# TRESBP ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING SUMMARY OCTOBER 2009

## **OVERVIEW**

#### In October 2009:

- 31,852 m<sup>3</sup> of sand was pumped to Snapper Rocks East.
- One media article referred directly to the project and was neutral in view.
- Entrance conditions were average with 1,460 boat crossings recorded (about 80% of the October average).
- Surf quality from Duranbah to Kirra was poor to average, with flat to average sized waves from variable directions throughout the month.
- The estimated amount of sand moving north towards the Tweed River Entrance by natural processes was about 25,000 m<sup>3</sup> (about equal to the October average).

## 1. SAND PUMPING & DREDGING

## Sand Delivery October 2009

Pumped:  $31,852m^3$ Dredged:  $0m^3$ Total:  $31,852m^3$ 

## Sand Delivery January to October 2009

Pumped: 387,121m<sup>3</sup> Dredged: 0m<sup>3</sup> Total: 387,121m<sup>3</sup>

## Sand Delivery January to October 2008

Pumped: 547,800m<sup>3</sup>
Dredged: 198,979m<sup>3</sup>
Total: 746,779m<sup>3</sup>

## Stage II Sand Delivery May 2000 to October 2009

Pumped: 5,393,018m<sup>3</sup>
Dredged: 1,979,755m<sup>3</sup>
Total: 7,372,773m<sup>3</sup>



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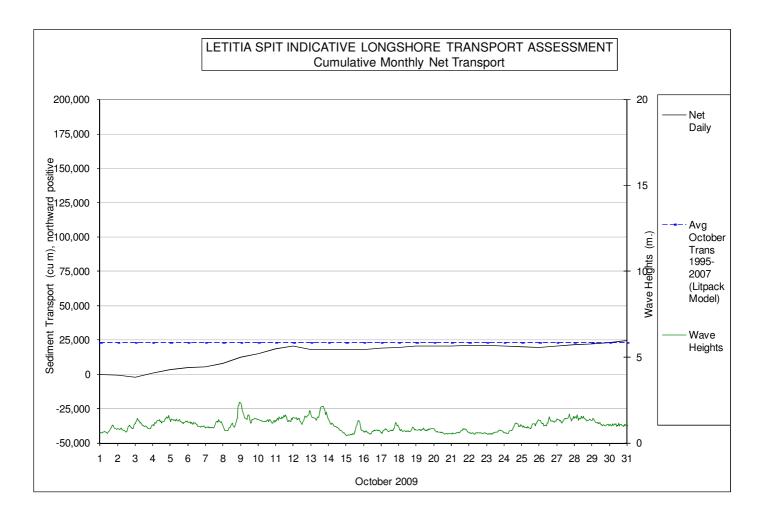


## 2. INDICATIVE LONGSHORE TRANSPORT

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

October 2009 estimated natural sand transport (moving N towards Tweed entrance): 24,780 m³.

This result is about equal to the average sand transport quantity for the month of October.



## 3. MEDIA COVERAGE

Tweed News, 19 October, "Rainbow Bay still the one"

"Surfing Queensland CEO Craig Harland admitted on Friday serious thought had been given to moving the Quiksilver Pro to Burleigh earlier this year but a decision was made to commit to Snapper Rocks"

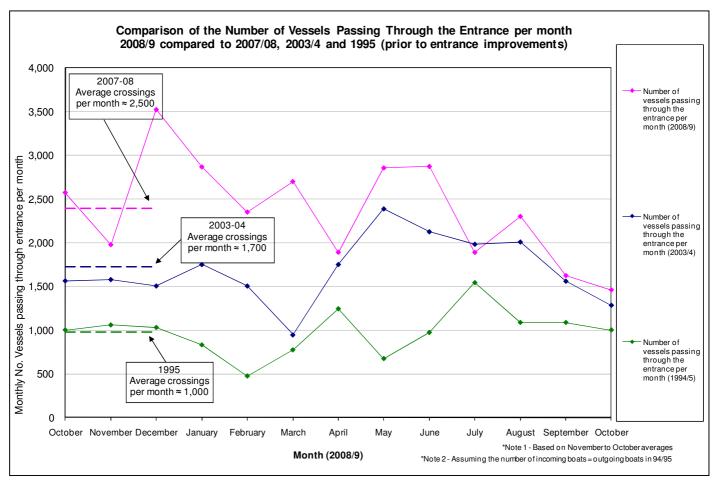
# **4. TWEED RIVER ENTRANCE CONDITIONS**

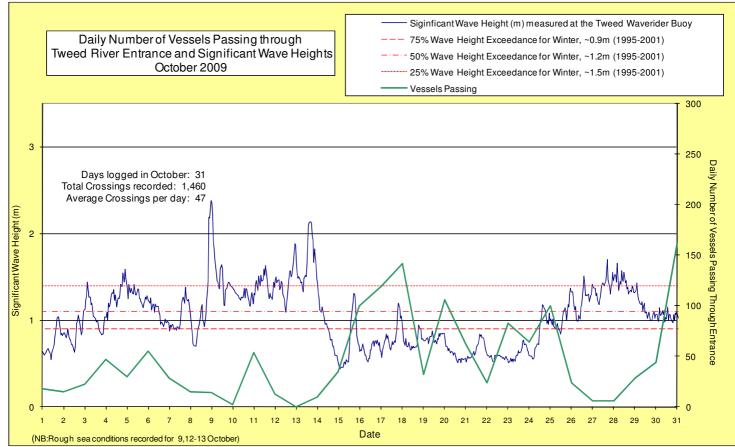
## **VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE MONITORING RESULTS**

Weekends and public holidays

|                  | Entrance Conditions         | lm         | Navigation Rating ImpassableGood |                                   |                                |                    |                    |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Date             |                             | Impassable | Difficulty<br>Encountered        | Some<br>Difficulty<br>Encountered | Relatively<br>Good<br>Crossing | Good<br>Conditions | Number of<br>Boats |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Not recorded for this month |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 18                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | <b>↑</b>                    |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 15                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 22                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 47                 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 30                 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 55                 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 28                 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 15                 |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 14                 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 2                  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 54                 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 13                 |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 0                  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 10                 |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 35                 |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 100                |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 119                |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 142                |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 32                 |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 106                |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 62                 |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 24                 |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 83                 |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 64                 |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 100                |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 24                 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 6                  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 6                  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 28                 |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 44                 |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | <b>\</b>                    |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 162                |
|                  |                             |            |                                  |                                   |                                |                    | 1,442              |

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## **5. WAVE & SURFING CONDITIONS**

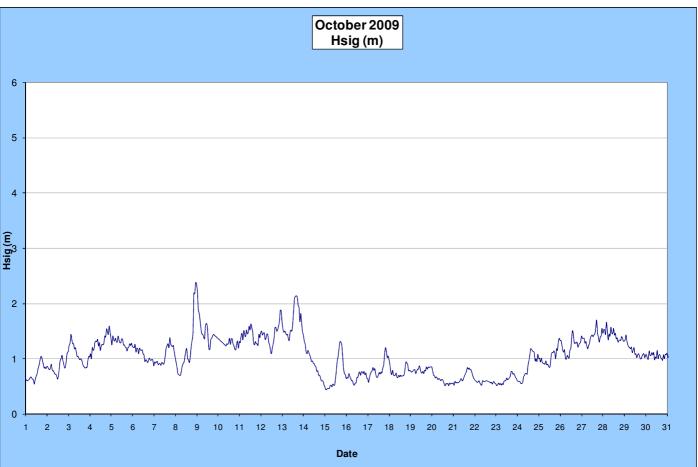
<u>Dominant swell condition</u>: Mainly 0.5 to 1.5 m waves from variable swell directions.

High sea events: None

Monthly minimum significant wave height: 0.44 m on 15 October Monthly maximum significant wave height: 2.38 m on 8 October

Number of days with waves below 1.0 m: 20 days

Number of days with waves above 2.0 m: 3 days



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

#### **UPCOMING SURF & SURF LIFE SAVING EVENTS**

- Oakley State Teams Challenge 31<sup>st</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November, Gold Coast
- Rip Curl Junior Challenge 31<sup>st</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November, Tweed-Byron Coast
- SEP Bodyboard Camp 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November, Tweed-Byron Coast
- National Bodyboard Titles 9<sup>th</sup> November, Duranbah
- Honolua Stand Up Paddle Challenge 21<sup>st</sup> November, Gold Coast
- Boys High Performance Surf Camp 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November, Tweed-Byron Coast

Source: Surfing Australia & Surf Life Saving Queensland

(Source: Tweed & Brisbane Wave Buoy; QDERM)

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## **SURF REPORT OVERVIEW**

Based on media reports and surf quality observations by volunteer Mr Brian Mason.

| Date      | Surfing Conditions on the Southern Gold Coast                                       |  |
|-----------|---|--|
| 1 -5 Oct  | Tiny to small waves, wind affected at times. Variable swell directions.             |  |
| 6 Oct     | Average sized waves from ESE, offshore winds for the morning only.                  |  |
| 7-8 Oct   | Tiny to small waves from ESE, small and fun for surfing.                            |  |
| 9-11 Oct  | Small to average waves from SSE, variable winds, 'hit & miss' surfing conditions.   |  |
| 12 Oct    | Average sized waves from SE, good surfing before winds picked up.                   |  |
| 13-14 Oct | Small to average waves, messy conditions.   |  |
| 15-25 Oct | Flat surf.  |  |
| 26-28 Oct | Small waves from E, strong onshore winds, messy conditions.                         |  |
| 29 Oct    | Small to average sized waves, messy at times, but some small fun waves for surfing. |  |
| 30-31 Oct | Small waves from E, light winds and clean conditions.                               |  |

**END**