, Temperature, in degrees Celsius. *C*, Turbidity, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. Note the lower salinity and higher turbidity closer to shore off the Cut off the Asan River.

WAPA Shore Parallel, February 1, 2008



**Figure 16.** Alongshore variability in water column properties in Asan Bay in January 2008. *A*, Salinity, in Practical Salinity Units. *B*, Temperature, in degrees Celsius. *C*, Turbidity, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. Note the lower salinity and higher turbidity at the Cut off the Asan River.

Cut. Similar to the model runs with the waves out of the northeast, the patterns of wave breaking from northwesterly waves drive flow shoreward across the reef crest onto the reef flat. In these model runs, however, the currents are weaker to the west along the eastern half of the reef flat and stronger to the east along the western half of the reef flat, converging primarily into the Cut and, to a much lesser extent, at a location on the reef crest approximately 200 m to the west of Adelup Point in the region where wave breaking is minimal (fig. 22b). Please note that the strong offshore-directed currents off Adelup Point in the model are an edge effect of the model and are not real. The offshore-directed return flow in the case of northwesterly waves is then driven to the northeast and east upon exiting the Cut, primarily due to wave-driven flow over the fore reef. Similar to the model runs with northeasterly waves, the difference between the wave breaking and flow patterns due to larger storm waves (fig. 22) and smaller wind waves (fig. 23) is in the greater fraction of breaking at the reef crest, resulting in faster current speeds on the reef flat during the larger storm waves than during trade wind-wave forcing. In all model runs, the Cut appears to be a conduit for the reef to shed water driven up onto the reef flat by wind- and wave-driven flows, with the final direction of the water exiting the Cut being controlled by the orientation of incident wind- and wave-driven forcing.

## Discussion

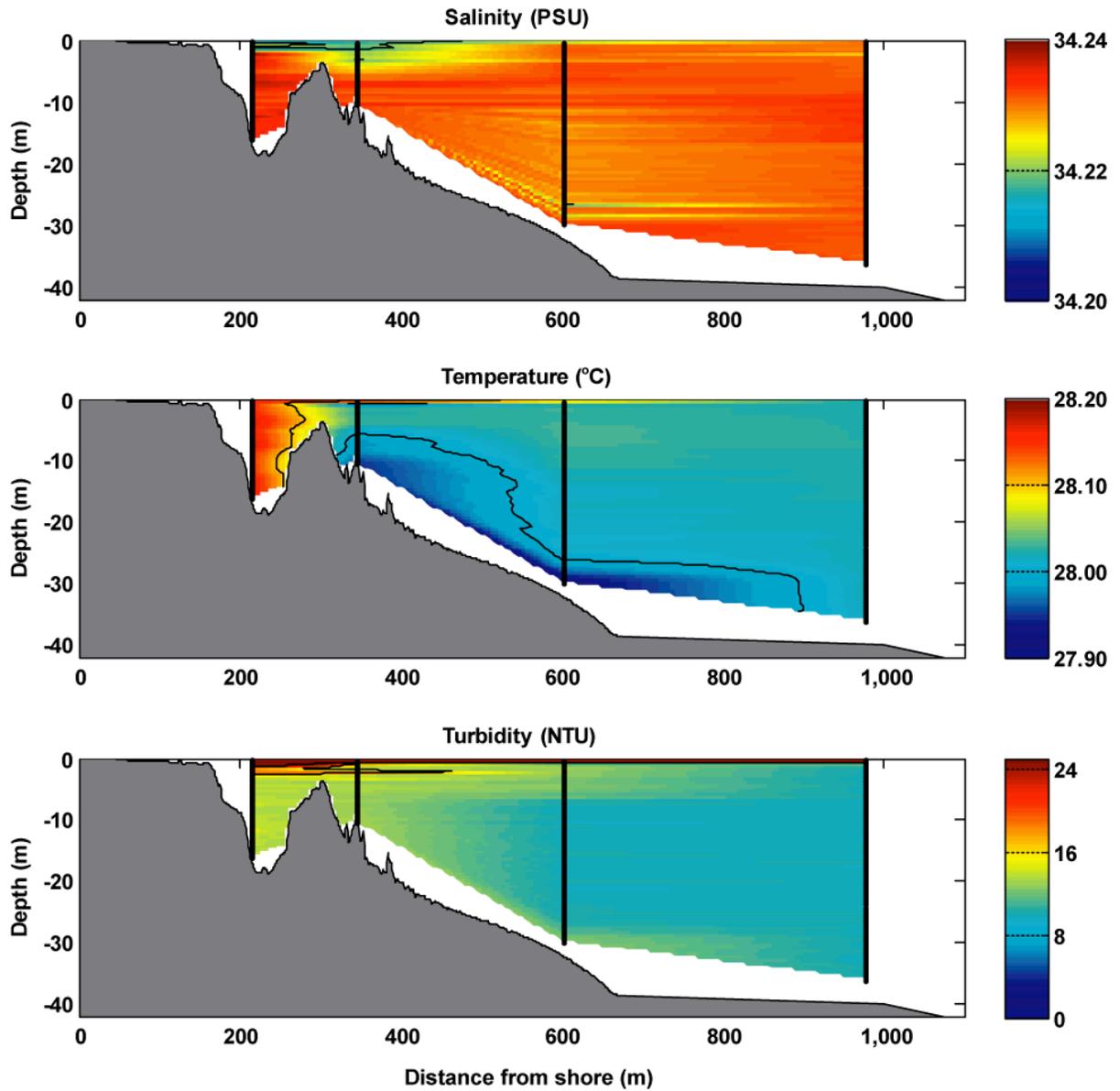
### Spatial and Temporal Variability in Circulation Patterns

Tides, trade winds, and waves all occurred on different time scales during the experiment and contributed to the overall circulation in the bay and the resulting flux of freshwater and sediment. The resulting circulation patterns are described below for each of the oceanographic conditions and their implications for the delivery of sediment to areas of active coral growth and benthic habitats.

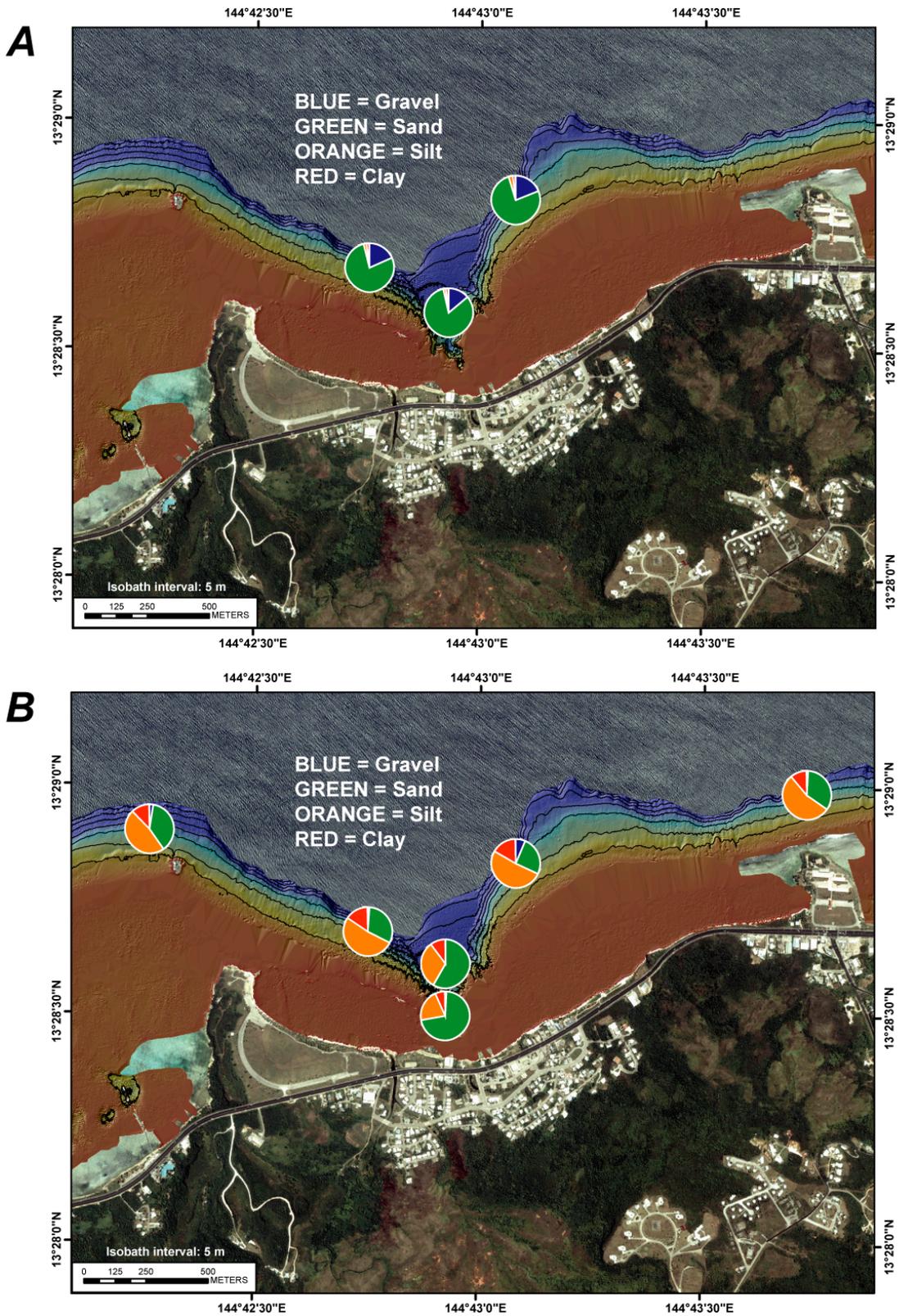
#### Tides

Most of the daily variability in current speed and direction at the study sites was due to the tides. The magnitude of the tidal currents is driven by the lunar tidal cycle, with the highest tidal current speeds occurring during the spring tides (new and full moons) and the weakest during the neap tides (quarter moons). The principal axes of tidal flow during the experiment were oriented roughly parallel to the local isobaths and showed no asymmetry (fig. 24). Mean current direction during flood (rising) tides at the 4 MiniProbe sites along the 20 m isobath was primarily alongshore to the west. The mean current direction during ebb (falling) tides at the same depth was more variable between sites, but primarily alongshore to the east. Flow under both ebb and flood tidal conditions was offshore in the Cut, suggesting that the Cut is a location of offshore return flow balancing onshore flow at other locations across the fringing reef's crest. The different flow orientations between those near the surface and those close to the bed suggest (1) some influence of bathymetric steering, possibly with the embayment at the Cut causing a small-scale eddy to form in the Cut, or (2) the volume of water draining off the reef flat influences the general alongshore flow and causes a local reversal in the shallow waters of Asan Bay.

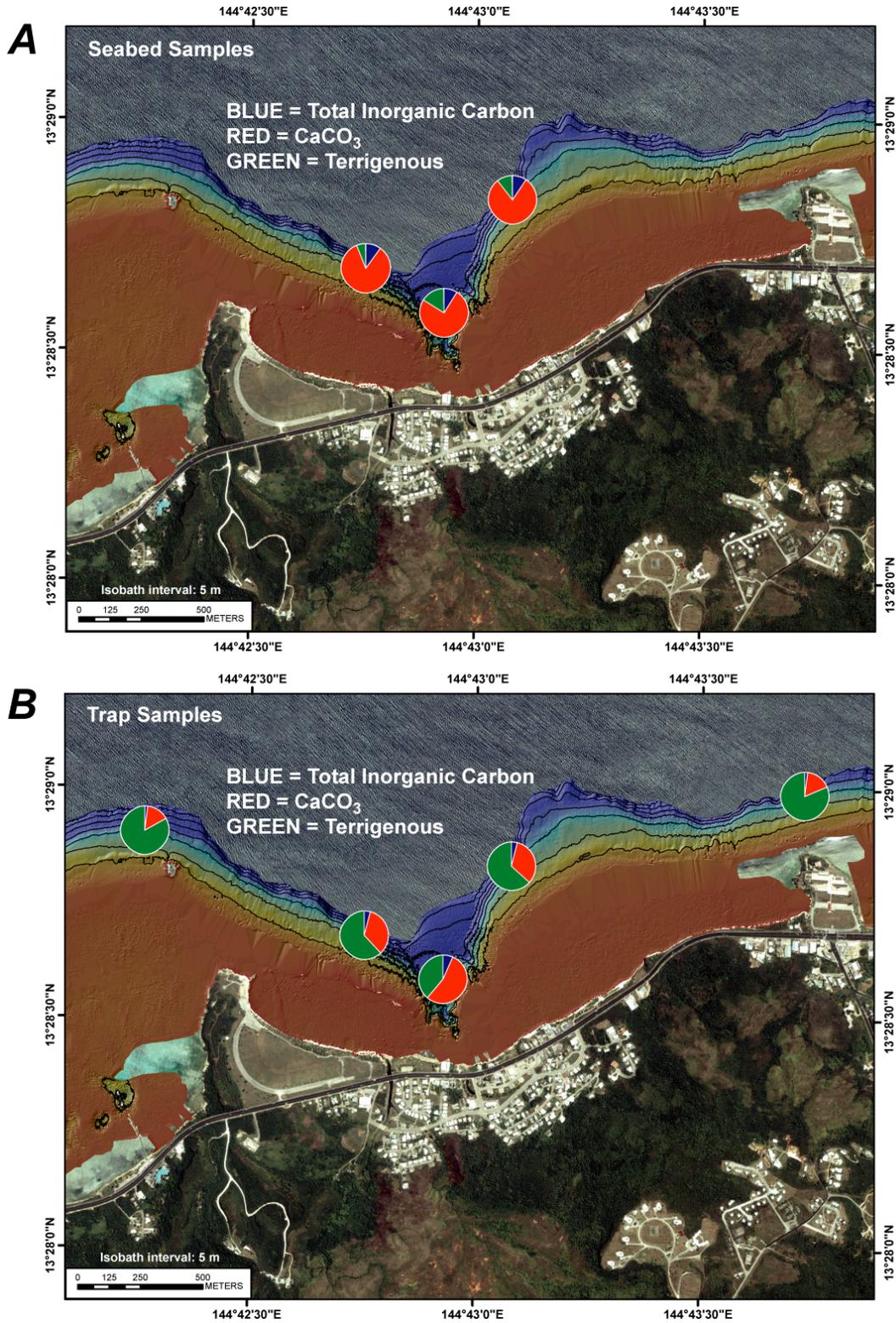
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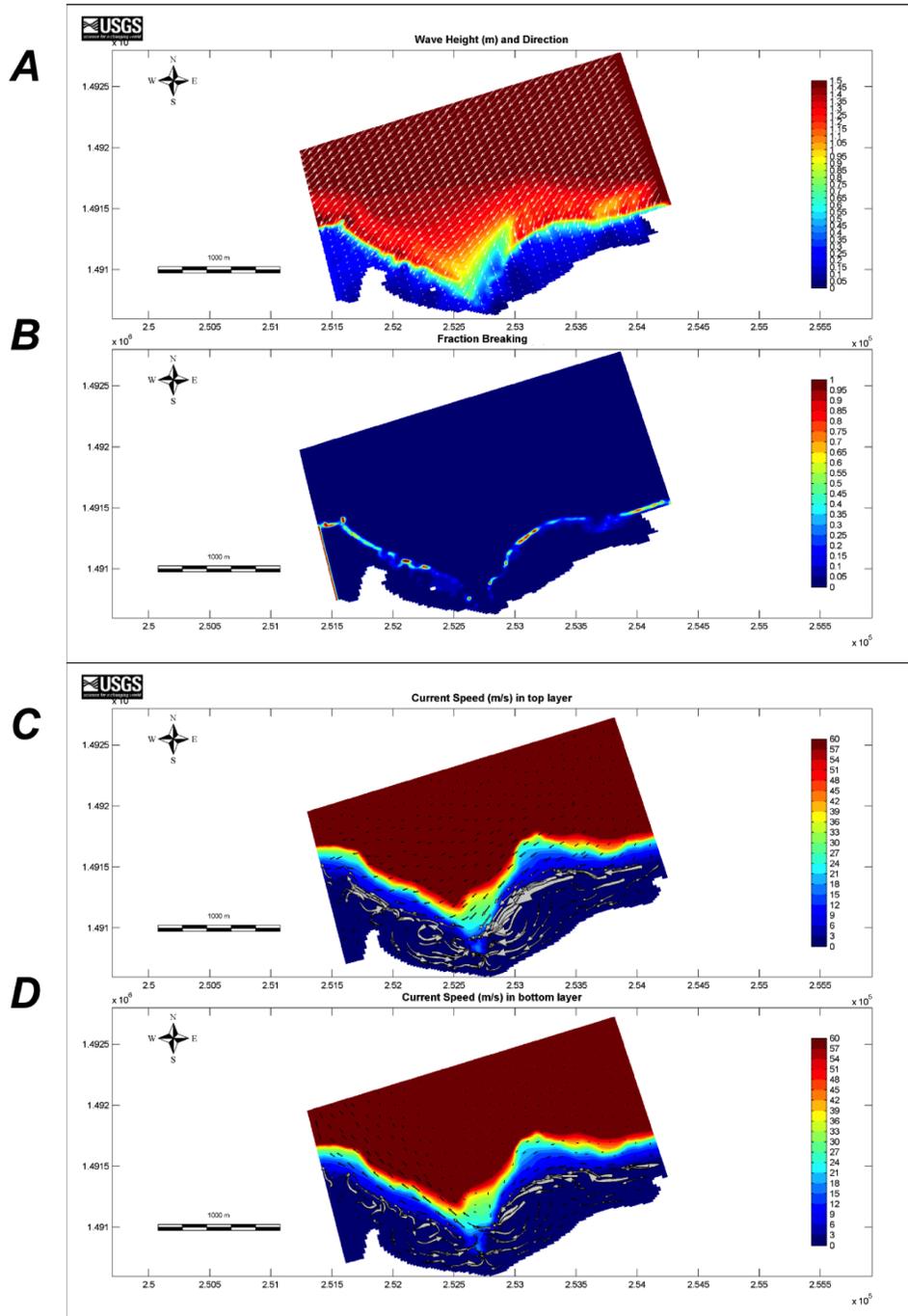
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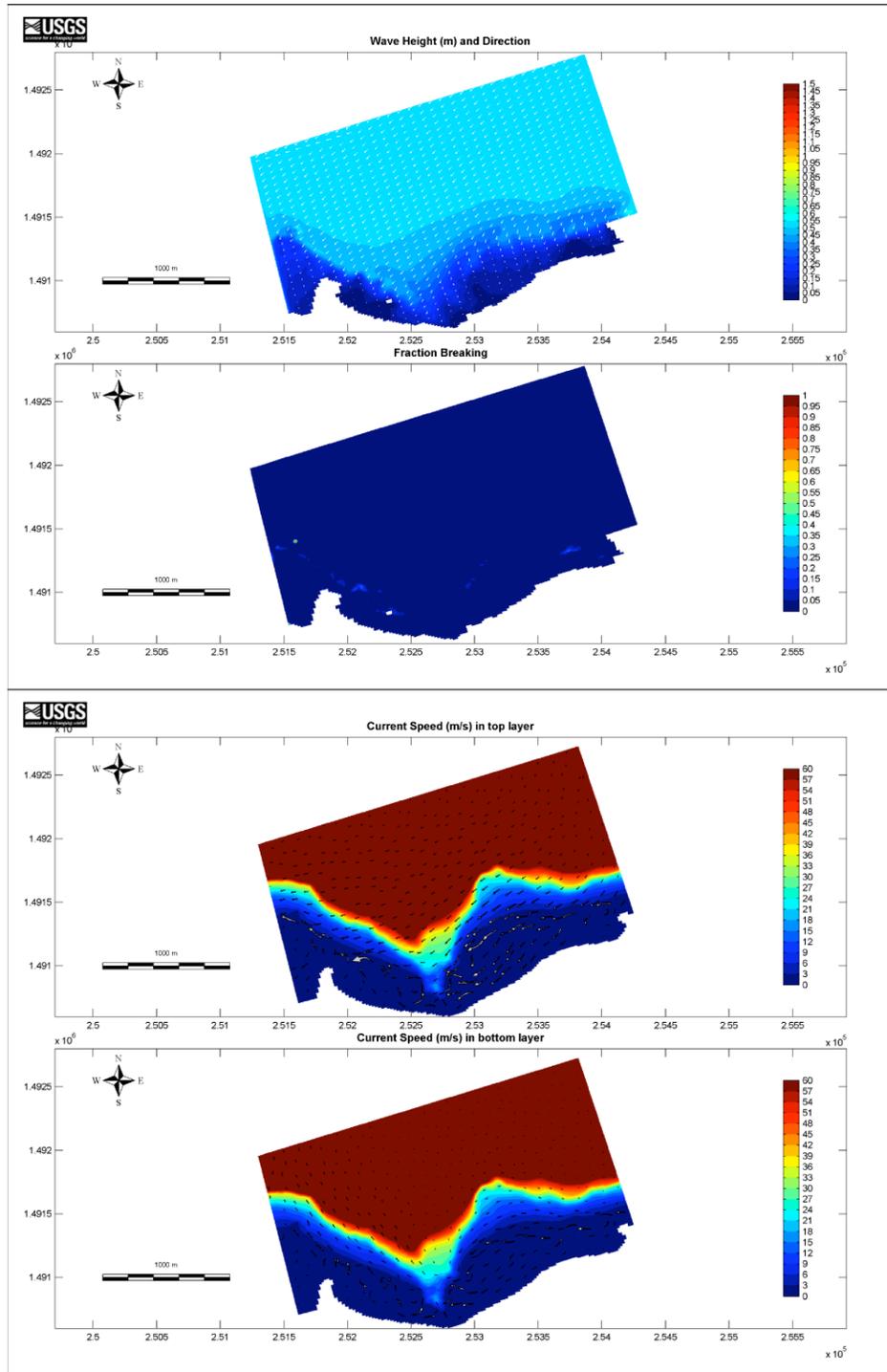
**Figure 18.** Grain size of sediment at the main study sites, in percent by class. *A*, On the seabed. *B*, Collected in sediment traps. The seabed sediment is coarser than the material collected in the sediment traps, except at the head of the Cut, which is likely due to material cascading down from the adjacent reef flat.



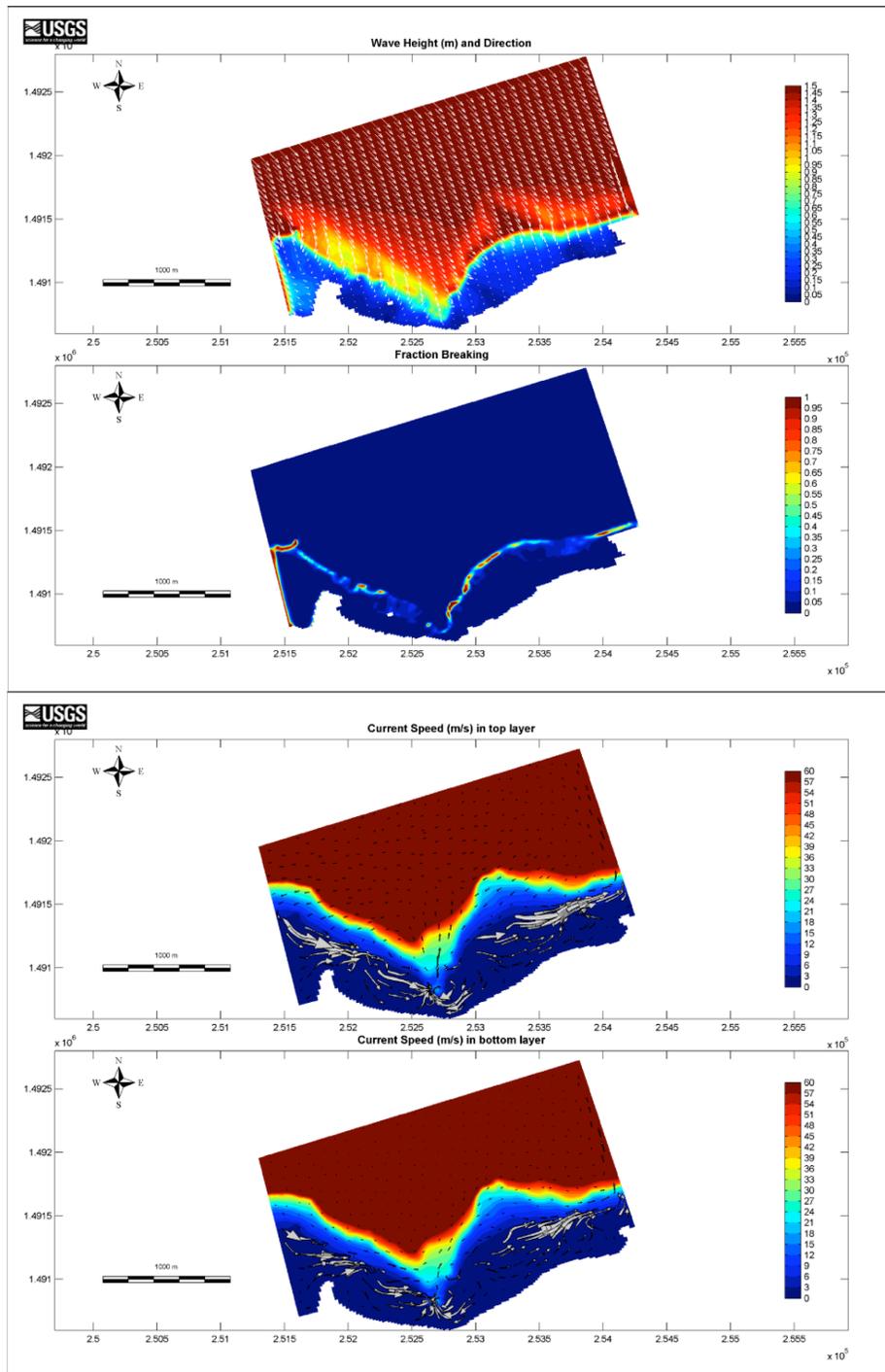
**Figure 19.** Composition of sediment at the main study sites, in percent. *A*, On the seabed. *B*, Collected in sediment traps. The seabed sediment is predominantly carbonate and derived from the reef, while the material collected in the sediment traps is predominantly terrestrial in origin. The only exception is at the head of the Cut, which is predominantly carbonate and likely derived from reef material cascading down from the adjacent reef flat.



**Figure 20.** Waves and currents over two hours time for Delft3D modeling run w08. *A*, Significant wave height and direction (white vectors), in meters from degrees true north; significant wave height (color bar), in meters. *B*, Fraction of breaking waves. *C*, Current magnitude and direction close to the surface (white vectors), in meters per second from degrees true north; water depth (color bar), in meters. *D*, Current magnitude and direction close to the seabed (white vectors), in meters per second from degrees true north; water depth (color bar), in meters. In this run, the model was forced with 1.5 m at 8 s waves from 45°, characteristic of the passage of a storm to the north. Wave breaking is concentrated on the northeast-facing sections of the reef crest. Flow over the reef flat converges into the Cut and is driven to the northwest and west upon exiting the Cut, primarily due to wave-driven flow over the fore reef.



**Figure 21.** Waves and currents over two hours time for Delft3D modeling run w09. *A*, Significant wave height and direction (white vectors), in meters from degrees true north; significant wave height (color bar), in meters. *B*, Fraction of breaking waves. *C*, Current magnitude and direction close to the surface (white vectors), in meters per second from degrees true north; water depth (color bar), in meters. *D*, Current magnitude and direction close to the seabed (white vectors), in meters per second from degrees true north; water depth (color bar), in meters. In this run, the model was forced with 0.5 m at 5 s waves from 45°, characteristic of trade-wind conditions. Wave breaking, while smaller than that modeled in figure 20, is also concentrated on the northeast-facing sections of the reef crest. Flow over the reef flat converges into the Cut and is driven to the northwest and west upon exiting the Cut.



**Figure 22.** Waves and currents over two hours time for Delft3D modeling run w10. *A*, Significant wave height and direction (white vectors), in meters from degrees true north; significant wave height (color bar), in meters. *B*, Fraction of breaking waves. *C*, Current magnitude and direction close to the surface (white vectors), in meters per second from degrees true north; water depth (color bar), in meters. *D*, Current magnitude and direction close to the seabed (white vectors), in meters per second from degrees true north; water depth (color bar), in meters. In this run, the model was forced with 1.5 m at 8 s waves from 315°, characteristic of the passage of a storm to the west. Wave breaking is concentrated on the northwest-facing sections of the reef crest. Flow over the reef flat converges into the Cut and is driven to the northeast and east upon exiting the Cut, primarily due to wave-driven flow over the fore reef.

## Winds

The northeast trade winds are predominant during the winter and springs months in Guam and were observed in our data from December to end of the study period in February. The resulting wind direction measured in Asan Bay was primarily from the east, with a slight onshore component and a speed of approximately 5 m/s (fig. 4d). Outside of the bay, wind directions were primarily from the northeast with a speed of 5 m/s or faster. The resulting circulation patterns from the wind-driven currents for Asan Bay are shown in fig. 25. Near-surface current flow was alongshore to the west at a mean speed of 0.2 m/s. Assuming constant trade-wind forcing and flow remained constant alongshore, the mean alongshore current speed measured along the 20 m isobath of 0.2 m/s would result in a total replacement of water along the 2.5 km length of the study area between Camel Rock to Adelup Point in just over 34.7 hours. Seeing that oscillatory tidal flows enhance these mean flow speeds, the actual replenishment time would typically be shorter. The near bed current directions are primarily to the west, except at the Cut and Mid East MiniProbe sites where the flow direction is to the east. The trade winds generate a westward circulation pattern in the bay and a flow pattern that masks the effects of tides. The lack of consistent trade winds during the summer may be important for the setup of internal tides that were observed at the deep sites and will be discussed later in this report.

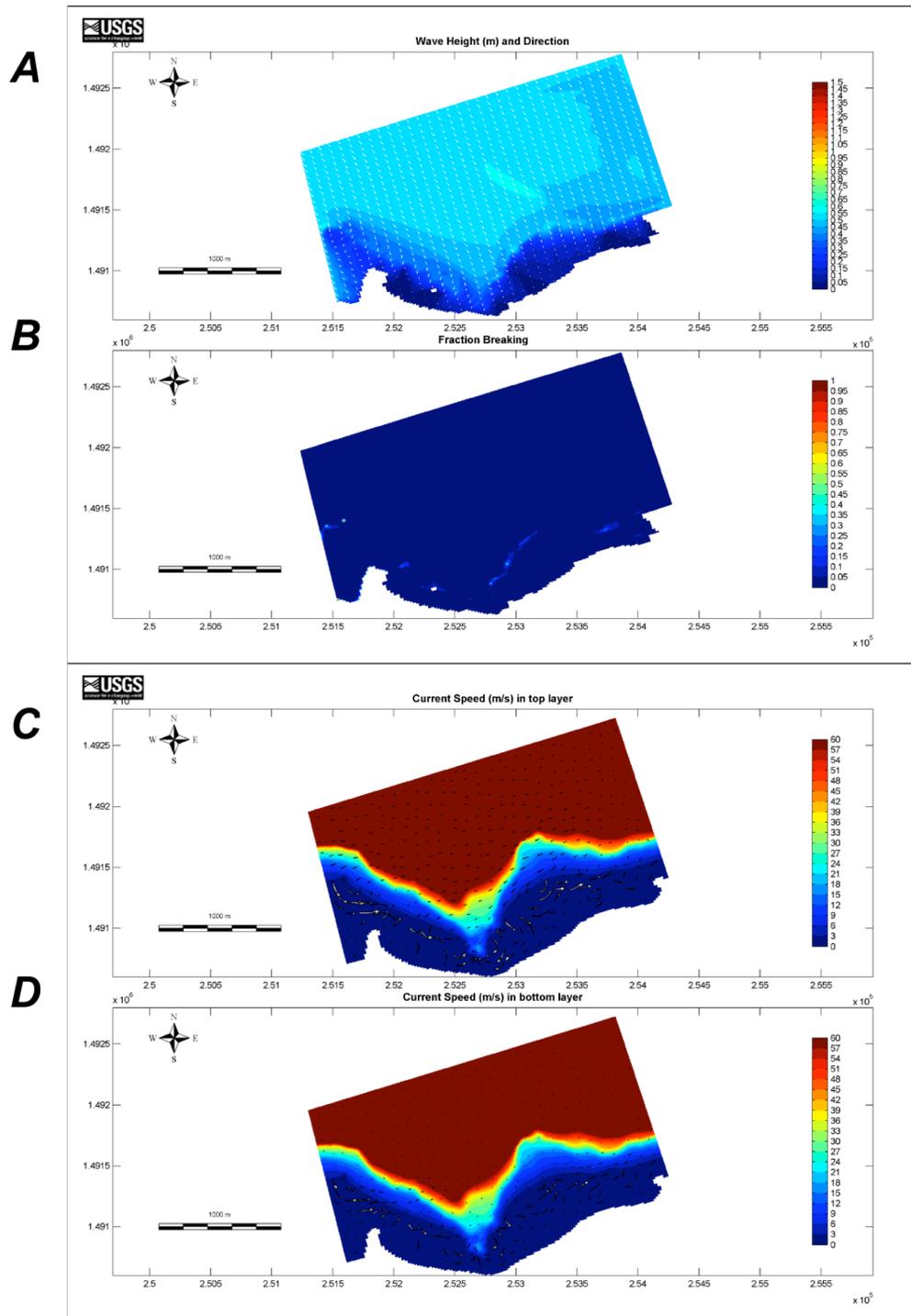
## Waves

Although Guam is in the path of many tropical storms and typhoons, excessively large storm waves were not observed during the course of this experiment. A few large wave events out of the north with significant wave height greater than 2 m and dominant wave periods greater than 10 s were observed. The resulting wave-driven near-surface circulation in Asan Bay was onshore at the Adelup Point, Mid West, and Camel Rock sites and alongshore at the Mid East and Cut sites (fig. 26), with a mean alongshore speed of 0.1 m/s. Assuming constant wave forcing and flow remained constant alongshore, the mean alongshore current speed measured along the 20 m isobath of 0.2 m/s would result in a total replacement of water along the 2.5 km length of the study area between Camel Rock to Adelup Point in just over 69.4 hours. As discussed above, seeing that oscillatory tidal flows enhance these mean flow speeds, the actual replenishment time would typically be shorter. The setup (super-elevation of sea level) from the breaking waves resulted in offshore-directed near-bed return flow. Although strong wave conditions occurred infrequently in the bay, they appear to be important for mixing surface water deeper into the water column and for flushing sediment off the shallow reef flat and into deeper areas of the bay.

## Spatial and Temporal Variability in Temperature and Salinity

The variability in salinity as a function of temperature for the shallow sites during tidal, wind, and wave conditions is shown in fig. 27. The primary trend shows a relatively stable salinity at approximately 34 PSU with temperature varying up to 4°C (28.5-32.5°C), indicating daily heating and cooling due to insolation. The 3 main forcing conditions appeared to have very little effect on the variability of the temperature and salinity at the shallow sites.

The variability in salinity as a function of temperature for the deeper (20 m) offshore sites during tidal, wind, and wave conditions is shown in fig. 28. The plots show 2 distinct patterns that reflect different forcing conditions. The first pattern shows increasing salinity with decreasing temperature that indicate the interaction of cooler, more saline deep oceanic water and is observed during tidal (green), wind (blue), and wave (red) conditions. The second pattern is of decreasing salinity with decreasing temperature that was only observed during wave conditions.



**Figure 23.** Waves and currents over two hours time for Delft3D modeling run w11. *A*, Significant wave height and direction (white vectors), in meters from degrees true north; significant wave height (color bar), in meters. *B*, Fraction of breaking waves. *C*, Current magnitude and direction close to the surface (white vectors), in meters per second from degrees true north; water depth (color bar), in meters. *D*, Current magnitude and direction close to the seabed (white vectors), in meters per second from degrees true north; water depth (color bar), in meters. In this run, the model was forced with 0.5 m at 5 s waves from 315°, characteristic of non-trade wind conditions. Wave breaking, while smaller than that modeled in figure 22, is also concentrated on the northwest-facing sections of the reef crest. Flow over the reef flat converges into the Cut and is driven to the northeast and east upon exiting the Cut.

This trend likely was the result of waves mixing fresher surface water deeper into the water column. Overall, the temperature and salinity during wave conditions was lower than during conditions dominated by tide and wind forcing.

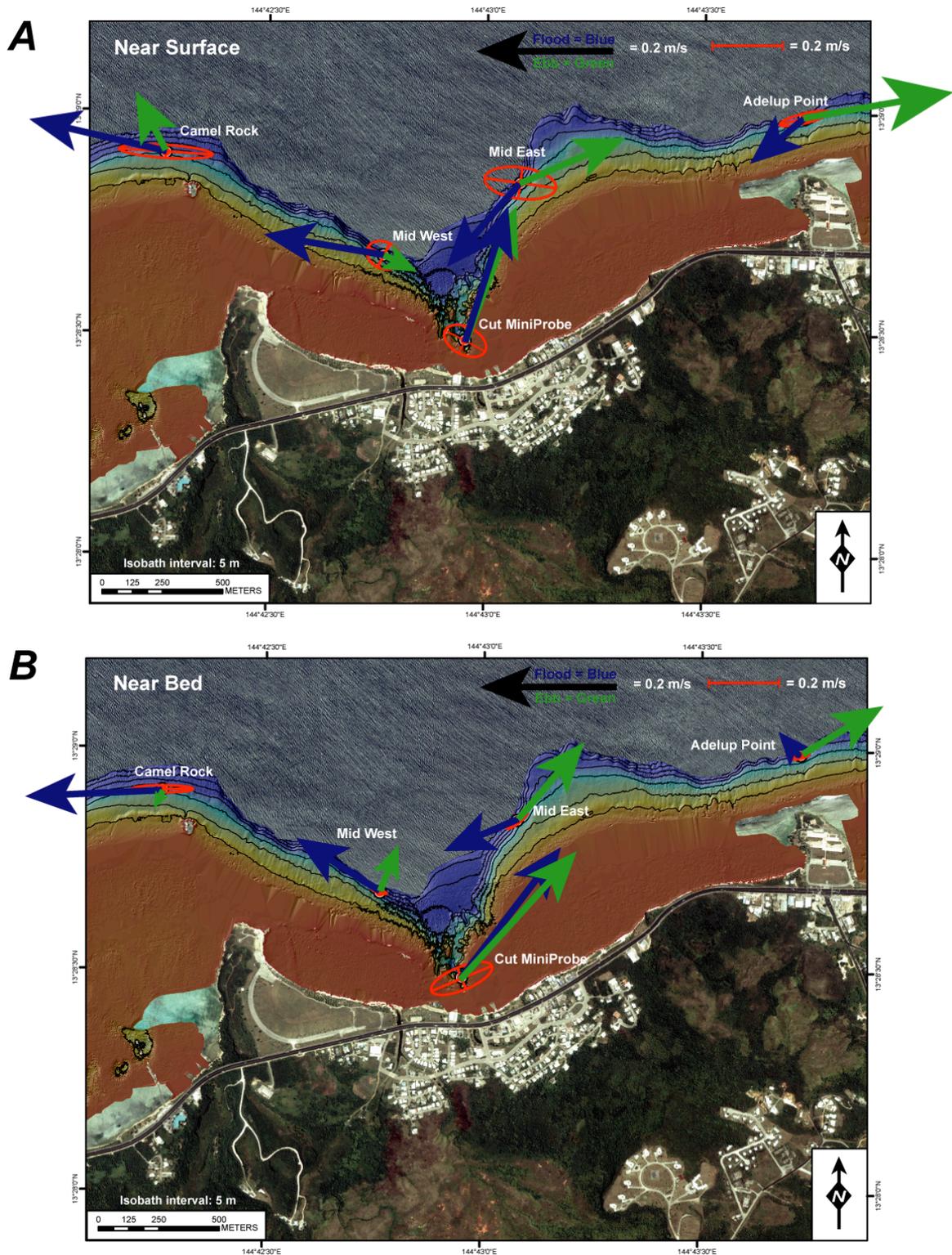
## **Flood and Breaching of the River-Mouth Bar**

On August 9, 2007 (YD 221), following high precipitation, the Asan River's river-mouth bar was breached at approximately 1500 ChST (fig. 4e,f). This resulted in a large flux of freshwater and sediment to the bay. A series of photos from the TIS show the heavy precipitation followed by a plume of sediment on the reef flat (fig. 29a-d). Prior to this precipitation event, the river-mouth bar had prevented fluvial freshwater and sediment from entering the bay. A large increase in sediment-laden (>100 mg/L) optically turbid water was measured at the Cut sites (Cut Edge, Cut West, Cut Mooring; fig. 30b-d). The Mid West Mooring and Mid West MiniProbe sites (fig. 30e) showed an increase in turbidity following the increase at the Cut, while the other deeper sites along the 20 m isobath only showed a small increase in turbidity hours after the initial breaching of the bar (fig. 30f-h). The turbidity in the water quickly returned to near baseline values, although slightly elevated turbidity values were measured for more than a day at all the sites as the sediment was transported through the Cut and into Asan Bay.

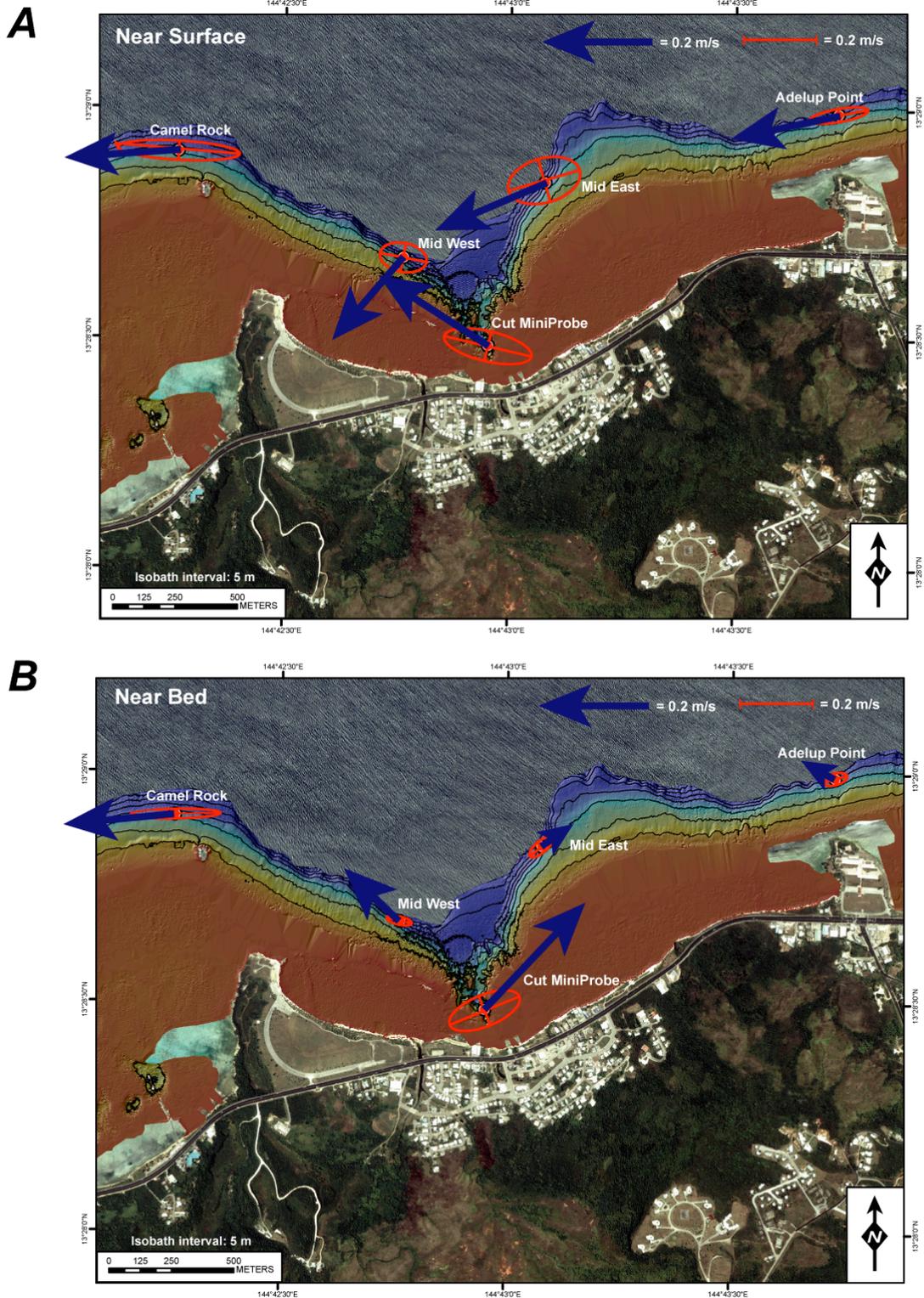
The increase in turbidity correlated with a decrease in temperature and salinity during this time (fig. 31). A large drop in salinity (2-4 PSU) and a smaller drop in temperature (0.5°C) were observed at the Cut West and Cut Edge sites (fig. 31b,c) immediately after the breaching of the river-mouth bar due to the heavy precipitation and river discharge. Smaller decreases in salinity (0.5 PSU) were observed a few hours later at the other shallow instrument sites (fig. 31c). The decrease in salinity at all the shallow sites occurred for only a short time before returning to the average salinity of 34 PSU. A small drop (0.1 PSU) in salinity and temperature (0.3°C) was observed at the deep sites more than 12 hours after the freshwater influx to the bay (fig. 31d,e).

Circulation in Asan Bay during this event gives insight into the transport of sediment and freshwater (fig. 32). The mean near-surface currents during the flood period show a strong northwest direction at the Cut MiniProbe site and variable directions at the other sites, while the near-bed currents were primarily offshore at all of the sites. Freshwater and the initial input of fine-grained, slowly settling sediment were transported away from the Cut via the strong surface currents. The smaller near-bed currents transported much of the coarser, quickly settling sediment discharged from the Asan River offshore through the Cut as shown in fig. 29d.

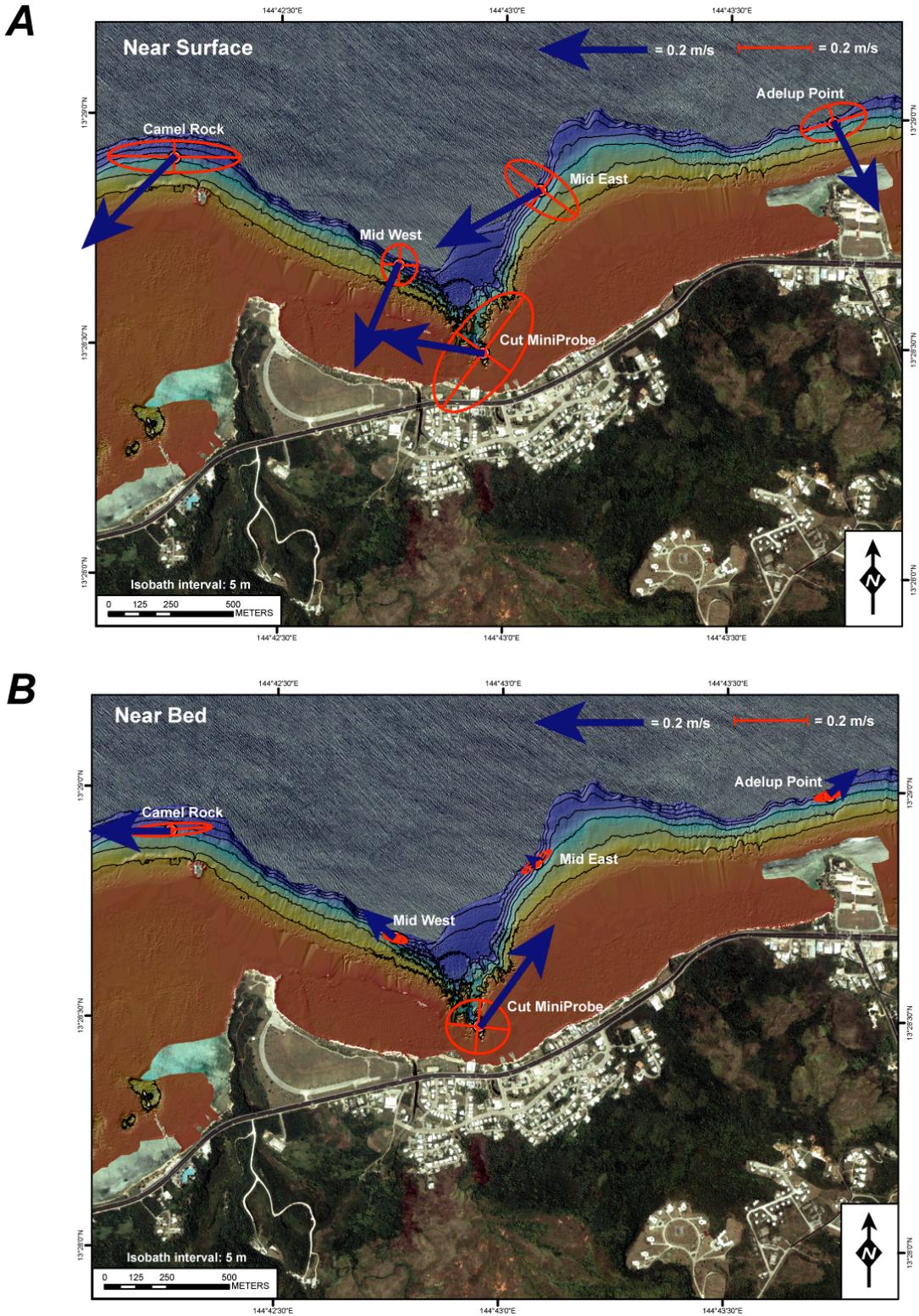
The variability of the temperature and salinity at the shallow sites shows the presence of freshwater mass as it reached the study sites. The trend of decreasing salinity and decreasing (or stable) temperature indicates the presence of freshwater. This was observed to some degree at all of the shallow nearshore sites except the Mid East Mooring site (fig. 33). This may be a result of the dominant westward circulation pattern from the Cut and this site's location to the east of the Asan River, the largest source for freshwater in the bay. A decrease in salinity with stable temperature, although generally smaller in magnitude, was also observed at all of the deep water sites (fig. 34), indicating the freshwater mass was transported to the individual areas from the Asan River, nearby streams, and/or submarine groundwater discharge during this time period (YD 221-223). While the August 9, 2007 (YD 221) breaching of the bar was driven by terrestrial runoff and fluvial discharge, the bar could also be breached due to large wave conditions, potentially resulting in the delivery of a similar pulse of freshwater and sediment to the bay.



**Figure 24.** Principle axis ellipses and mean current speeds and directions, in meters per second from degrees true north, during conditions dominated by tidal flow at the MiniProbe sites. *A*, Close to the surface. *B*, Close to the seabed. The mean orientation and magnitude of flow during ebb (falling), and flood (rising), tides are in green and blue, respectively. The tidal ellipses (red) are oriented primarily parallel with the isobaths, with a dominant east-west direction. In general, the tidal currents flood to the west and ebb to the east.



**Figure 25.** Principle axis ellipses and mean current speeds and directions, in meters per second from degrees true north, during strong trade-wind conditions at the MiniProbe sites. *A*, Close to the surface, *B*, Close to the seabed. The principle axis ellipses are oriented primarily with the isobaths and the near surface current directions are dominantly to the west in conjunction with the wind. The near bed current directions are primarily to the west, except at the Cut and Mid East MiniProbe sites where the flow direction is to the east.



**Figure 26.** Principle axis ellipses and mean current speed and directions, in meters per second from degrees true north, during large wave conditions at the MiniProbe sites. *A*, Close to the surface, *B*, Close to the seabed. The principle axes are oriented more perpendicular to isobaths near the surface and parallel near the bed. The near surface current vectors show primarily an onshore direction and an offshore return flow near the bed.

## Circulation and Sediment Dynamics

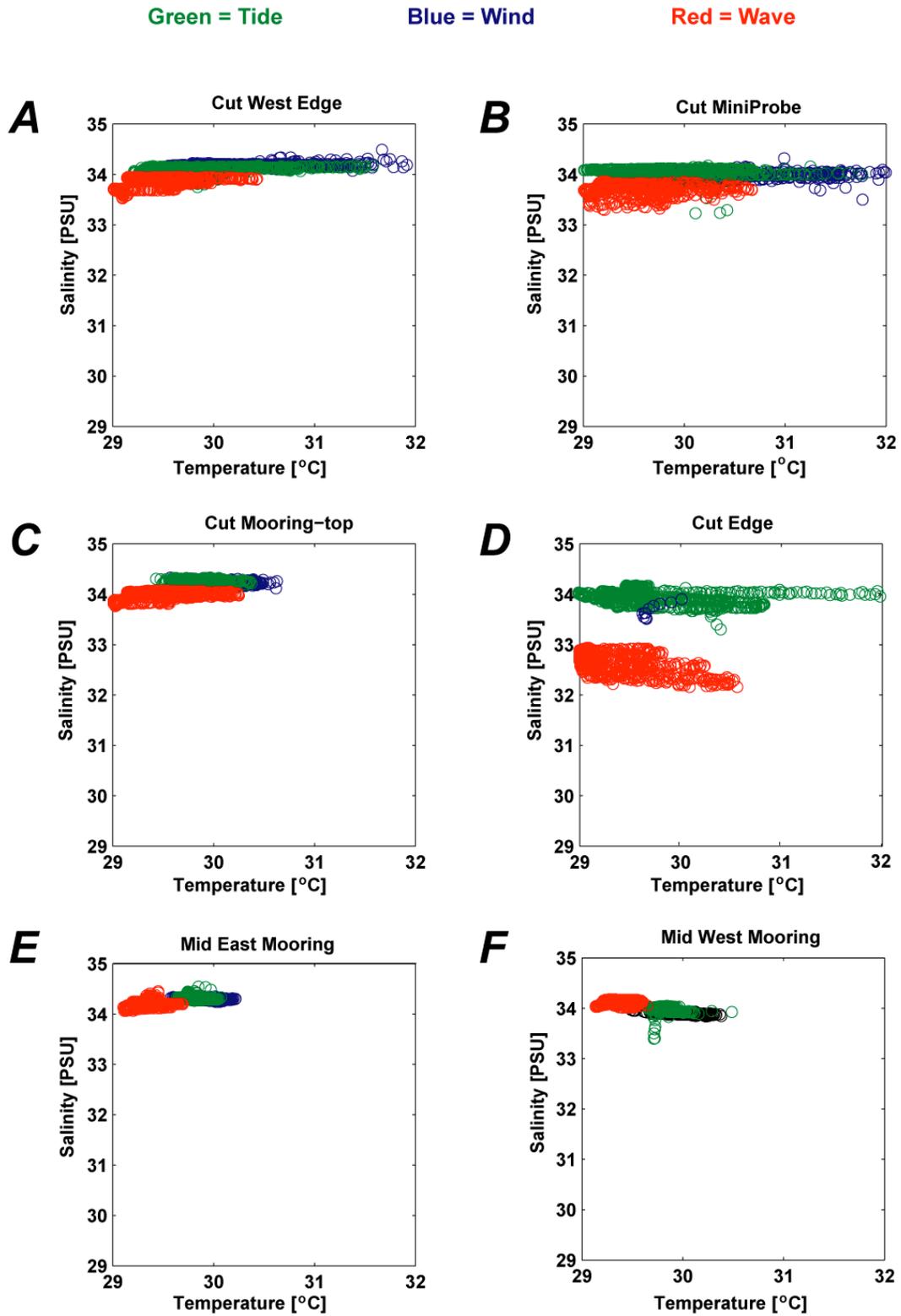
The in situ data and numerical modeling results presented in this report suggest the following conceptual model of circulation and sediment dynamics in WAPA's Asan Bay Unit. In the absence of wind or waves, flow is to the west during flood tides, and wind- and wave-driven flow transports cool, clear, more saline oceanic water over the reef crest onto the reef flat. Return flow carries warmer, more turbid sediment-laden fresher water off the reef flat out the Cut, with a significantly smaller amount of material exiting the reef at another location on the reef crest approximately 200 m to the west of Adelup Point. This other, minor exit point closer to Adelup Point is suggested by the sediment data collected by Minton and others (2007). In general, turbidity is confined to a relatively thin, low-salinity surface layer with some settling of the sediment from the plume. Depending on the type of forcing (wind or wave) and the phase of the tidal cycle (ebbing or flooding), a sediment-laden freshwater plume will be driven either to the east or west upon exiting the Cut. Based on the grain size data from the seabed and the sediment traps, it does not appear that significant volumes of material under the meteorologic and oceanographic conditions observed during this study are advected in any great extent to either east or west of the Cut. However, under heavier fluvial discharge and stronger winds and waves that typify typhoon conditions, much greater volumes of sediment could be transported outside of the Cut.

The Cut appears to be a conduit for the reef to shed both reef-derived carbonate material and terrigenous material. A substantial (40-85 percent) portion of the sediment collected in the traps deployed along the fringing reef was fine-grained terrestrial particles. These terrestrial particles are likely under-represented in the traps due to their slow settling velocities relative to the currents speeds and wave-orbital velocities, suggesting that while significant volumes of terrigenous sediment are likely advected through the Park's shallow waters (<30 m), these particles do not reside on the sea floor for long durations. Although this fine-grained terrestrial sediment is not observed to collect on the sea floor during the relatively benign conditions observed during this study or incorporated in large amounts into the geologic record, it is likely advected over the reefs, with the potential consequence of decreasing PAR and desorbing nutrients and/or contributing toxicants. Some researchers (for example, Marszalek, 1981) suggest that prolonged turbidity and the resulting decreased PAR are more detrimental to corals than short-term accumulation of sediment.

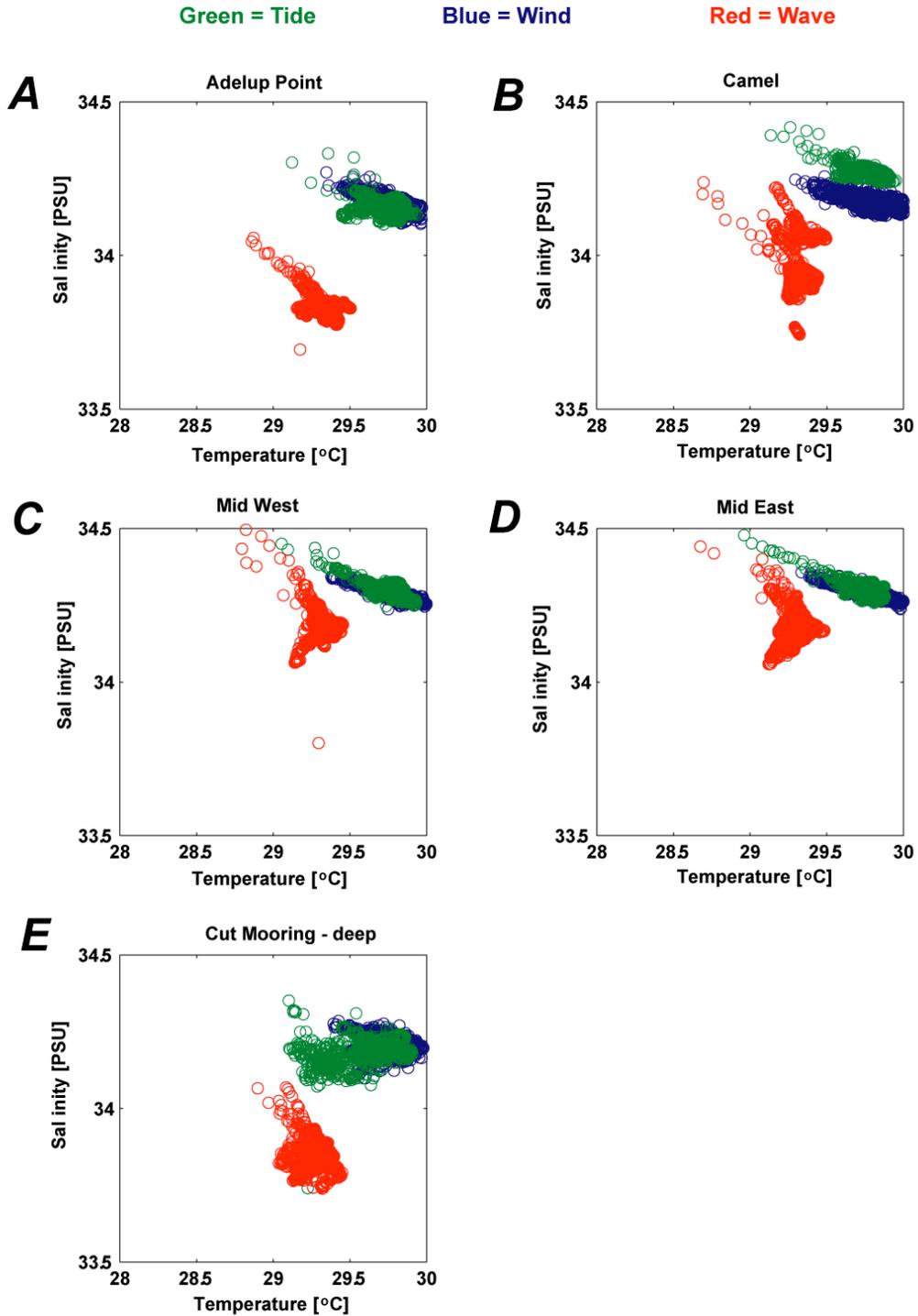
Based on the wave and current data collected in this study, the poor coral coverage off Camel Rock as compared to off Adelup Point appears to be due to natural wave- and current-induced shear stresses and associated sediment scour. This is reflected in the coral communities, with more delicate plate and branching successional corals observed off Adelup Point while the sea floor off Camel Rock is dominated by robust pioneering coral species. Given the typical east to west typhoon track, the western side of Asan Bay would be more susceptible to large typhoon waves wrapping around the island from the east.

## Internal Tides

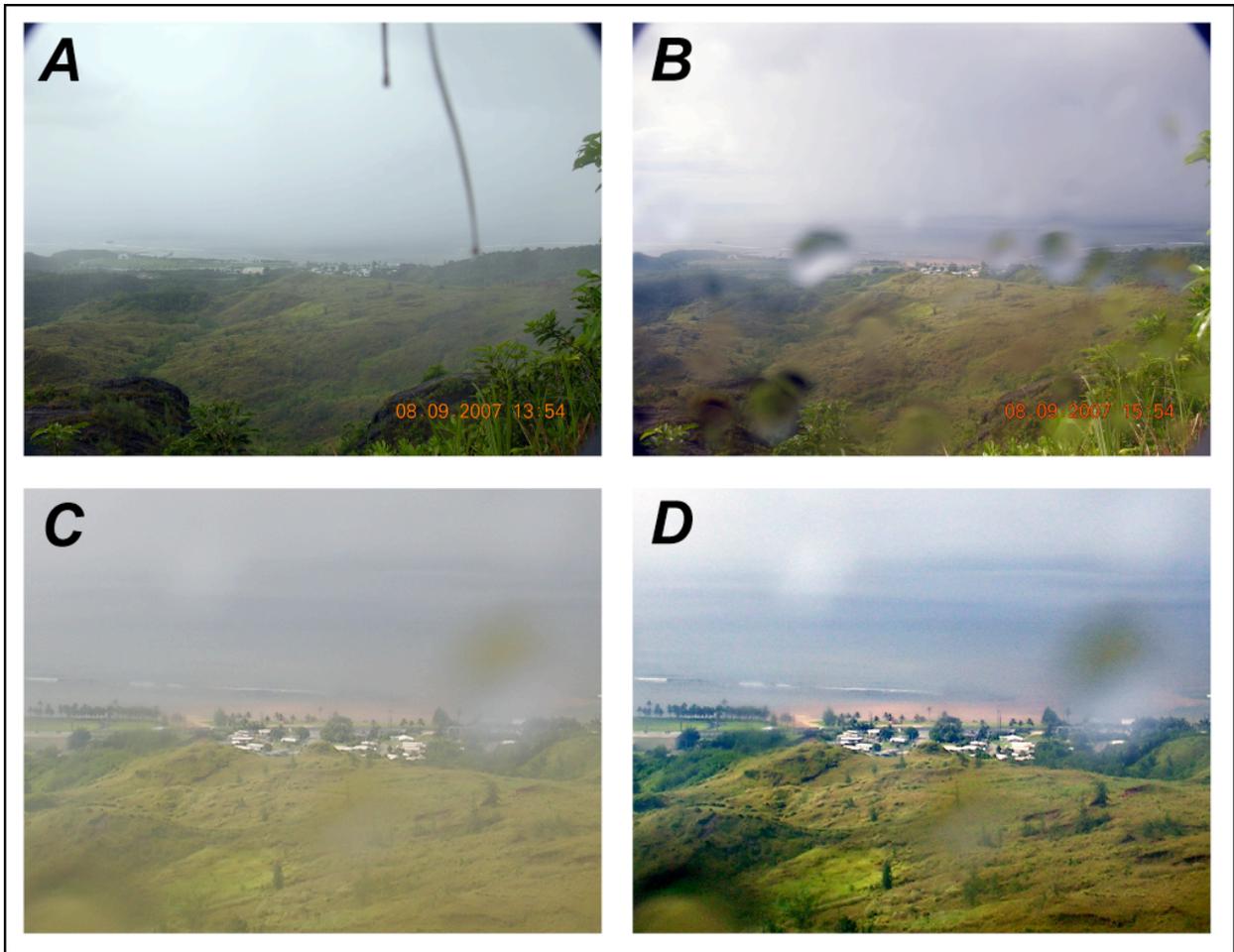
The large decreases and daily variations in temperature that occurred at the deep sites during the non-trade wind period (fig. 7, YD 205-335) corresponded to relatively large increases in salinity. These coherent variations in the temperature-salinity data may be the result of deeper internal tides pumping deep, cooler, more saline oceanic water up onto the insular shelf during falling tides. An example of the changes in temperature and salinity hypothesized to result from internal tides is shown for the deep sites in fig. 35. The nonuniform temporal structure of these variations in temperature and salinity (rapid initial change and more gradual transition back to



**Figure 27.** Variation in salinity, in Practical Salinity Units, and temperature, in degrees Celsius, at the shallow sites under tide, wind, and wave forcing. *A*, Cut West Edge; *B*, Cut MiniProbe; *C*, Cut Mooring-top; *D*, Cut Edge; *E*, Mid East Mooring; *F*, Mid West Mooring. The variation in temperature is primarily due to daily heating and cooling from insolation. The salinity signal is fairly constant for all of the conditions with slight decreases due to freshwater input.



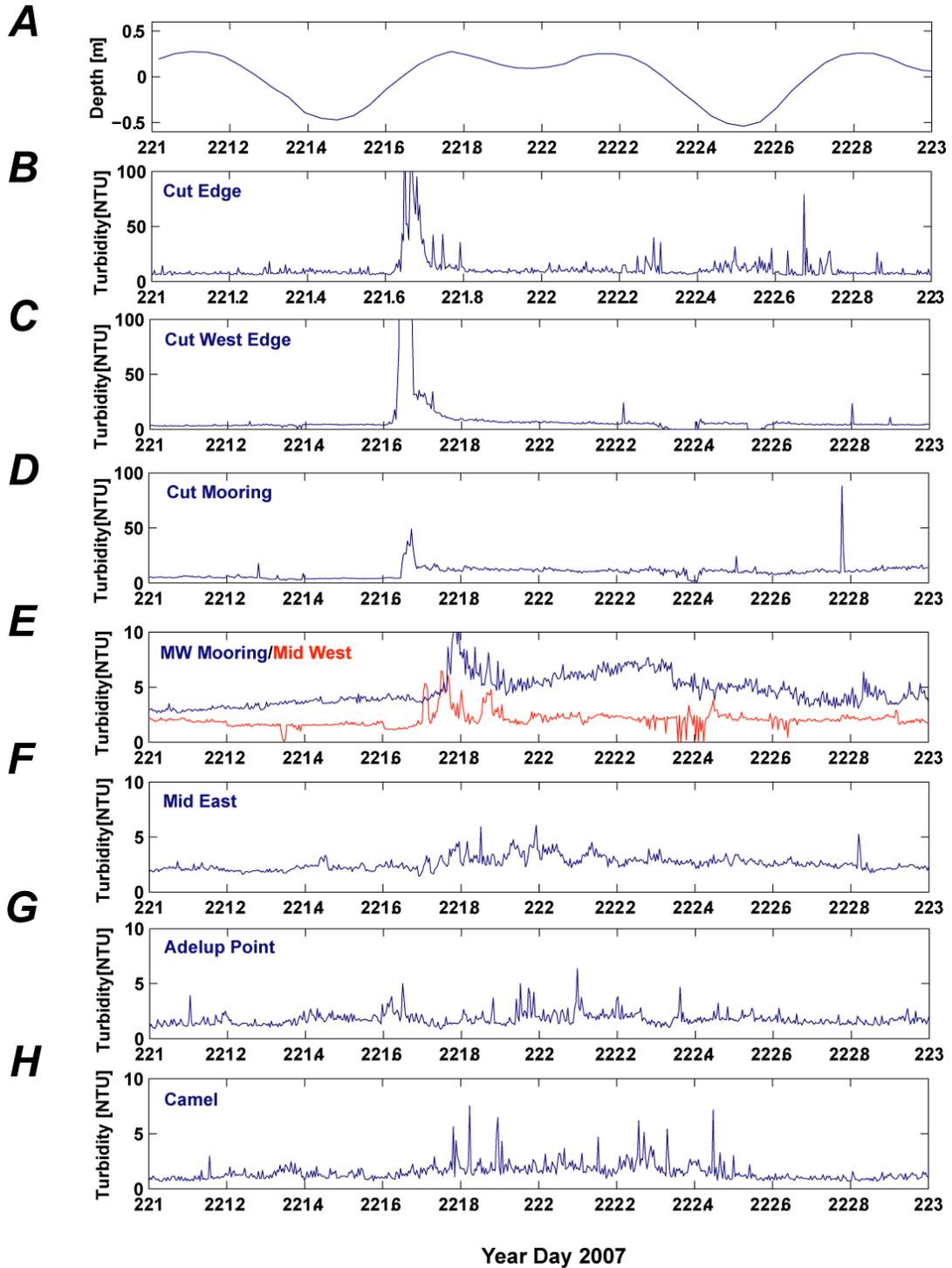
**Figure 28.** Variation in salinity, in Practical Salinity Units, and temperature, in degrees Celsius, at the deep sites under tide, wind, and wave forcing. *A*, Adelup Point; *B*, Camel Rock; *C*, Mid West; *D*, Mid East; *E*, Cut Mooring–deep. The temperature and salinity signal due to tide and wind conditions shows a similar pattern of increasing salinity with decreasing temperature. Temperature and salinity during wave conditions is marked by lower salinity and temperature potentially due to the mixing of freshwater deeper into the water column.



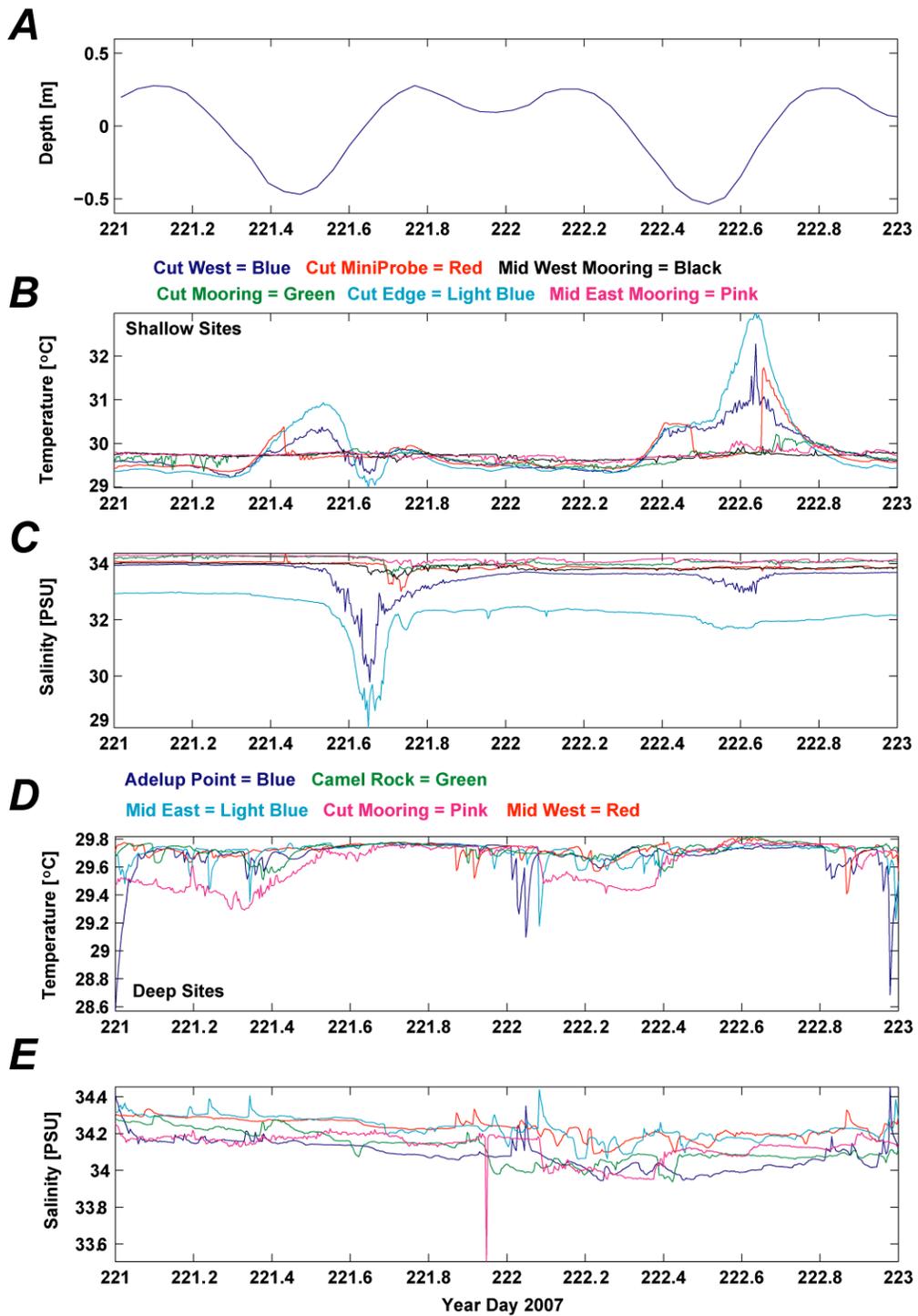
**Figure 29.** Images from the terrestrial imaging system (TIS) of heavy precipitation and the bar break at the mouth of Asan River on 2007 Year Day 221 (August 9, 2007). *A*, Rainfall prior to bar break. *B*, Sediment plume directly following the bar break. *C*, Zoom-in of plume in *b*. *D*, Zoom-in and color enhancement of plume in Part “b”. The series of photos show the heavy precipitation prior to and the large terrestrial red sediment plume following the bar break. This series is an example of the bar dynamics that controls the input of sediment into Asan Bay.

pre-event levels) suggest that these internal motions are in the form of a nonlinear bore, similar to those observed along the U.S. West Coast (Storlazzi and others, 2003) and elsewhere. A decrease in temperature and increase in salinity was observed during every falling tide during this period at the deep sites (fig. 35b,c). The change in temperature and salinity was as large as 3°C and 1 PSU, respectively, during a 3-hour period before returning to background levels. The greatest changes in temperature and salinity appeared to occur during large changes in tidal height, generally when the tide fell from the higher high to the lower low. These decreases in temperature and increases in salinity were not observed at the shallow sites, where the salinity generally remained constant unless there was the presence of fresh water, and the temperature generally varied only due to daily insolation (fig. 35d).

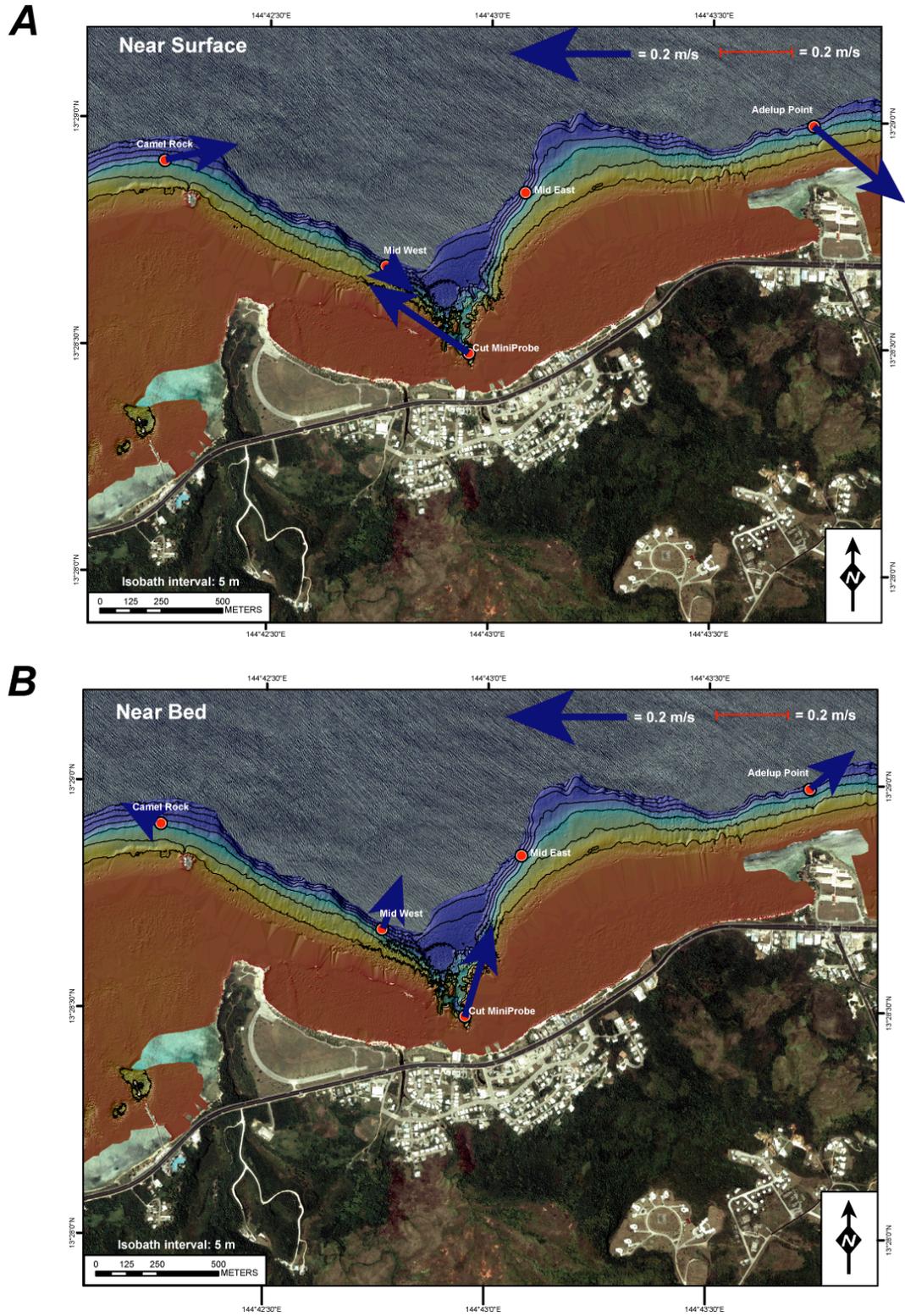
The drop in temperature occurred during times of strong vertical stratification (difference in temperature, and thus density, between the surface and near-bed waters) and reversals in current speed and direction in the alongshore, cross-shore, and vertical components of velocity (fig. 36b-d). The falling tide generates strong alongshore currents to the east and slightly onshore



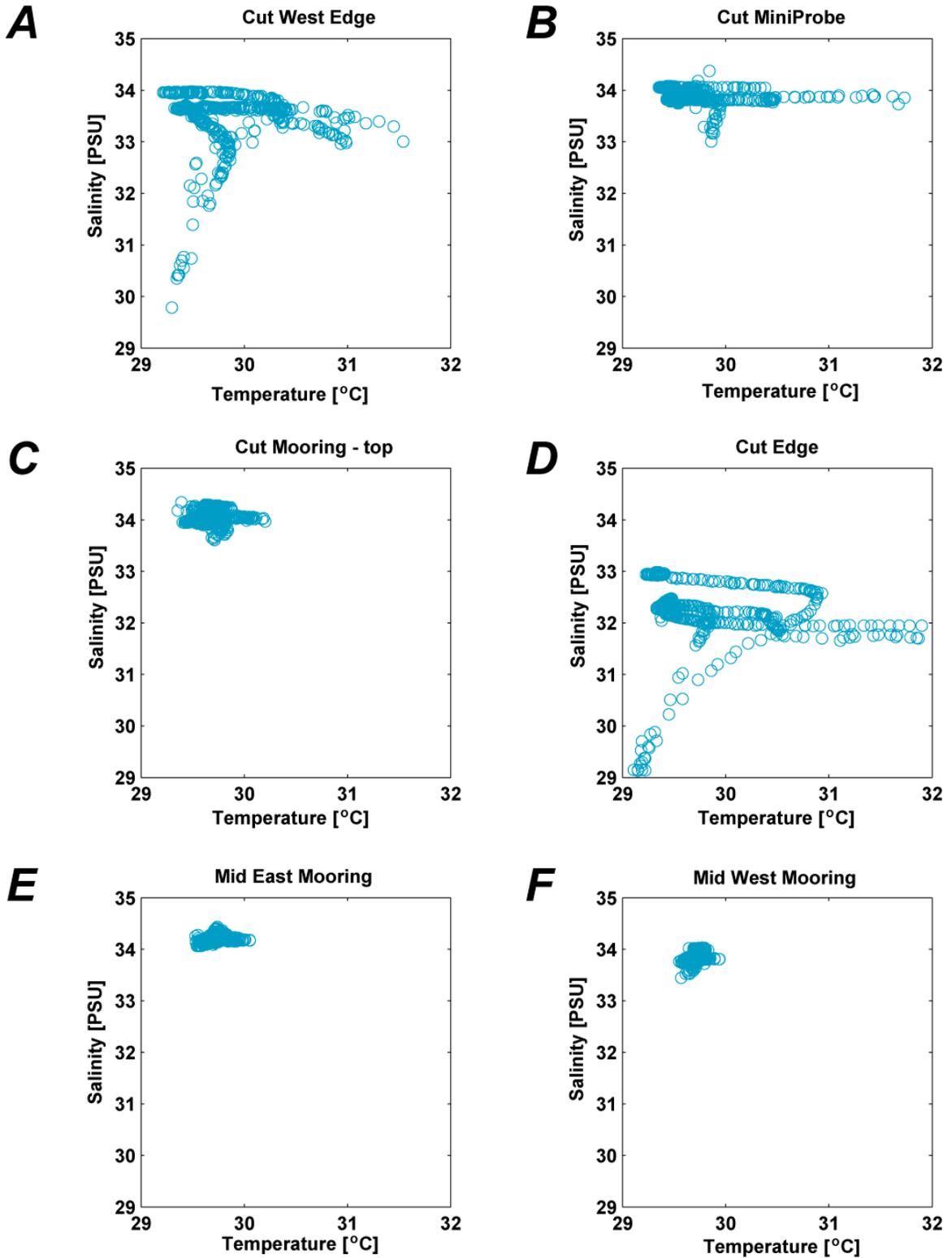
**Figure 30.** Tide and turbidity data during the large freshwater and sediment input from Asan River, 2007 Year Day 221 (August 9, 2007). *A*, Tide, in meters. *B*, Turbidity at the Cut Edge, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. *C*, Turbidity at the Cut West Edge, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. *D*, Turbidity at the Cut Mooring, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. *E*, Turbidity at the Mid West Mooring and Mid West MiniProbe, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. *F*, Turbidity at the Mid East MiniProbe, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. *G*, Turbidity at the Adelup Point MiniProbe, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. *H*, Turbidity at the Camel Rock MiniProbe, in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. The sites show the sediment input reaching the Cut first, then the plume moving to the west and offshore.



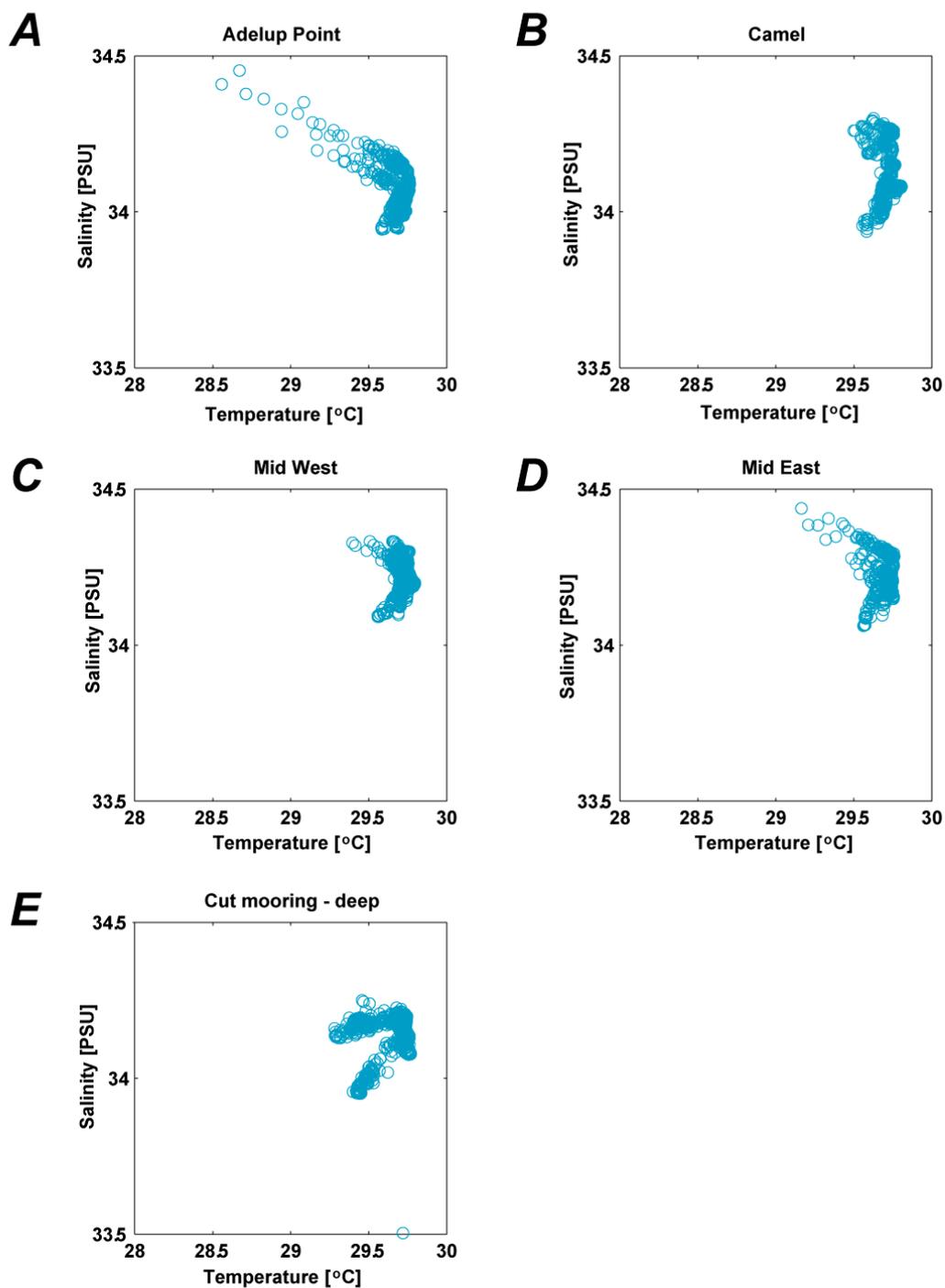
**Figure 31.** Tide, temperature, and salinity data for the shallow and deep sites during the freshwater and sediment input from Asan River, on 2007 Year Day 221 (August 9, 2007). *A*, Tide, in meters. *B*, Temperature at the shallow sites, in degrees Celsius. *C*, Salinity at the shallow sites, in Practical Salinity Units. *D*, Temperature at the deep sites, in degrees Celsius. *E*, Salinity at the deep sites, in Practical Salinity Units. The large drop in salinity at the shallow sites shows the input of fresh water immediately following the bar break. Salinity values slightly lower than normal were measured hours later at the deep sites, suggesting that the freshwater plume was confined relatively close to the surface.



**Figure 32.** Mean current speed and direction, in meters per second from degrees true north, during the 2007 Year Day 221 (August 9, 2007), bar break and flood. *A*, Close to the surface. *B*, Close to the seabed. The near surface currents show strong westward flow from the Cut and eastward flow from the other sites. The near bed surface currents show predominantly offshore flow.



**Figure 33.** Variation in salinity, in Practical Salinity Units, and temperature, in degrees Celsius, at the shallow sites during the bar break and flood; *A*, Cut West Edge. *B*, Cut MiniProbe. *C*, Cut Mooring–top. *D*, Cut Edge. *E*, Mid East Mooring. *F*, Mid West Mooring. The Cut sites show a large decrease in salinity, with smaller decreases at the Mid West mooring site.



**Figure 34.** Variation in salinity, in Practical Salinity Units, and temperature, in degrees Celsius, at the deep sites during the bar break and flood. *A*, Adelup Point. *B*, Camel Rock. *C*, Mid West. *D*, Mid East. *E*, Cut Mooring-deep. All of the deep sites show a small decrease in salinity during the flood but not as great a decrease as the sensors close to the surface, suggesting that the freshwater plume was confined relatively close to the surface.

that immediately preceded the drop in temperature and reversals in current direction (west and offshore). The strong oscillating vertical component of velocity (currents rapidly alternating between upward and downward flow) is typically an indication of higher-frequency internal waves following the head of the internal tidal bore (Storlazzi and others, 2003). Tidal currents were generally small, less than 0.1 m/s, while internal motions associated with internal tides generated currents greater than 0.2 m/s.

The relationships between temperature and salinity for the deep and shallow sites during internal tides as compared to the other forcing conditions are shown in figs. 37 and 38, respectively. The temperature and salinity during internal tides at the shallow sites (blue) show very little change from the tide, wind, and wave forcing conditions (red). The deep sites show the internal tides have significantly different temperature-salinity relationships (fig. 38). At all of the deep sites, the relationship between temperature-salinity during internal tides lies between the trends during wave events (cooler for a given salinity) and those during tide and wind conditions (warmer for a given salinity). The internal tide signal has the highest salinities and lowest temperatures of all of the forcing conditions.

The occurrence of the internal tides appears to show a seasonal trend. The large decreases in temperature and increases in salinity occurred primarily during the wet season and were not observed during the more consistent trade wind forcing of the dry season (fig. 7). The water temperatures measured by the CTs deployed in WAPA during the dry season were substantially cooler than those measured in the wet season. The resulting lower thermal stratification during the dry season on the fore reef may be insufficient to support internal motions, similar to the relationships observed elsewhere between thermal stratification and the presence of internal motions (Storlazzi and others, 2003).

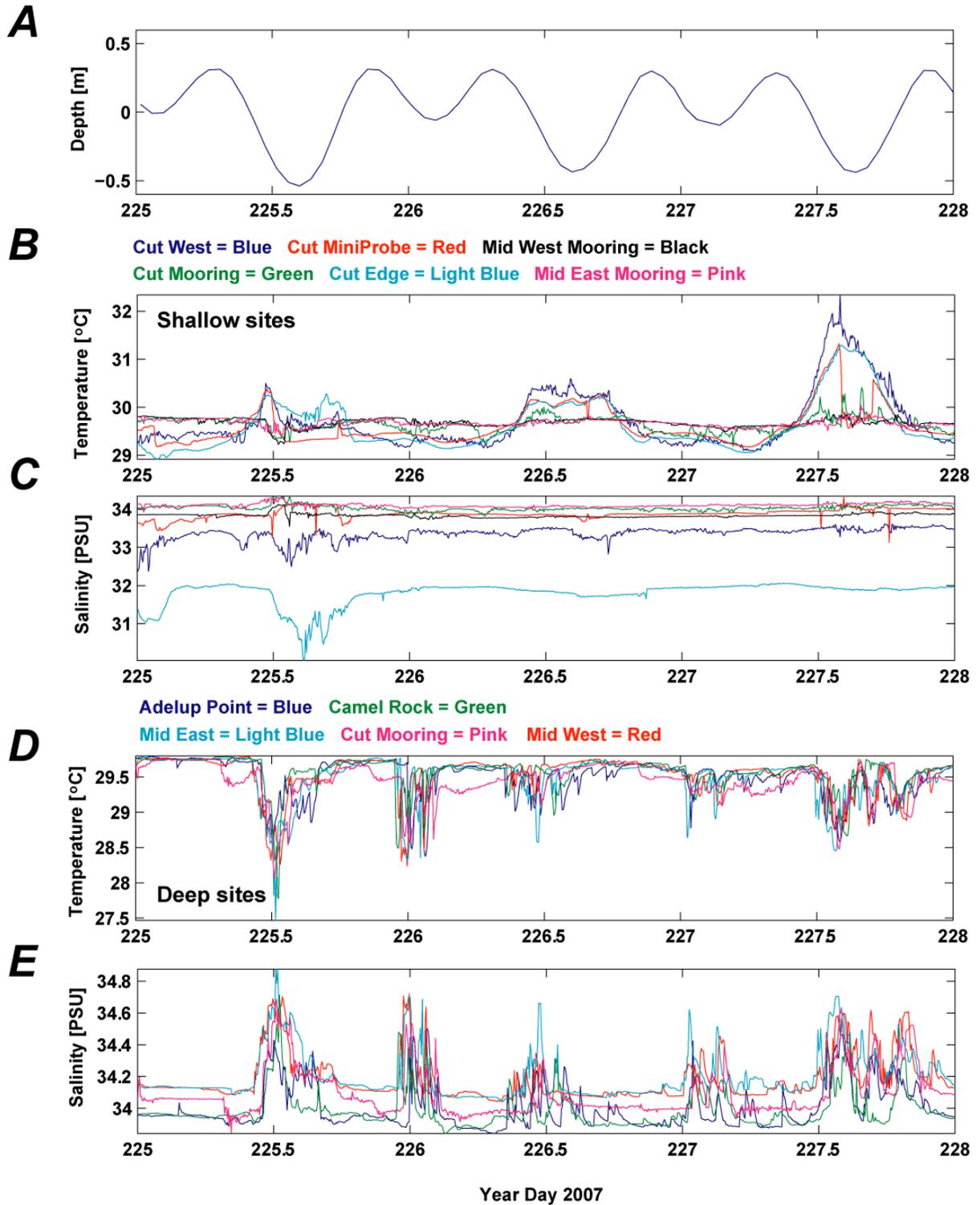
## Conclusions

In all, more than 6 million measurements of meteorologic and oceanographic forcing and the resulting water column properties were made along west-central Guam and in War-in-the-Pacific National Historical Park (WAPA) during the 6-month period between July 2007 and January 2008. Key findings from these measurements and analyses include the following.

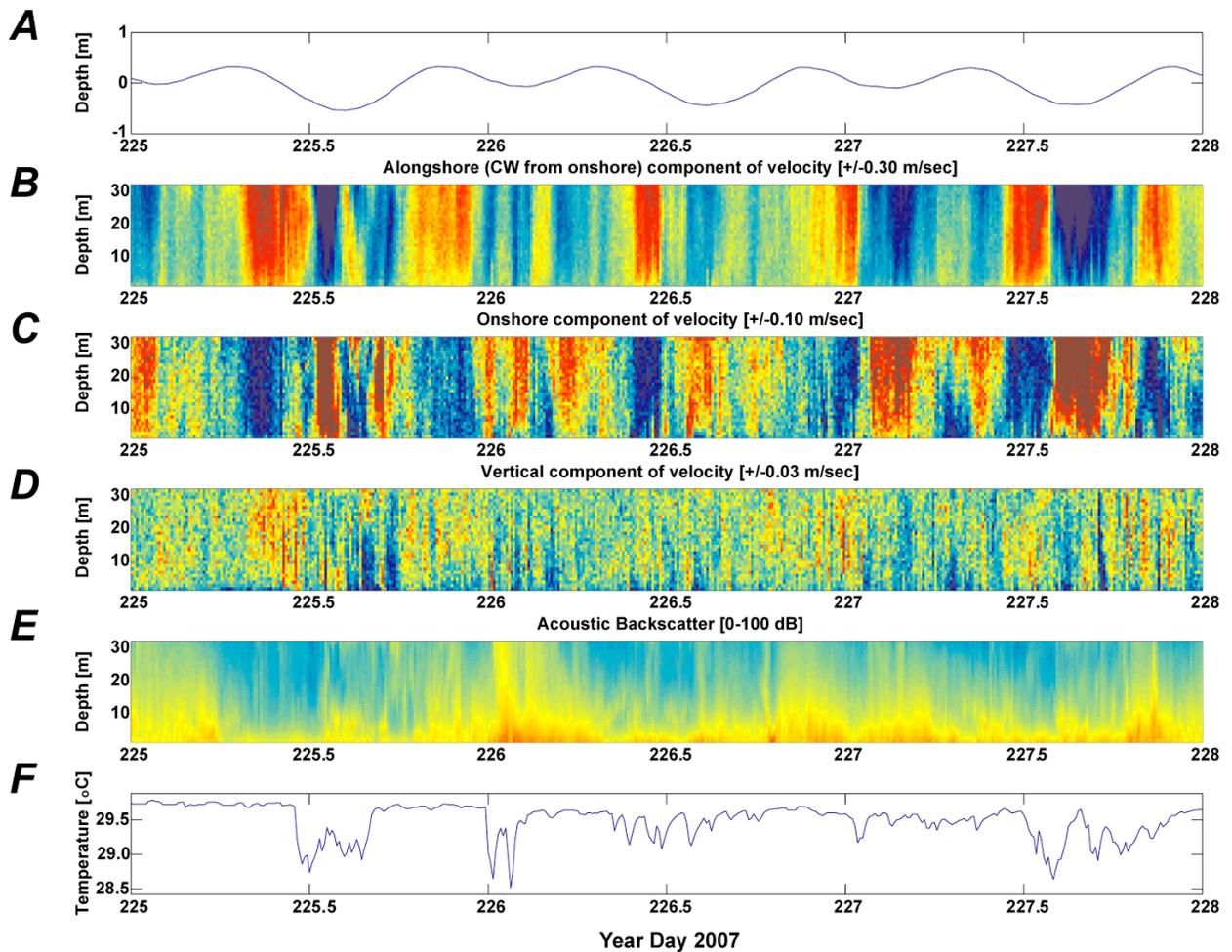
1) Circulation in the bay was primarily to the west and offshore due to the sea floor morphology in the Cut and the trade winds blowing in an east-to-west direction. The current speeds are greater off Camel Rock and Adelup Point than in the Cut, except at the surface during strong wind and/or large wave conditions, when there is very strong near-surface offshore flow out of the Cut.

2) Overall, turbidity was relatively low in the bay and was similar to levels measured elsewhere along west-central Guam. Due to biofouling of the optical sensors, long, continuous records and variations in turbidity at the shallow and deep sites were not obtained. Additional high-frequency, long-duration turbidity data to compare to established water quality thresholds would provide more complete information to NPS and other agencies tasked with maintaining water quality.

3) The delivery of sediment to Asan Bay during this experiment was primarily from erosion of the carbonate reef flat sediment and terrestrial sediment discharged from the Asan River. A buildup of sand at the mouth of Asan River reduced the amount of surface freshwater and sediment that entered the bay. During times of high precipitation and/or large wave events, the bar was breached, discharging terrestrial sediment and freshwater directly into the bay. The terrestrial sediment plume observed during the period of study was relatively confined to the surface and



**Figure 35.** Tide, temperature, and salinity data from the deep and shallow sites during a period of internal tides. *A*, Tide, in meters. *B*, Temperature at the shallow sites, in degrees Celsius. *C*, Salinity at the shallow sites, in Practical Salinity Units. *D*, Temperature at the deep sites, in degrees Celsius. *E*, Salinity at the deep sites, in Practical Salinity Units. The shallow sites show increases in temperature due to daily heating and very little variation in salinity during this time period. The deep sites show a significant decrease in temperature and increase in salinity with the falling tide indicating internal motions moving deep oceanic water up onto the shelf.

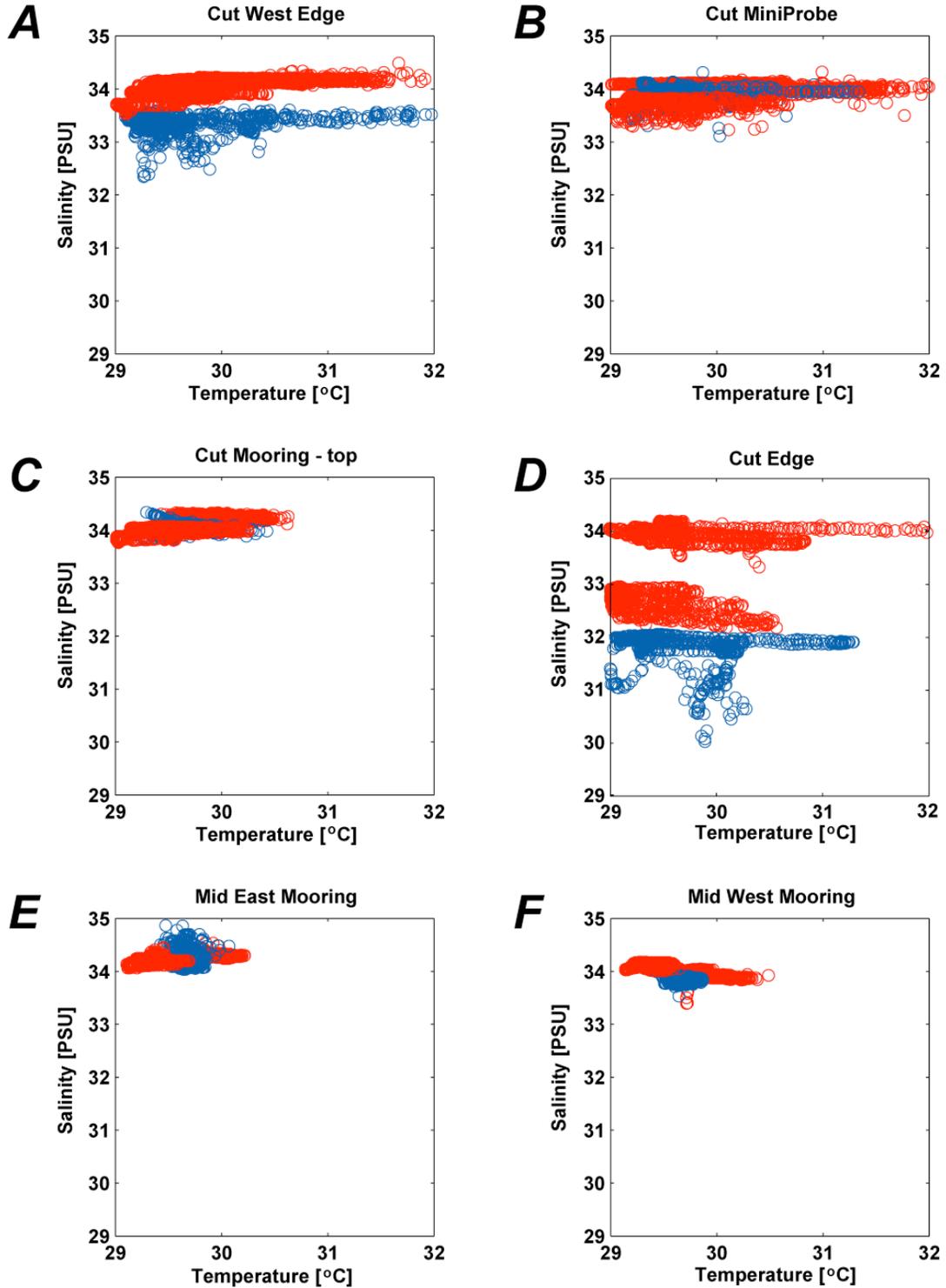


**Figure 36.** Tide, current, and temperature data during a period of internal tides. *A*, Tide, in meters. *B*, Alongshore current velocity, in meters per second. *C*, Onshore current velocity, in meters per second. *D*, Vertical current velocity, in meters per second. *E*, Acoustic backscatter, in decibels. *F*, Temperature, in degrees Celsius. The various components of velocity show strong stratification during the internal tidal bores, resulting in large drops in temperature and increased acoustic backscatter, suggesting the advection of either sediment or biologic material by the bores. The internal tides appear to occur during the ebbing tide at the deep sites.

was not as large as during previous floods (D. Minton, written communication). The largest flux of terrestrial sediment and freshwater was transported offshore through the Cut. Very little freshwater and terrestrial sediment made its way to the eastern and western sides of the bay. Additional *in situ* water samples collected during a large flood for suspended sediment data to compare to established water quality thresholds would provide more complete information to NPS and other agencies tasked with maintaining water quality.

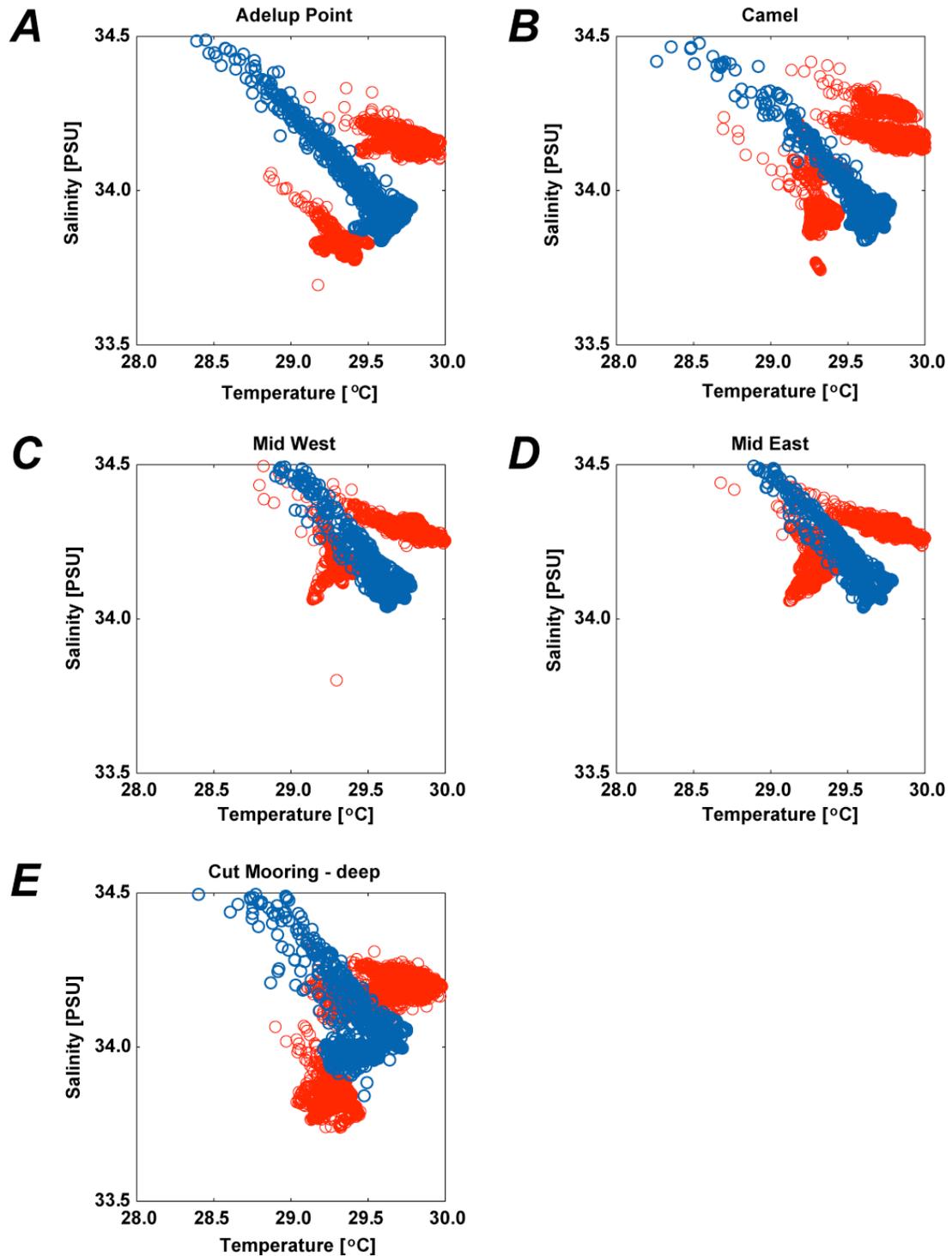
4) While the sea floor sediment was primarily calcareous gravelly sand, the material collected in sediment traps was predominantly terrigenous sandy mud. The fact that a substantial (40-85 percent) portion of the sediment collected in the traps was fine-grained terrestrial particles, which are likely under-represented in the traps due to their slow settling velocities relative to the currents speeds and wave-orbital velocities, suggests that significant volumes of terrigenous sediment are advected through this area. These particles can block sunlight and thus reduce PAR and photosynthesis, and/or desorb nutrients or contaminants. The absence of these particles on

Blue = Internal Tide      Red = All other conditions



**Figure 37.** Variation in salinity, in Practical Salinity Units, and temperature, in degrees Celsius, at the shallow sites during a period of internal tides. *A*, Cut West Edge. *B*, Cut MiniProbe. *C*, Cut Mooring-top. *D*, Cut Edge. *E*, Mid East Mooring; *F*, Mid West Mooring. The temperature and salinity during internal tidal bores follow the same pattern as the other conditions at the shallow sites.

Blue = Internal Tide    Red = All other conditions



**Figure 38.** Variation in salinity, in Practical Salinity Units, and temperature, in degrees Celsius, at the deep sites during a period of internal tides. *A*, Adelup Point. *B*, Camel Rock. *C*, Mid West. *D*, Mid East. *E*, Cut Mooring–deep. The temperature and salinity during internal tidal bores show a strong trend of increasing salinity with decreasing temperature, indicative of deep water being pumped up onto the insular shelf that has a distinct temperature-salinity relationship from the other forcing conditions.

the sea floor, however, shows that these particles do not reside on the sea floor for long durations under the wave and current conditions in the bay during the period of study. A large input of sediment followed by low-energy conditions, however, could result in significant temporary deposition of terrestrial material in the bay. In the Cut, the trap collection rates approached 70 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>/day, potentially resulting in mortality of adult corals (Phillips and Fabricius, 2003); the trap collection rates measured elsewhere in Asan Bay were substantially below levels thought to negatively impact corals, suggesting that if the corals are responding to terrestrial sediment, it may be due to associated nutrients or contaminants that adhere to the sediment. In order to determine if nutrients or contaminants are associated with the terrestrial sediment, the Park could work with an environmental toxicologist to test the terrestrial sediment collected in sediment traps, resident fish, and/or crustaceans for nutrients and contaminants to compare to established water and sediment quality thresholds.

5) Internal tidal bores appear to be an important mechanism for the delivery of deep oceanic water onto the insular shelf as measured by the temperature and salinity sensors at the deep (20 m) sites. The drop in temperature and increase in salinity was observed frequently during falling tides; these signals were indistinguishable during trade-wind conditions when the temperature and salinity signals were highly variable. The pumping of deep, oceanic water into deep areas has potentially both beneficial and detrimental implications. These internal tides can advect cooler, deep, nutrient-rich waters into the oligotrophic surface waters, potentially benefiting corals by offsetting thermally-induced coral stress and providing nutrients. Conversely, these bores could also advect nutrient- and contaminant-laced material from deep-water sewage outfalls or from submarine groundwater discharging terrestrial wastewater injection well material. In order to determine the potential range of influence of these bores, the Park could deploy a number of temperature and salinity sensors in a cross-shore transect of moorings to determine from what depth these bores can transport material up into the Park's coral reef ecosystem.

These data provide information on the nature and controls on flow and water column properties along west-central Guam during nontyphoon conditions. A number of interesting phenomena were observed that indicate the complexity of coastal circulation and sediment dynamics in Asan Bay and may help to better understand the implications of the processes on coral reef health.

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**Table 2. Instrument package sensors.**

Site Name	Depth [m]	Sensors
Two Lover's Point	10	NIWA Dobie-A wave/tide gauge
	10	Seabird SBE-37SI Microcat conductivity-temperature sensor
Adelup Point	20	RD Instruments 600 kHz Workhorse Monitor acoustic Doppler current profiler
	20	Aquatec/Seapoint 200-TY optical backscatter sensor
	20	Seabird SBE-37SI Microcat conductivity-temperature sensor
	20	Onset HOBO UA-002-08 pendant light and temperature logger
	19	Sediment tube trap
Mid East	20	RD Instruments 600 kHz Workhorse Monitor acoustic Doppler current profiler
	20	Aquatec/Seapoint 200-TY optical backscatter sensor
	20	Seabird SBE-37SI Microcat conductivity-temperature sensor
	20	Onset HOBO UA-002-08 pendant light and temperature logger
	19	Sediment tube trap
Mid East mooring	3	Aquatec/Seapoint 200-TYT optical backscatter sensor with temperature sensor
	3	Seabird SBE-37SI Microcat conductivity-temperature sensor
Cut mooring	20	Seabird SBE-37SI Microcat conductivity-temperature sensor
	19	Sediment tube trap
	3	Aquatec/Seapoint 200-TYT optical backscatter sensor with temperature sensor
	3	Seabird SBE-37SI Microcat conductivity-temperature sensor
Cut MiniProbe	10	Nortek 2 MHz Aquadopp acoustic Doppler current profiler
	10	Seabird SBE-37SI Microcat conductivity-temperature sensor
	10	Onset HOBO UA-002-08 pendant light and temperature logger
	9	Sediment tube trap
Cut edge	1	YSI 6600 EDS Sonde conductivity-temperature-turbidity sensor
Cut West edge	1	Aquatec/Seapoint 200-TYT optical backscatter sensor with temperature sensor
	1	Seabird SBE-37SI Microcat conductivity-temperature sensor
Mid West	20	RD Instruments 600 kHz Workhorse Monitor acoustic Doppler current profiler
	20	Aquatec/Seapoint 200-TY optical backscatter sensor
	20	Seabird SBE-37SI Microcat conductivity-temperature sensor
	20	Onset HOBO UA-002-08 pendant light and temperature logger
	19	Sediment tube trap
Mid West mooring	3	Aquatec/Seapoint 200-TYT optical backscatter sensor with temperature sensor
	3	Seabird SBE-37SI Microcat conductivity-temperature sensor
Camel Rock	20	RD Instruments 600 kHz Workhorse Monitor acoustic Doppler current profiler
	20	Aquatec/Seapoint 200-TY optical backscatter sensor
	20	Seabird SBE-37SI Microcat conductivity-temperature sensor
	20	Onset HOBO UA-002-08 pendant light and temperature logger
	19	Sediment tube trap
Agat Point	10	NIWA Dobie-A wave/tide gauge
	10	Seabird SBE-37SI Microcat conductivity-temperature sensor
Weather Station	-	NovaLynx WS-16N-A weather station
River Gauge	-	Onset HOBO U20-01-Ti pressure logger
Terrestrial Camera System	-	USGS Terrestrial Imaging System

**Table 3. Instrument package location information.**

Site name	Latitude [decimal degrees]	Longitude [decimal degrees]
Two Lover's Point	13.53620	144.80119
Adelup Point	13.48320	144.72878
Mid East	13.48064	144.71797
Cut mooring	13.47638	144.71547
Cut MiniProbe	13.47432	144.71594
Cut West	13.47501	144.71487
Mid West	13.47788	144.71265
Camel Rock	13.48175	144.70439
Agat Point	13.37939	144.64516
Weather Station	13.47471	144.71857
River Gauge	13.47269	144.71337
Terrestrial Camera System	13.46002	144.71517

**Table 4. Water column profiler cast location and depth information.**

Cast Number/site	Location	Latitude [decimal degrees]	Longitude [decimal degrees]	Depth [m]
1	Two Lovers Point	13.536	144.800	30
2	Tumon Bay	13.514	144.797	21
3	Ypao Point	13.508	144.775	16
4	Hagatna Bay	13.488	144.764	11
5	Hagatna Boat Basin	13.485	144.748	15
6	Adelup Point	13.483	144.729	21
7	Asan Bay East	13.480	144.719	21
8	Asan Cut	13.475	144.716	19
9	Asan Cut Mooring	13.476	144.715	13
10	Asan Cut Offshore 1	13.478	144.715	33
11	Asan Cut Offshore 2	13.482	144.714	120
12	Asan Bay West	13.478	144.713	17
13	Camel Rock	13.481	144.705	18
14	Piti	13.472	144.692	12
15	Luminao Reef East	13.467	144.664	29
16	Luminao Reef West	13.469	144.640	12
17	Apra Harbor Western Shoal	13.453	144.654	13
18	Apra Outer Harbor 2	13.451	144.644	37
19	Apra Outer Harbor 1	13.451	144.633	51
20	Apra Harbor Entrance	13.453	144.621	28
21	Orote Point	13.445	144.618	26
22	Blue Hole	13.436	144.626	35
23	Apuntua Point	13.421	144.639	18
24	Neye Island North	13.416	144.645	11
25	Apaca Beach	13.410	144.653	13
26	Apaca Point North	13.405	144.657	17
27	Apaca Point South	13.400	144.652	28
28	Agat North	13.389	144.650	16
29	Alutom Island	13.382	144.645	16
30	Agat Boat Basin Entrance	13.368	144.643	10
31	Anae Island	13.358	144.636	17

**Table 5. Sediment sample location and depth information.**

USGS sample identifier	Location	Sample type	NPS location identifier	Average trap collection rate [mg/cm <sup>2</sup> /day]	Latitude [decimal degrees]	Longitude [decimal degrees]	Depth [m]
GU-0108-001	Mid West	Sea floor	K-60	-	13.47793	144.71257	20
GU-0108-002	Cut mooring	Sea floor	O-60	-	13.47638	144.71548	20
GU-0108-003	Mid East	Sea floor	Q-60	-	13.48064	144.71798	20
GU-0108-004	Camel Rock	Sediment trap	-	5.55	13.46002	144.71518	19
GU-0108-005	Mid West	Sediment trap	K-60	4.77	13.47793	144.71257	19
GU-0108-006	Cut mooring	Sediment trap	O-60	46.52	13.47638	144.71548	19
GU-0108-007	Cut MiniProbe	Sediment trap	-	60.34	13.47433	144.71594	9
GU-0108-008	Mid East	Sediment trap	Q-60	5.29	13.48064	144.71798	19
GU-0108-009	Adelup Point	Sediment trap	-	6.30	13.48320	144.72878	19

**Table 6. Meteorological statistics.**

All values were calculated for 2007 Year Days 208-390; wind direction is "Going to".

Site name	Mean ± 1 std. deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Sea level barometric pressure [mB]	1,007.9±1.6	1,001	1,012.69
Air temperature [°C]	27.71±2.12	22.94	36.5
Precipitation [mm]	0.13±0.81	0	25.25
Wind speed [m/s]	1.53±0.87	0	8.25
Wind direction [°]	311.4±61.5	180.19	179.62

**Table 7. Current statistics.**

Current direction is "Going To."

Site name	Parameter	Depth [m]	Mean $\pm$ 1 std. deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Adelup Point	Speed [m/s]	2	0.10 $\pm$ 0.06	0.00	0.42
	Direction [°]	2	174.5 $\pm$ 77.4	2.3	358.4
	Speed [m/s]	18	0.04 $\pm$ 0.03	0.00	0.16
	Direction [°]	18	160.2 $\pm$ 105.4	0.0	359.7
Mid East*	Speed [m/s]	2	0.18 $\pm$ 0.11	0.00	0.70
	Direction [°]	2	235.7 $\pm$ 46.5	0.3	359.6
	Speed [m/s]	18	0.05 $\pm$ 0.04	0.00	0.23
	Direction [°]	18	142.0 $\pm$ 101.3	0.2	359.7
Cut MiniProbe	Speed [m/s]	1	0.26 $\pm$ 0.18	0.00	1.07
	Direction [°]	1	282.5 $\pm$ 79.0	0.02	360
	Speed [m/s]	9	0.16 $\pm$ 0.14	0.00	0.91
	Direction [°]	9	155.2 $\pm$ 130.5	0	360
Mid West	Speed [m/s]	2	0.08 $\pm$ 0.05	0.01	0.32
	Direction [°]	2	201.7 $\pm$ 68.0	0.7	359.0
	Speed [m/s]	18	0.04 $\pm$ 0.03	0.00	0.23
	Direction [°]	18	195.3 $\pm$ 111.3	0.0	359.7
Camel Rock	Speed [m/s]	2	0.17 $\pm$ 0.11	0.00	0.75
	Direction [°]	2	205.0 $\pm$ 81.2	0.0	359.4
	Speed [m/s]	18	0.11 $\pm$ 0.08	0.00	0.53
	Direction [°]	18	201.3 $\pm$ 92.0	0.0	359.2

\*Values were calculated for days 2007 Year Days 309.5-390, otherwise values were calculated for 2007 Year Days 208-390.

**Table 8. Wave statistics.**

Wave direction is "Going To.

Site name	Parameter	Mean $\pm$ 1 std. deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Two Lover's Point*	Height [m]	0.37 $\pm$ 0.33	0.05	2.14
	Period [s]	8.4 $\pm$ 1.6	4.2	13.9
Adelup Point	Height [m]	0.68 $\pm$ 0.30	0.23	2.00
	Period [s]	6.4 $\pm$ 1.5	3.0	11.2
	Direction [°]	86.8 $\pm$ 137.7	0.0	360.0
Mid East	Height [m]	0.69 $\pm$ 0.29	0.25	2.26
	Period [s]	5.2 $\pm$ 1.1	3.0	9.6
	Direction [°]	105.0 $\pm$ 106.9	1.0	360.0
Cut MiniProbe	Height [m]	0.12 $\pm$ 0.06	0.03	0.50
	Period [s]	8.9 $\pm$ 1.3	5.7	16.6
	Direction [°]	148.9 $\pm$ 28.3	0.3	352.7
Mid West	Height [m]	0.65 $\pm$ 0.26	0.27	1.77
	Period [s]	5.4 $\pm$ 1.2	3.2	10.7
	Direction [°]	39.7 $\pm$ 340.1	0	360.0
Camel Rock	Height [m]	0.85 $\pm$ 0.35	0.3	2.31
	Period [s]	6.2 $\pm$ 1.4	3.3	11.1
	Direction [°]	348.1 $\pm$ 159.4	0.0	360.0
Agat Point*	Height [m]	0.35 $\pm$ 0.31	0.04	1.90
	Period [s]	7.9 $\pm$ 1.6	4.5	12.9

\*Values were calculated for days 2007 Year Days 208-300, otherwise values were calculated for 2007 Year Days 208-390.

**Table 9: Temperature statistics.**

All statistics are from YD 208-300.

Site name	Depth [m]	Mean $\pm$ 1 std. deviation [°C]	Minimum [°C]	Maximum [°C]
Two Lover's Point	10	29.61 $\pm$ 0.19	27.91	30.14
Adelup Point	20	29.57 $\pm$ 0.23	27.09	30.08
Mid East	20	29.57 $\pm$ 0.24	27.20	30.12
Mid East mooring	3	29.66 $\pm$ 0.20	29.02	30.61
Cut mooring	20	29.50 $\pm$ 0.24	27.39	30.06
Cut mooring	3	29.65 $\pm$ 0.28	28.88	31.09
Cut MiniProbe	10	29.54 $\pm$ 0.57	27.79	32.64
Cut edge	1	29.55 $\pm$ 0.92	27.03	34.21
Cut West edge	1	29.65 $\pm$ 0.51	28.18	32.35
Mid West	20	29.58 $\pm$ 0.23	27.30	30.20
Mid West mooring	3	29.67 $\pm$ 0.21	29.02	30.88
Camel Rock	20	29.61 $\pm$ 0.21	27.27	30.20
Agat Point	10	29.71 $\pm$ 0.23	28.59	30.70

**Table 10. Salinity statistics.**

All statistics are from YD 208-300.

Site name	Depth [m]	Mean $\pm$ 1 std. deviation [PSU]	Minimum [PSU]	Maximum [PSU]
Two Lover's Point [1]	10	34.12 $\pm$ 0.17	30.80	34.75
Adelup Point [2]	20	33.96 $\pm$ 0.24	32.84	34.81
Mid East [3]	20	34.22 $\pm$ 0.12	33.81	34.88
Mid East mooring [3]	3	34.16 $\pm$ 0.15	32.80	34.50
Cut mooring [4]	20	33.93 $\pm$ 0.33	32.11	34.44
Cut mooring [4]	3	34.03 $\pm$ 0.21	32.11	34.45
Cut MiniProbe [5]	10	33.74 $\pm$ 0.35	29.19	34.48
Cut edge [5]	1	30.14 $\pm$ 0.95	21.71	32.30
Cut West edge [6]	1	33.67 $\pm$ 0.40	28.03	34.49
Mid West [7]	20	34.23 $\pm$ 0.11	33.39	34.83
Mid West mooring [7]	3	34.01 $\pm$ 0.18	30.77	34.49
Camel Rock [8]	20	33.97 $\pm$ 0.18	32.82	34.71
Agat Point [9]	10	34.10 $\pm$ 0.20	32.93	34.46

**Table 11. Turbidity statistics from the SLOBSs.**

Biofouling occurred during much of this period, so statistics are only from 2007 Year Days 208-225

Site name	Depth [m]	Mean $\pm$ 1 std. deviation [NTU]	Minimum [NTU]	Maximum [NTU]
Adelup Point	20	1.89 $\pm$ 0.69	0.83	4.80
Mid East	20	2.33 $\pm$ 1.20	1.44	15.13
Mid East mooring	3	12.34 $\pm$ 6.43	0.06	161.41
Cut mooring	3	11.46 $\pm$ 7.26	0.45	88.12
Cut edge	1	10.14 $\pm$ 9.38	5.04	144.51
Cut West edge	1	9.24 $\pm$ 44.35	0	1,180.30
Mid West	20	4.14 $\pm$ 1.20	2.31	6.06
Mid West mooring	3	1.93 $\pm$ 0.66	0	6.46
Camel Rock	20	1.21 $\pm$ 0.62	0.61	4.87

**Table 12. Turbidity statistics calculated from the ADCPs.**

Statistics are from 2007 Year Days 208-390.

Site name	Depth [m]	Mean $\pm$ 1 std. deviation [NTU]	Minimum [NTU]	Maximum [NTU]
Adelup Point	20	1.83 $\pm$ 0.14	1.42	2.45
Mid East	20	3.96 $\pm$ 0.54	2.37	6.67
Cut MiniProbe	9	28.25 $\pm$ 5.00	18.55	44.83
Mid West	20	4.25 $\pm$ 0.62	2.83	7.38
Camel Rock	20	1.03 $\pm$ 0.30	0.08	2.94

**Table 13. Light statistics.**

These data are from 2007 Year Days 309- 350 when concurrent, reliable data were recorded.

Mean difference = mean [(surface observation from Weather Station) – (sea floor observation at instrument package)]

Site name	Depth [m]	Mean $\pm$ 1 std. deviation [mE]	Mean Difference [mE]	Mean Difference [percent]	Maximum [mE]
Weather Station	-	29,864 $\pm$ 51,056	-	-	231,470
Cut Mooring	20	417 $\pm$ 1,067	29,447	1.4	9,645
Mid East	20	1,253 $\pm$ 2,227	28,642	4.2	13,778
Cut MiniProbe	10	830 $\pm$ 1,617	28,619	2.7	11,288
Mid West	20	1,245 $\pm$ 2,312	29,034	4.2	14,702

**Table 14. Sediment sample grain size information.**

USGS sample identifier	Gravel [percent]	Sand [percent]	Silt [percent]	Clay [percent]	Mean size [mm]
GU-0108-001	18.29	77.87	1.77	2.07	0.4232
GU-0108-002	13.87	82.60	1.59	1.94	0.4359
GU-0108-003	18.79	76.52	2.89	1.81	0.3721
GU-0108-004	2.54	37.65	47.61	12.20	0.0338
GU-0108-005	1.22	31.28	51.92	15.59	0.0242
GU-0108-006	0.00	58.27	31.46	10.26	0.0463
GU-0108-007	0.79	71.39	21.23	6.59	0.0812
GU-0108-008	6.36	25.67	51.32	16.65	0.0280
GU-0108-009	0.74	34.11	53.93	11.21	0.0299

**Table 15. Sediment sample composition information.**

USGS sample identifier	Component analyzed	Total inorganic carbon [percent]	Calcium carbonate [percent]	Terrigenous [percent]
GU-0108-001	Bulk	11.20	93.27	6.73
GU-0108-002	Bulk	9.88	82.34	17.66
GU-0108-003	Bulk	10.60	88.26	11.74
GU-0108-004	Bulk	1.86	15.52	84.48
GU-0108-005	Bulk	4.25	35.39	64.61
GU-0108-006	Bulk	7.00	58.27	41.73
GU-0108-007	Bulk	7.24	60.30	39.70
GU-0108-008	Bulk	4.10	34.17	65.83
GU-0108-009	Bulk	2.03	16.90	83.10
GU-0108-001	Sand	11.40	94.94	5.06
GU-0108-002	Sand	10.52	87.65	12.35
GU-0108-003	Sand	11.12	92.66	7.34
GU-0108-004	Sand	11.22	93.43	6.57
GU-0108-005	Sand	9.96	82.93	17.07
GU-0108-006	Sand	7.97	66.38	33.62
GU-0108-007	Sand	7.72	64.32	35.68
GU-0108-008	Sand	10.35	86.22	13.78
GU-0108-009	Sand	10.97	91.42	8.58
GU-0108-001	Silt	10.29	85.69	14.31
GU-0108-002	Silt	5.35	44.53	55.47
GU-0108-003	Silt	9.23	76.92	23.08
GU-0108-004	Silt	10.64	88.64	11.36
GU-0108-005	Silt	9.69	80.74	19.26
GU-0108-006	Silt	7.73	64.41	35.59
GU-0108-007	Silt	7.27	60.54	39.46
GU-0108-008	Silt	9.68	80.64	19.36
GU-0108-009	Silt	10.81	90.07	9.93
GU-0108-001	Clay	8.26	68.84	31.16
GU-0108-002	Clay	4.20	34.95	65.05
GU-0108-003	Clay	6.55	54.60	45.40
GU-0108-004	Clay	7.41	61.70	38.30
GU-0108-005	Clay	6.17	51.36	48.64
GU-0108-006	Clay	4.56	37.97	62.03
GU-0108-007	Clay	4.56	37.96	62.04
GU-0108-008	Clay	6.52	54.33	45.67
GU-0108-009	Clay	7.91	65.91	34.09

**Table 16. Delft3D model settings.**

Module	Parameter	Value	Description
Flow	Grid cells	135,137	number of cells: East-west and North-south, respectively
Flow	Lat	+13.5	latitude for Coriolis forcing (decimal degrees North)
Flow	thick	5, 8, 14, 23, 23, 14, 8, 5	thickness of the sigma layers (%)
Flow	$\Delta t$	6	flow time step (s)
Flow	$\rho_w$	1023	water density (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
Flow	K	1	horizontal eddy viscosity
Flow	N	1	horizontal eddy diffusivity
Flow	V	9.9e-005	Vertical eddy diffusivity
Flow	C	65	Chézy coefficient
Flow	Dryflc	0.1	threshold depth
Flow	Rouwav	Fredsoe 1984	stress formulation due to wave forces
Flow	Tkemode	K-epsilon	turbulence closure formulation
Flow	Cstbnd	true	boundary condition
Flow	Bndast	true	astronomic water Levels boundary condition
Flow	Slipcon	free	constituents: K1, M2, S2, O1, N2, Q2
Flow	Advect	cyclic	wall roughness scheme advection scheme for momentum
Wave	Grid cells	137,132	number of cells: East-west and North-south, respectively
Wave	Dir space	circle	directional space
Wave	$\Delta\theta$	10	spectral resolution (degrees)
Wave	freq min	0.05	lowest discrete frequency (Hz)
Wave	freq high	1.00	highest discrete frequency (Hz)
Wave	freq bins	24	number of frequency bins
Wave	Shape	JONSWAP; 3.3	spectral shape; peak enhancement factor
Wave	Tp	peak	wave period definition
Wave	Dirsprad	cosine power	directional spreading definition
Wave	dp min	0.05	threshold depth (m)
Wave	setup	false	wave-related water level setup
Wave	convention	nautical	orientation
Wave	forcing	wave energy dissipation rate	computation of wave forces
Wave	generation mode	3-rd	generation mode for physics
Wave	wave breaking	B&J model	depth-induced breaking model
Wave	alfa1	1	coefficient for wave energy dissipation in the B&J model
Wave	gamma2	0.73	breaker parameter in the B&J model
Wave	triads (LTA)	false	non-linear triad wave-wave interactions
Wave	bottom friction	JONSWAP; 0.067	bottom friction formulation; coefficient for bottom friction
Wave	diffraction	false	diffraction
Wave	wind growth	true	formulation for exponential wave growth
Wave	white capping	true	formulation for white capping
Wave	quadruplets	true	quadruplet wave-wave interactions
Wave	ref	activated	refraction is activated for waves propagation in spectral space
Wave	freq	true	frequency shift activated for wave propagation spectral space
Wave	CDD	0.5	diffusion of implicit scheme in directional space
Wave	CSS	0.5	diffusion of implicit scheme in frequency space
Wave	accuracy	98	accuracy criteria iterative computation (%)
Wave	max iterations	20	maximum number of iterations
Wave	Hs	0.02	fraction relative change with respect to mean value Hs
Wave	Tm01	0.02	fraction relative change respect to mean mean value Tm01
MORSYS	CompMode	stationary	computational mode
MORSYS	Complnt	60	coupling interval of wave module and flow module (min)

**Table 17. Delft3D model run information.**

Run ID	Time frame (h)	Wave height (m)	Wave period (s)	Wave direction (°)	Wave directional spread (°)	Wind speed (m/s)	Wind direction (°)
w08	24	1.5	8	45	4	5	45
w09	24	0.5	5	45	4	5	45
w10	24	1.5	8	315	4	5	45
w11	24	0.5	5	315	4	5	45

## Appendix 1

### ADCP information

RD Instruments 600 kHz Workhorse Monitor upward-looking acoustic Doppler current profiler

s/n: 2074, 2432, 7747, and 7749

Transmitting Frequency:	614 kHz
Depth of Transducer:	20 m
Blanking Distance:	0.25 m
Height of First Bin above Bed:	1.11 m
Bin Size:	0.5 m
Number of Bins:	48
Operating Mode:	High-resolution, broad bandwidth
Sampling Frequency:	2 Hz
Time per Ping:	00:03.00
Pings per Ensemble:	100
Profile Ensemble Interval:	0:10:00.00
Wave Ensemble Interval:	2:00:00.00
Sound Speed Calculation:	Set salinity, updating temperature via sensor

Nortek Instruments 2 MHz Aquadopp upward-looking acoustic Doppler current profiler

s/n: 1862

Depth of Transducer:	10m
Blanking Distance:	0.25 m
Height of First Bin above Bed:	0.75m
Bin Size:	0.50m
Number of Bins:	20
Average interval:	0:02:00.00
Profile interval:	0:10:00.00
Wave interval:	1:00:00.00
Wave cell size:	2 m
Operating Mode:	High-resolution
Sound Speed Calculation:	Set salinity, updating temperature via sensor

#### Data Processing:

The RDI current data were processed using the WinADCP program and the wave data using the WavesMon program. The Nortek current data were processed using the Prof2NDP program and the wave data were processed using the QuickWave program.

The data were averaged over 1 hour ensembles, all of the spurious data above the water surface were removed and all of the data in bins where the beam correlation dropped below 80% were removed for visualization and analysis.

## Appendix 2

### WTG, CT, SLOBS, LS, and PL sensor information

#### NIWA Dobie-A wave and tide gauges (WTG)

s/n: 2000-18 and 2000-21  
Depth of Transducer: 10 m  
Operating Mode: Water level time series  
Sampling Frequency: 2 Hz  
Measurements per Burst: 512  
Time Between Bursts: 01:00:00.00

#### Seabird Microcat SBE-37SM temperature-conductivity (CT) sensors

s/n: 3372, 3800, 3801, 3825, 3830, 3833, 4088, 4089, 4360, 4368, 4369, and 4421  
Sampling Frequency: 2 Hz  
Measurements per Burst: 8  
Time Between Bursts: 00:05:00.00

#### Aquatec/Seapoint 200-TY self-logging optical backscatter sensors (SLOBS)

s/n: 371-013, 371-026

#### Aquatec/Seapoint 210-TYT self-logging optical backscatter sensors (SLOBS)

s/n: 024-002, 024-005, 024-006, 024-007, 024-012 and 024-013  
Sampling Frequency: 2 Hz  
Measurements per Burst: 30  
Time Between Bursts: 00:05:00.00

#### Onset HOBO UA-002-08 pendant light and temperature logger (LS)

s/n: 998614, 998691, 998623, 1019880, 1019865, and 1176239  
Sampling Frequency: 2 Hz  
Measurements per Burst: 30  
Time Between Bursts: 01:00:00.00

#### Onset HOBO U20-01-Ti pressure logger (PL)

s/n: 1115706 and 1115707  
Sampling Frequency: 2 Hz  
Measurements per Burst: 30  
Time Between Bursts: 01:00:00.00

#### Data Processing:

The WTG data were processed using the PEDP program and the CT data were processed using the SBEDataProcessing program.

The WTG 2 Hz water level data were averaged over the entire 20 min burst to compute tidal height, while hourly significant wave height and dominant wave period data were computed from the 2 Hz data using spectral methods. The CT and SLOBS data were post-processed for visualization and analysis by removing all instantaneous (only 1 data point in time) data spikes that exceeded the deployment mean + 3 standard deviations.

## Appendix 3

### WS and TIS information

#### NovaLynx WS-16N-A Marine-grade Weather Station Comp1nts:

Anemometer:	200-05106-MA (marine model)
Temperature & Relative Humidity:	110-WS-16TH-A w/radiation shield
Barometric Pressure Sensor:	110-WS-16BP
Rain Gauge:	110-WS-16RC
Sampling Frequency:	1 Hz
Measurements per Burst:	1800
Time Between Bursts:	00:30:00.00

#### USGS Terrestrial Imaging System Components:

Camera:	Nikon CoolPix 8700 8-megapixel digital camera
Programmable Automated Controller:	Campbell Scientific Scientific CR200
Sampling Frequency:	Every 2 hours from 06:00 to 18:00 ChST

## Appendix 4

### Water column profiler and sensor information

#### Instruments:

Seabird 19plus CTD sensor; s/n:	4299
D&A Instruments OBS-3 sensor; s/n:	19830-2000
Licor #II-193SA PAR sensor; s/n:	SPQA-3562
Seabird SBE 43 oxygen sensor; s/n:	430731
Wet Labs 9502016 fluorometer; s/n:	WS3-017 0-75 ug/l
Sampling Frequency:	4 Hz

#### Position Information:

Garmin GPS-76 GPS; s/n: 80207465; USGS/CRP unit#1

#### Data Processing:

The profiler data were processed using the SBEDataProcessing program.

The data were averaged into 0.5 m vertical bins and all of the spurious data marked by a flag in the raw data were removed for visualization and analysis. Stratification were measured as the difference between the mean of the top 3 bins (0.5-1.5 m below the surface) and the bottom 3 bins (0.5-1.5 m above the bed).

## Appendix 5

### Water column profiler log: July 2007

Cast Number/site	Date	Time [ChST]	Latitude [decimal degrees]	Longitude [decimal degrees]	Depth [m]
1	07/23/2007	0822	13.53672	144.80059	29
2	07/23/2007	0832	13.51426	144.79677	23
3	07/23/2007	0840	13.50742	144.77473	16
4	07/23/2007	0848	13.48848	144.76447	11
5	07/23/2007	0855	13.48479	144.74831	14
6	07/23/2007	0903	13.48320	144.72878	20
7	07/23/2007	0910	13.48057	144.71804	14
8	07/23/2007	0916	13.47622	144.71546	15
9	07/23/2007	0920	13.47512	144.71552	9
10	07/23/2007	0927	13.47853	144.71523	30
11	07/23/2007	0932	13.48161	144.71469	61
12	07/23/2007	0937	13.47795	144.71273	26
13	07/23/2007	0944	13.48171	144.70415	12
14	07/23/2007	0951	13.47211	144.69160	13
15	07/23/2007	1002	13.46706	144.66369	12
16	07/23/2007	1010	13.46951	144.63997	12
17	07/23/2007	1019	13.45320	144.62177	20
18	07/23/2007	1026	13.44509	144.61854	21
19	07/23/2007	1034	13.43629	144.62650	67
20	07/23/2007	1044	13.42078	144.63941	19
21	07/23/2007	1201	13.41633	144.64517	10
22	07/23/2007	1207	13.41017	144.65266	10
23	07/23/2007	1213	13.40507	144.65708	16
24	07/23/2007	1219	13.40071	144.65190	13
25	07/23/2007	1226	13.38908	144.64973	18
26	07/23/2007	1232	13.38146	144.64550	12
27	07/23/2007	1244	13.35779	144.63586	12
28	07/23/2007	1250	13.36796	144.64242	9

## Appendix 6

### Water column profiler log: November 2007

Cast Number/site	Date	Time [ChST]	Latitude [decimal degrees]	Longitude [decimal degrees]	Depth [m]
1	11/04/2007	0806	13.53661	144.80054	29
2	11/04/2007	0817	13.51443	144.79661	23
3	11/04/2007	0825	13.50746	144.77473	16
4	11/04/2007	0833	13.48852	144.76447	11
5	11/04/2007	0838	13.48478	144.74823	14
6	11/04/2007	0844	13.48331	144.72869	20
7	11/04/2007	0849	13.48049	144.71814	14
8	11/04/2007	0854	13.47507	144.71553	15
9	11/04/2007	0856	13.47622	144.71539	9
10	11/04/2007	0858	13.47861	144.71524	30
11	11/04/2007	0901	13.48178	144.71468	61
12	11/04/2007	0907	13.47798	144.71271	26
13	11/04/2007	0911	13.48156	144.70463	12
14	11/04/2007	0917	13.47210	144.69168	13
15	11/04/2007	0925	13.46706	144.66370	12
16	11/04/2007	0931	13.46959	144.63996	12
17	11/04/2007	0938	13.45312	144.62176	20
18	11/04/2007	0943	13.44528	144.61842	21
19	11/04/2007	0949	13.43609	144.62640	67
20	11/04/2007	1102	13.42089	144.63927	19
21	11/04/2007	1116	13.41631	144.64515	10
22	11/04/2007	1120	13.41022	144.65272	10
23	11/04/2007	1124	13.40514	144.65710	16
24	11/04/2007	1128	13.40074	144.65189	13
25	11/04/2007	1132	13.38907	144.64969	18
26	11/04/2007	1136	13.38156	144.64542	12
27	11/04/2007	1143	13.35789	144.63587	12
28	11/04/2007	1148	13.36792	144.64244	9

## Appendix 7

### Water column profiler log: February 2008

Cast Number/site	Date	Time [ChST]	Latitude [decimal degrees]	Longitude [decimal degrees]	Depth [m]
1	02/01/2008	0927	13.53635	144.80042	27
2	02/01/2008	0935	13.51442	144.79658	20
3	02/01/2008	0943	13.50750	144.77483	16
4	02/01/2008	0952	13.48834	144.76444	11
5	02/01/2008	0958	13.48473	144.74823	14
6	02/01/2008	1004	13.48314	144.72869	20
7	02/01/2008	1011	13.48032	144.71871	9
8	02/01/2008	1016	13.47496	144.71561	12
9	02/01/2008	1020	13.47607	144.71524	9
10	02/01/2008	1023	13.47838	144.71502	30
11	02/01/2008	1028	13.48174	144.71448	76
12	02/01/2008	1034	13.47782	144.71266	15
13	02/01/2008	1039	13.48147	144.70477	15
14	02/01/2008	1047	13.47190	144.69170	11
15	02/01/2008	1056	13.46704	144.66390	27
16	02/01/2008	1105	13.46935	144.63995	11
17	02/01/2008	1121	13.45258	144.65411	12
18	02/01/2008	1126	13.45125	144.64443	35
19	02/01/2008	1131	13.45139	144.63309	47
20	02/01/2008	1138	13.45286	144.62148	26
21	02/01/2008	1145	13.44533	144.61823	24
22	02/01/2008	1151	13.43615	144.62632	32
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25	02/01/2008	1208	13.41022	144.65251	12
26	02/01/2008	1212	13.40525	144.65710	15
27	02/01/2008	1216	13.40038	144.65181	26
28	02/01/2008	1224	13.38909	144.64968	15
29	02/01/2008	1229	13.38166	144.64507	15
30	02/01/2008	1234	13.36789	144.64251	9
31	02/01/2008	1238	13.35794	144.63583	14