

Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve

SEACAR Water Quality Analysis

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Indicators

Nutrients

Total Nitrogen - Discrete

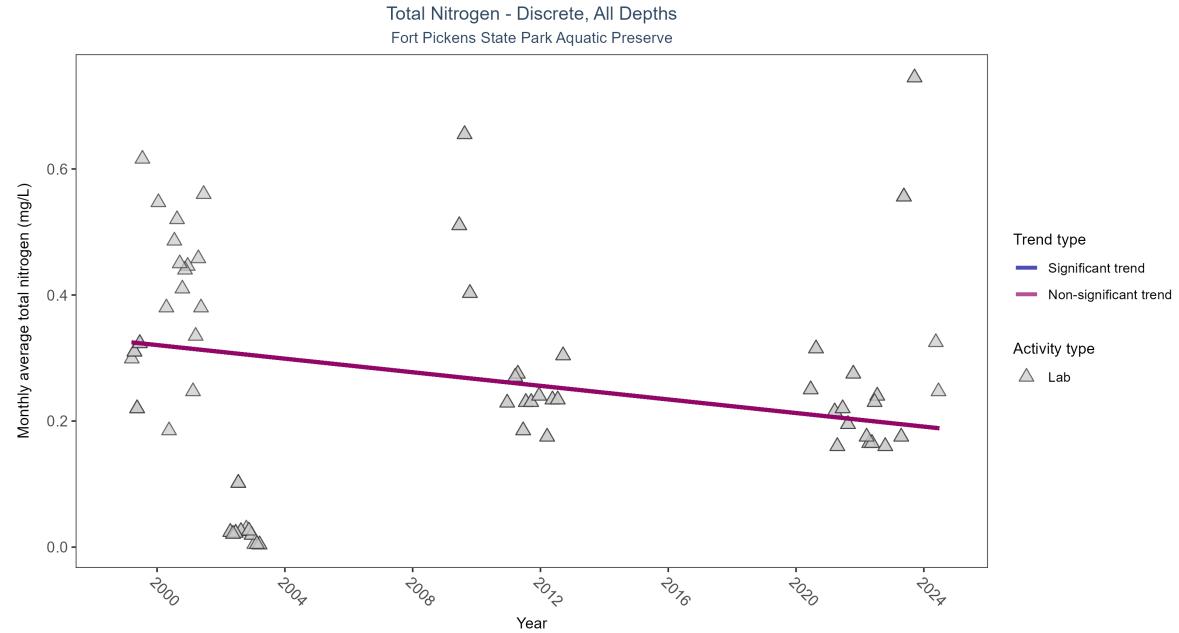


Figure 1: Scatter plot of monthly average total nitrogen over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only nitrogen values obtained from laboratory analyses (triangles) are included in the plot.

Table 1: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Total Nitrogen

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Lab	No significant trend	112	14	1999 - 2024	0.232	-0.21943	0.32595	-0.00539	0.1802

Total nitrogen showed no detectable trend between 1999 and 2024.

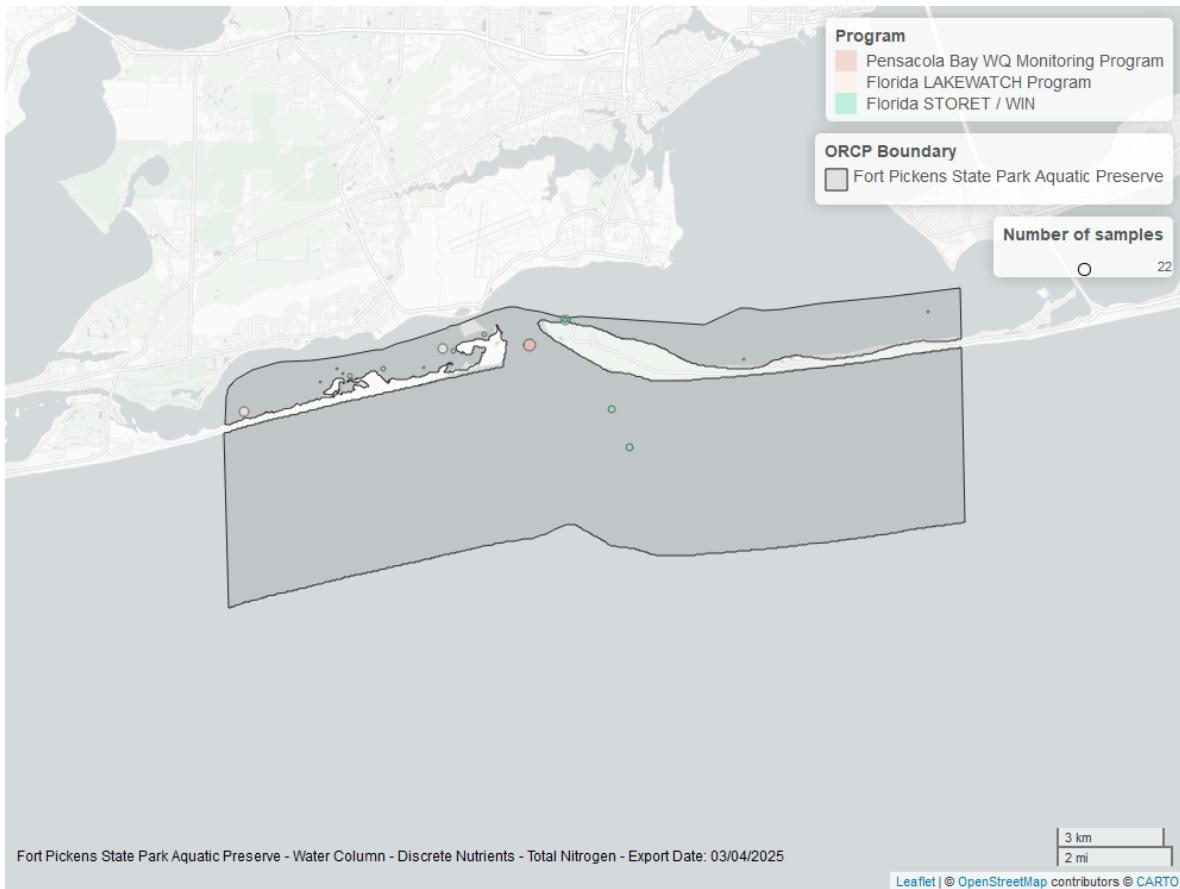


Figure 2: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Total Phosphorus - Discrete

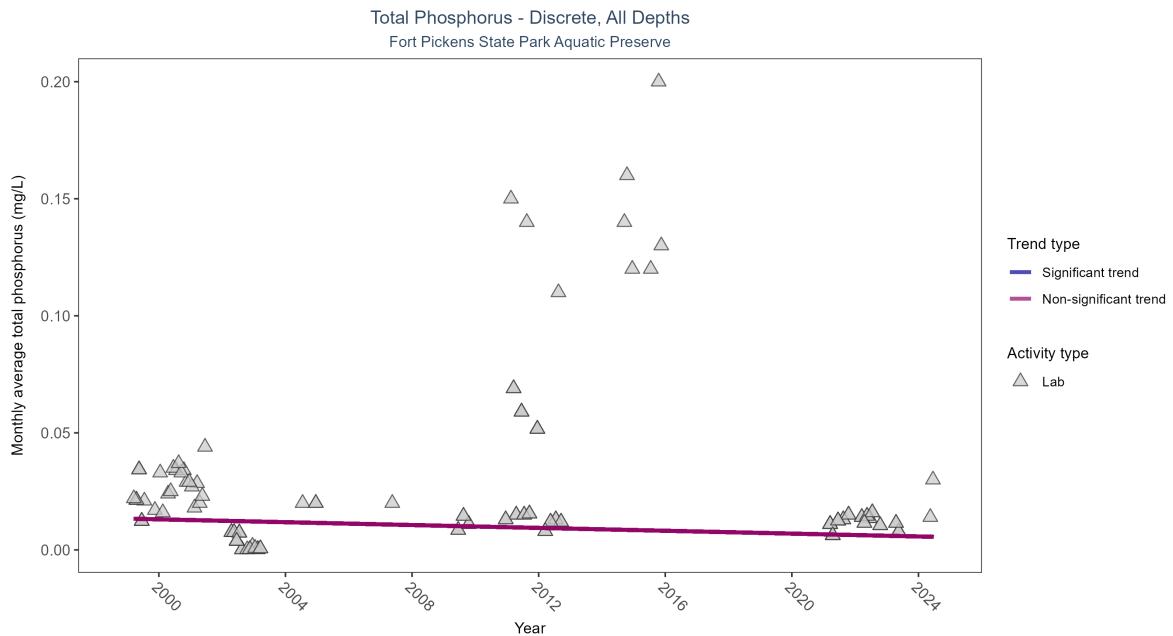


Figure 3: Scatter plot of monthly average total phosphorus over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only phosphorus values obtained from laboratory analyses (triangles) are included in the plot.

Table 2: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Total Phosphorus

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Lab	No significant trend	131	18	1999 - 2024	0.014	-0.05616	0.01336	-0.0003	0.4306

Total phosphorus showed no detectable trend between 1999 and 2024.

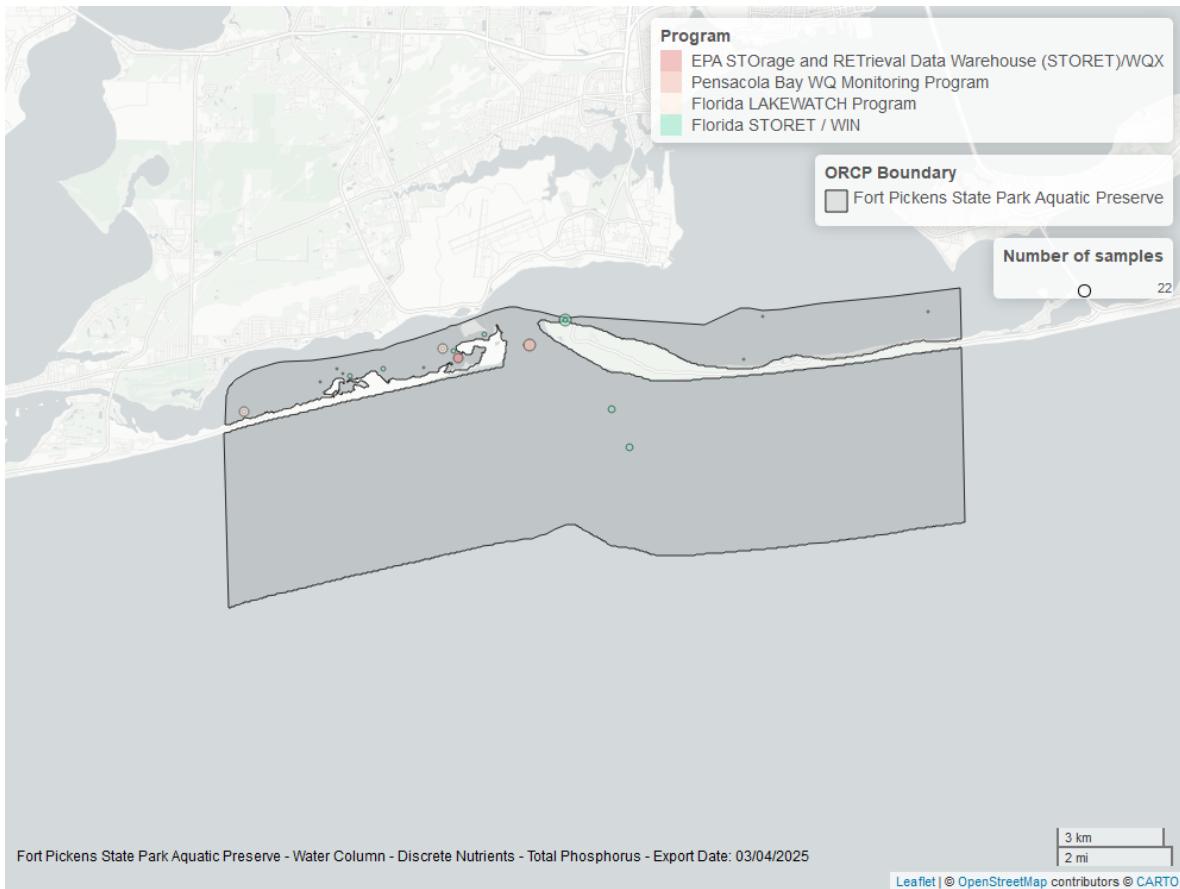


Figure 4: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Water Quality

Dissolved Oxygen - Discrete

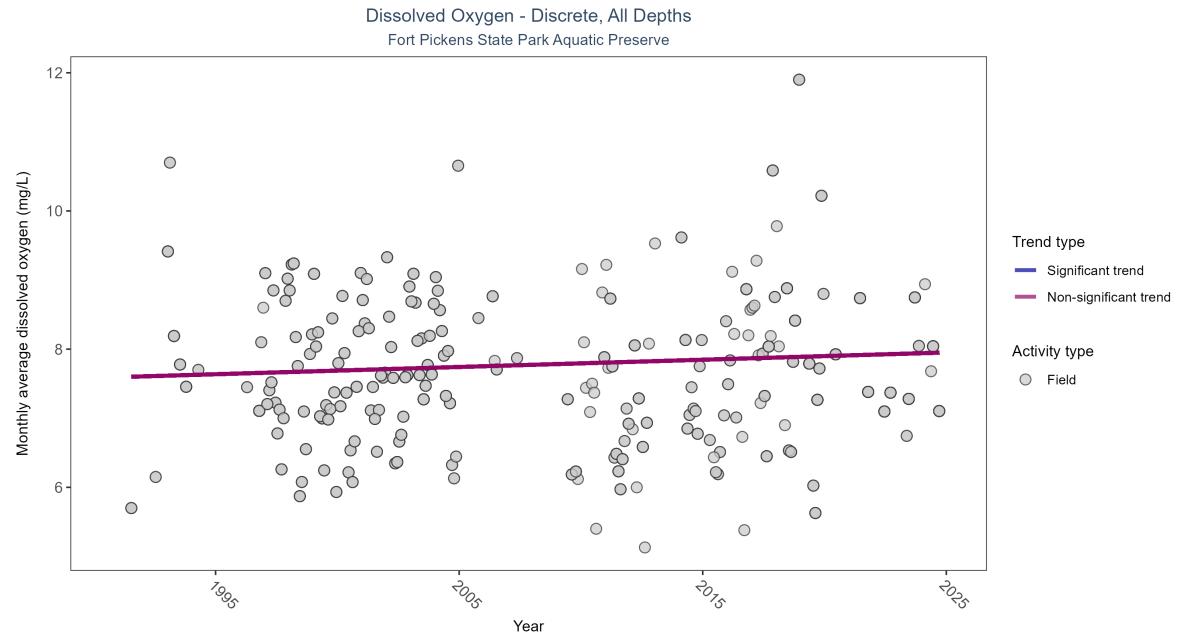


Figure 5: Scatter plot of monthly average dissolved oxygen over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only dissolved oxygen values measured in the field (circles) are included in the plot.

Table 3: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Dissolved Oxygen

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Field	No significant trend	1222	32	1991 - 2024	7.54	0.0679	7.59499	0.01049	0.1643

Dissolved oxygen showed no detectable trend between 1991 and 2024.

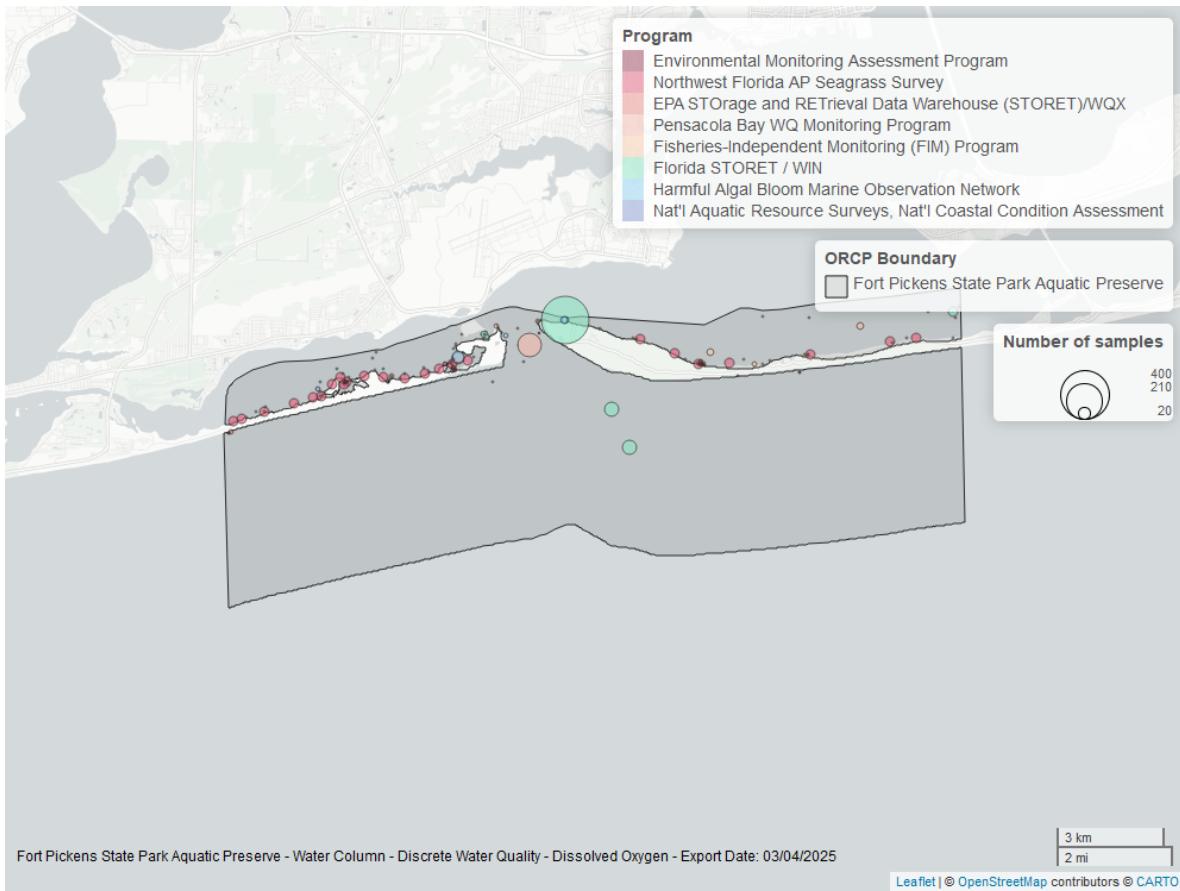


Figure 6: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Dissolved Oxygen - Continuous

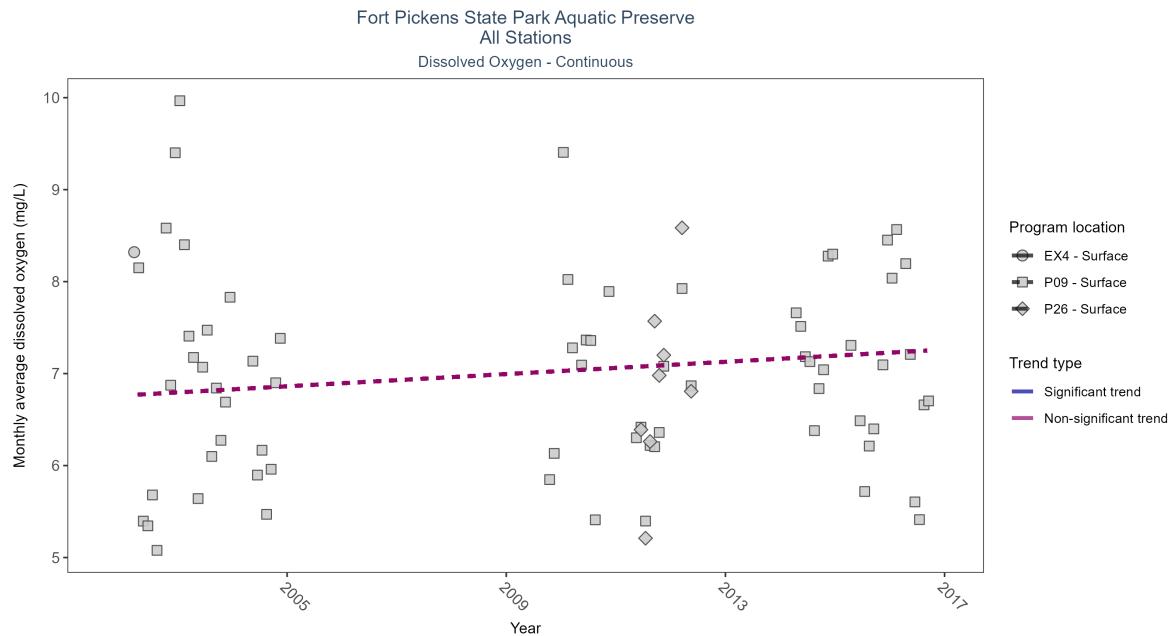


Figure 7: Scatter plot of monthly average dissolved oxygen over time at continuously monitored program locations. Each location is analyzed separately, with significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend lines shown for time series that included five or more years of observations.

Table 4: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results - Dissolved Oxygen

Program Location	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
P09	No significant trend	364	10	2002 - 2016	6.82	0.14	6.76	0.03	0.097
P26	Insufficient data to calculate trend	27	2	2011 - 2012	6.61	-	-	-	-
EX4	Insufficient data to calculate trend	2	1	2002 - 2002	8.32	-	-	-	-

No detectable change in monthly average dissolved oxygen was observed at one location. There was insufficient data to fit a model for two locations.

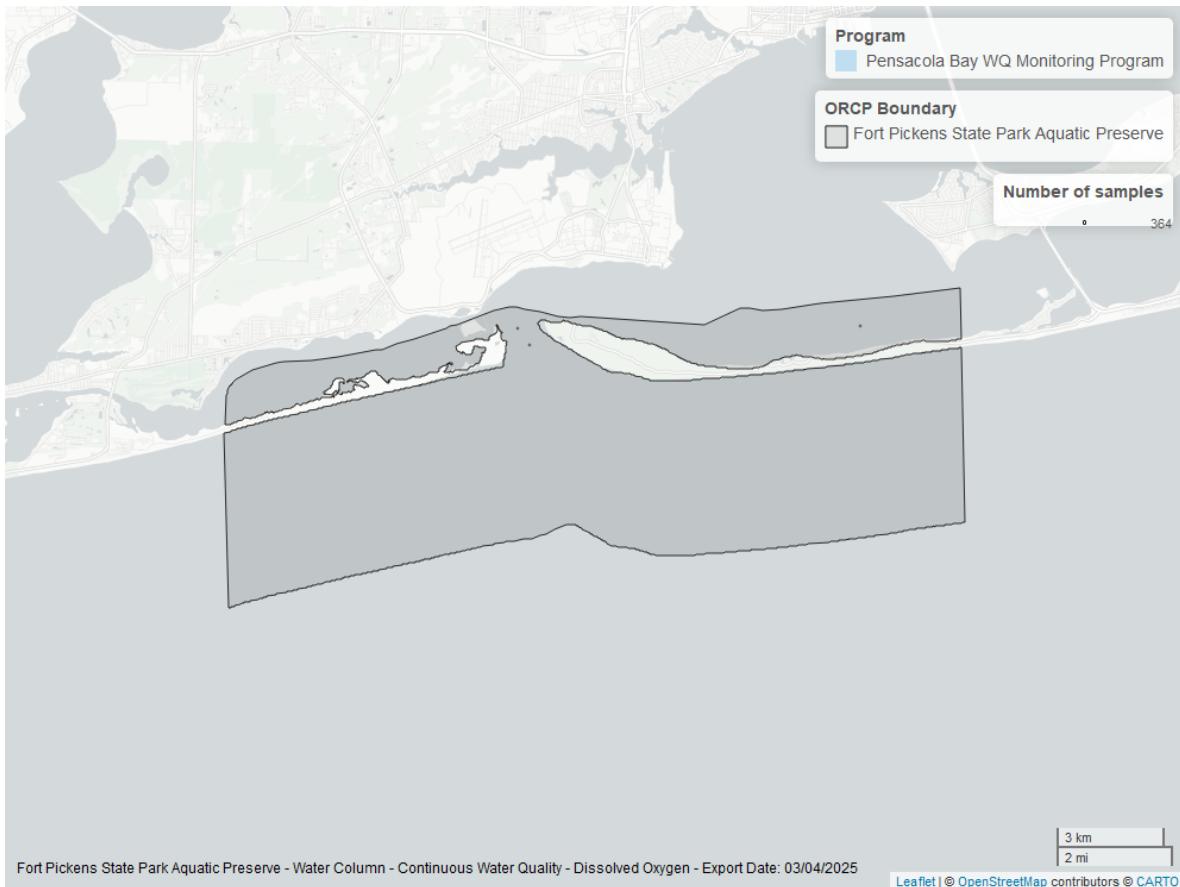


Figure 8: Map showing location of dissolved oxygen continuous water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Dissolved Oxygen Saturation - Discrete

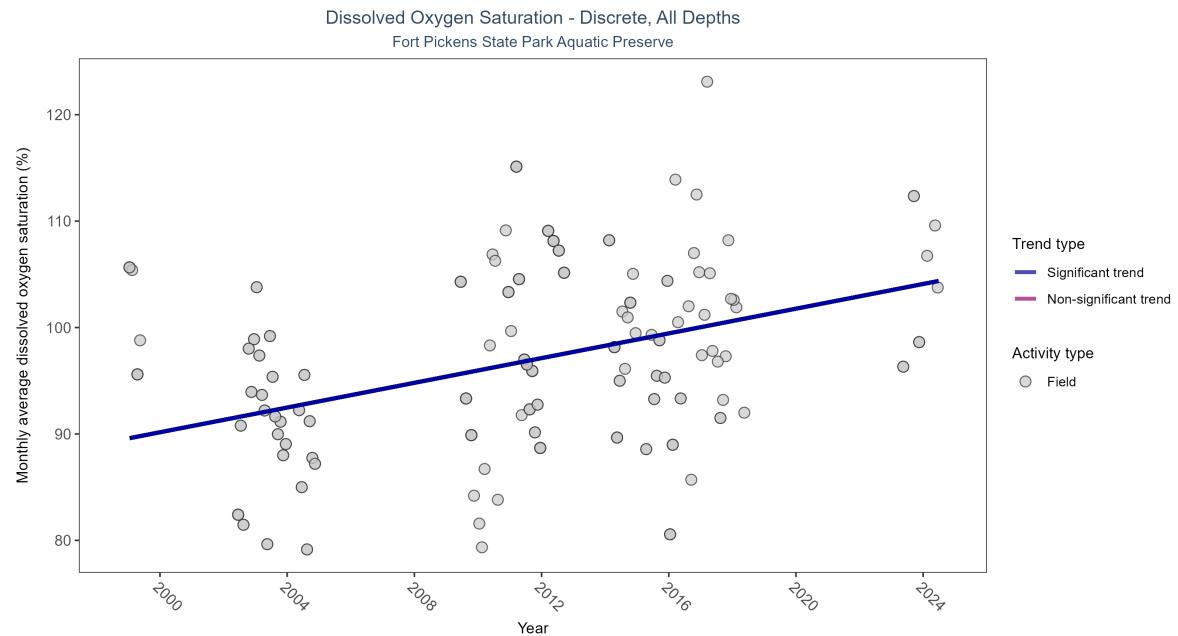


Figure 9: Scatter plot of monthly average dissolved oxygen saturation over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only dissolved oxygen saturation values measured in the field (circles) are included in the plot.

Table 5: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Dissolved Oxygen Saturation

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Field	Significantly increasing trend	257	15	1999 - 2024	98.41	0.29401	89.58022	0.58056	0.0002

Monthly average dissolved oxygen saturation increased by 0.58% per year.

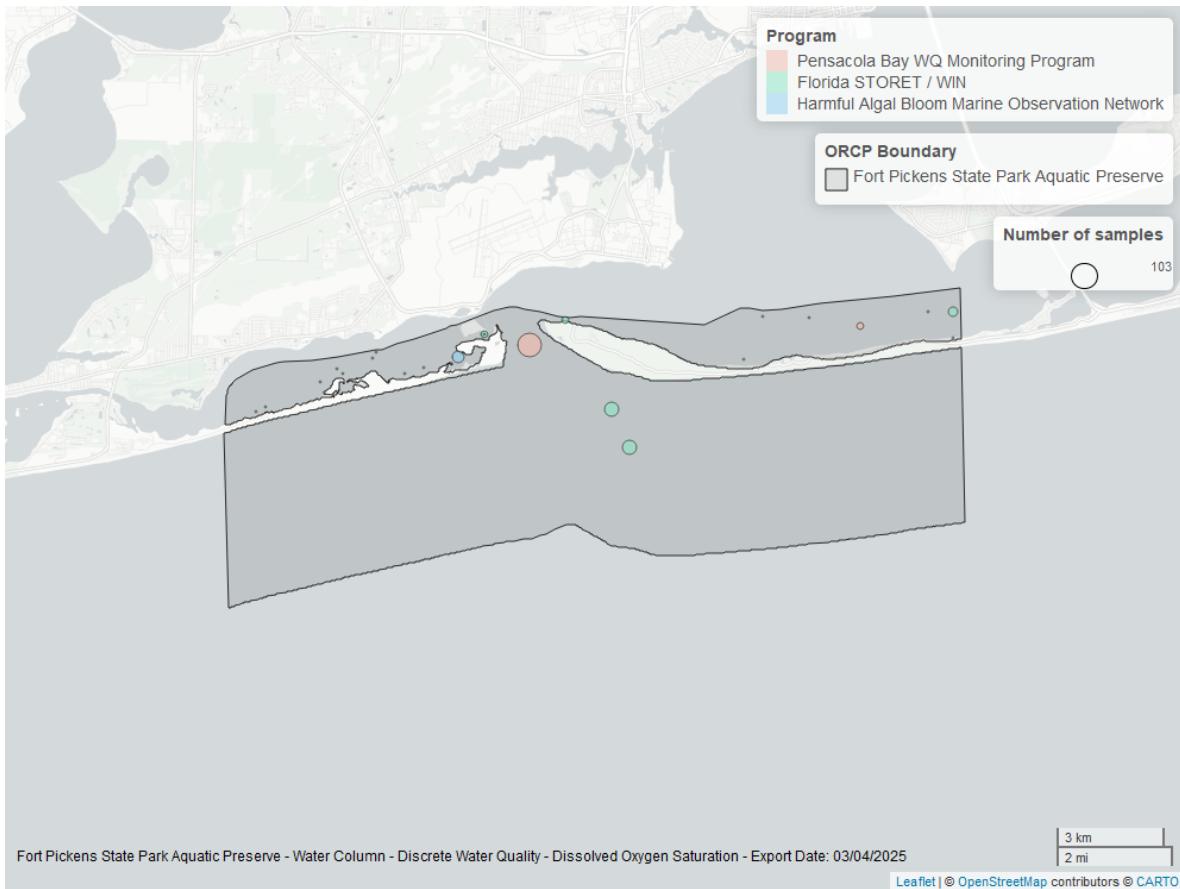


Figure 10: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Dissolved Oxygen Saturation - Continuous

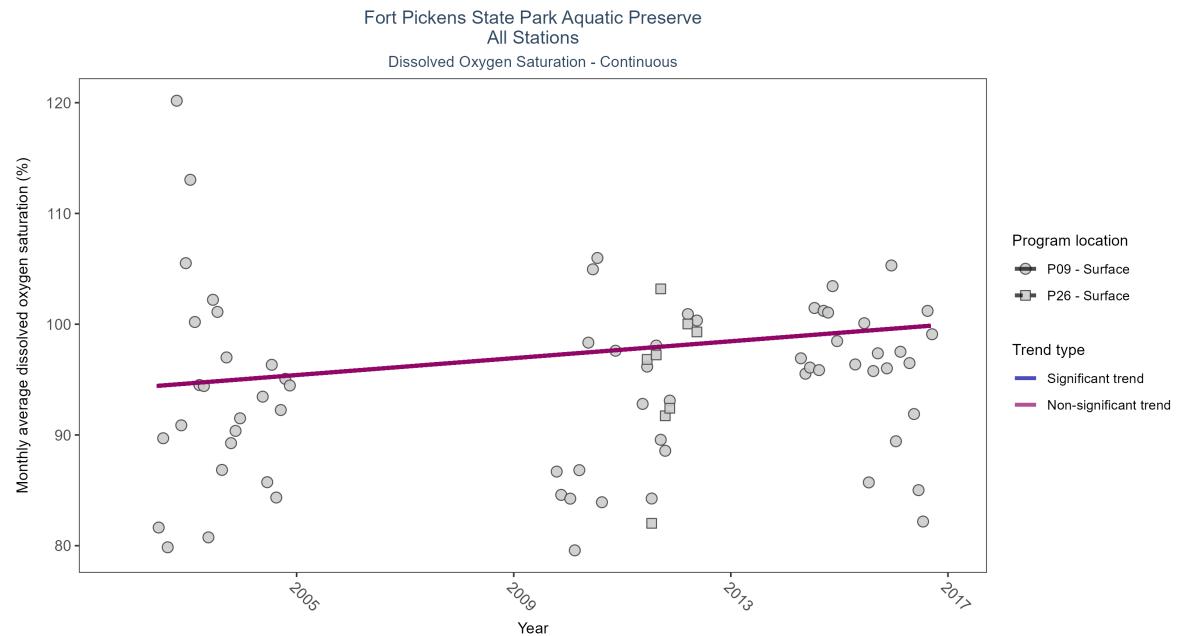


Figure 11: Scatter plot of monthly average dissolved oxygen saturation over time at continuously monitored program locations. Each location is analyzed separately, with significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend lines shown for time series that included five or more years of observations.

Table 6: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results - Dissolved Oxygen Saturation

Program Location	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
P09	No significant trend	358	10	2002 - 2016	96.91	0.11	94.26	0.38	0.2446
P26	Insufficient data to calculate trend	27	2	2011 - 2012	98.17	-	-	-	-

No detectable change in monthly average dissolved oxygen saturation was observed at one location. There was insufficient data to fit a model for one location.

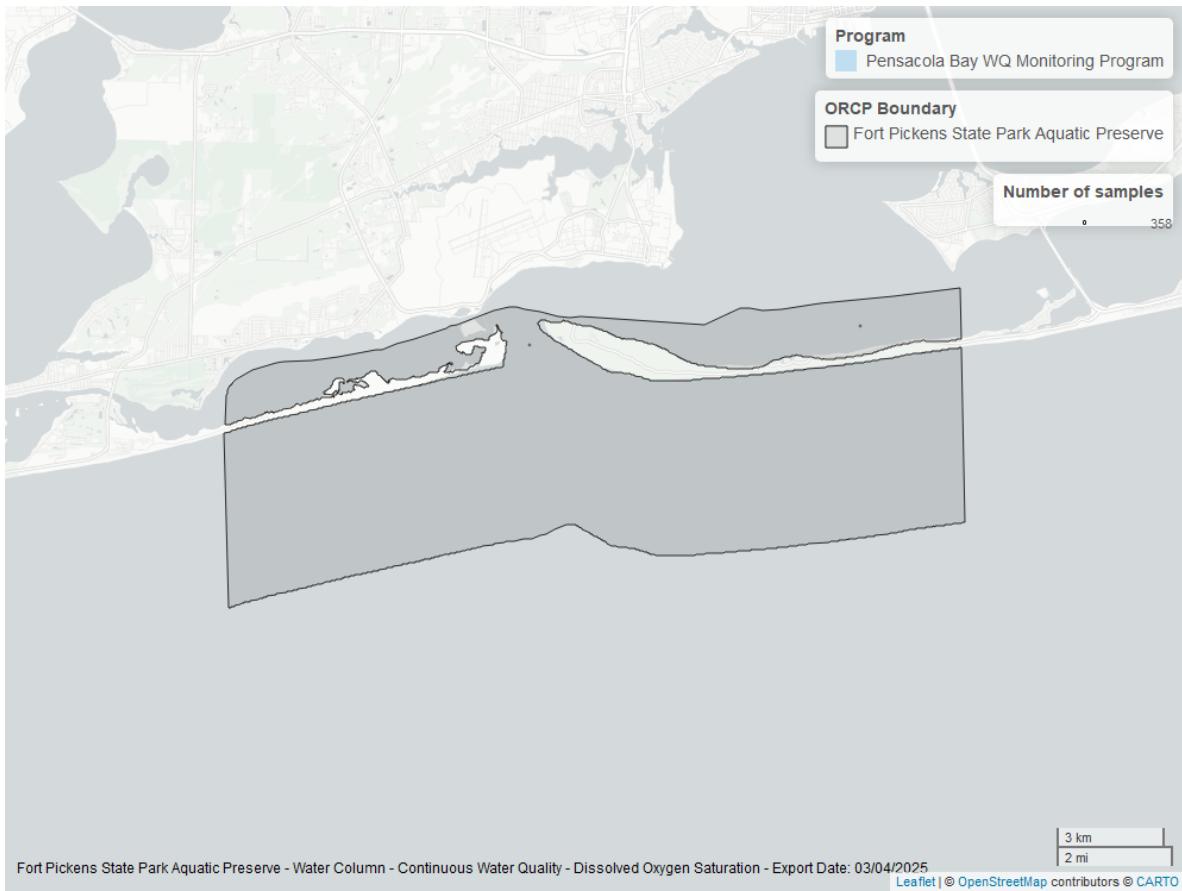


Figure 12: Map showing location of dissolved oxygen saturation continuous water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Salinity - Discrete

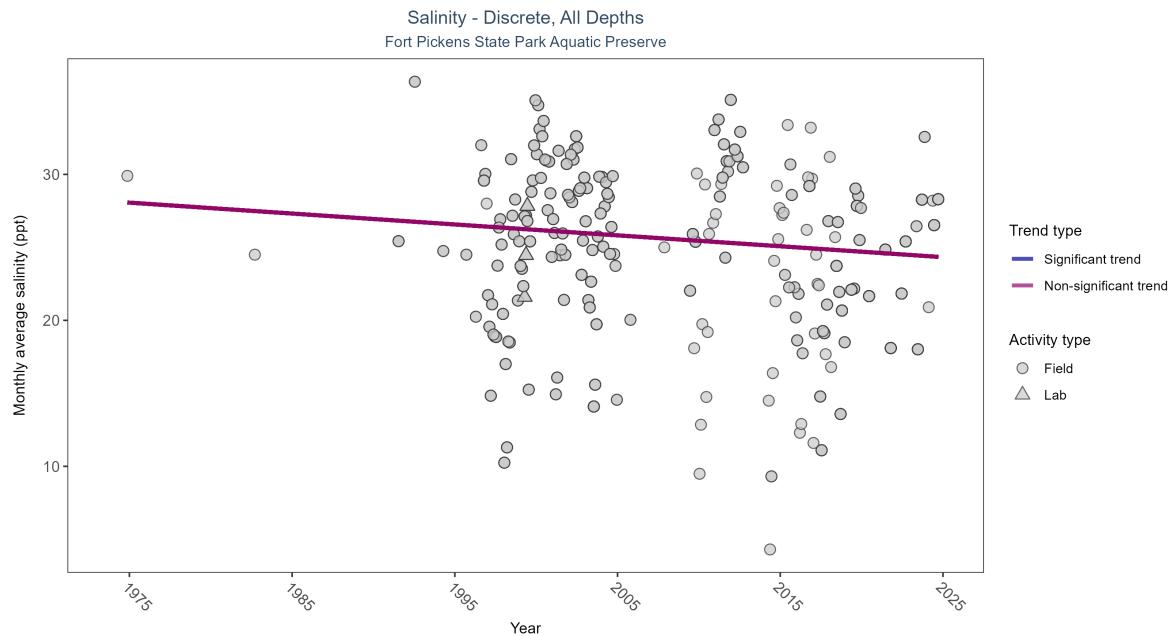


Figure 13: Scatter plot of monthly average salinity over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend lines are also shown. Discrete salinity values derived from grab samples analyzed in the field (circles) or the laboratory (triangles) are both included in the plot.

Table 7: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Salinity

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
All	No significant trend	1163	32	1974 - 2024	25.98	-0.08377	28.13898	-0.0747	0.1

Salinity showed no detectable trend between 1974 and 2024.

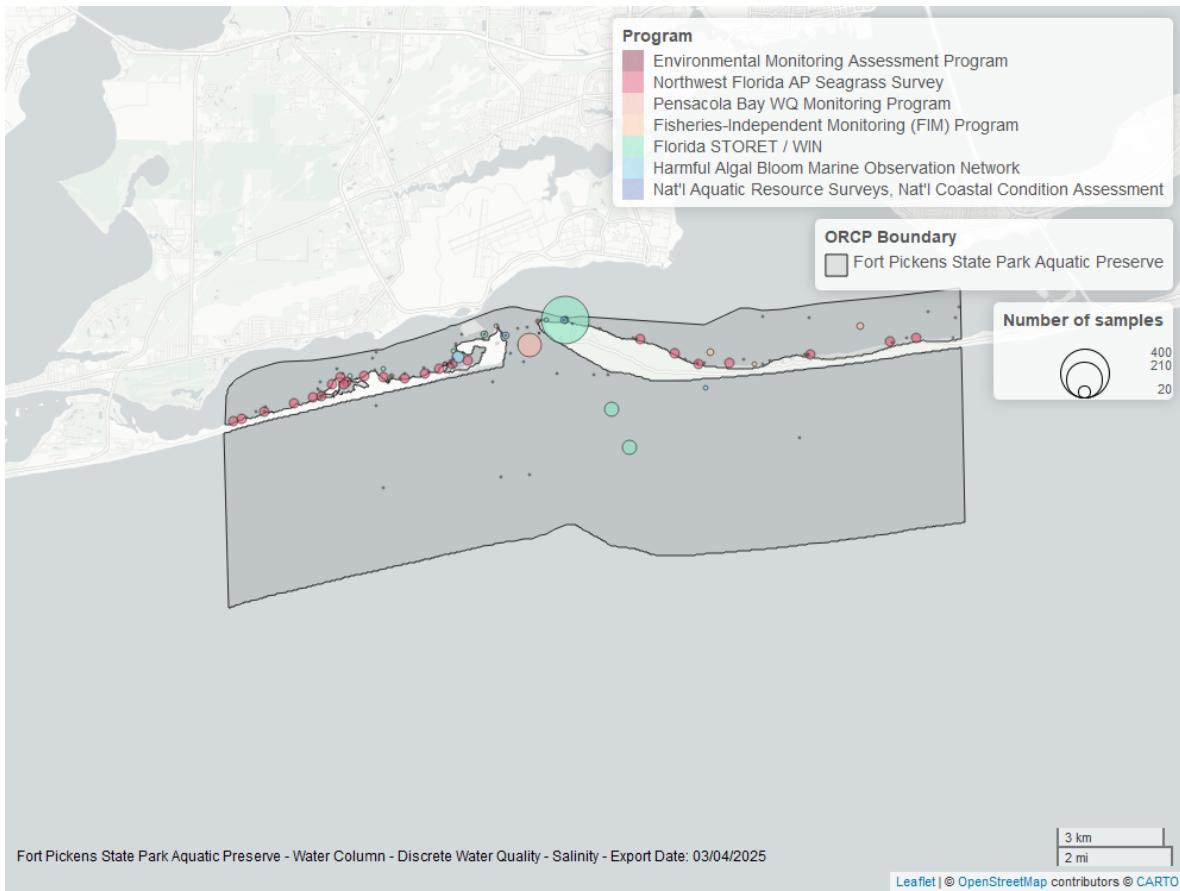


Figure 14: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Salinity - Continuous

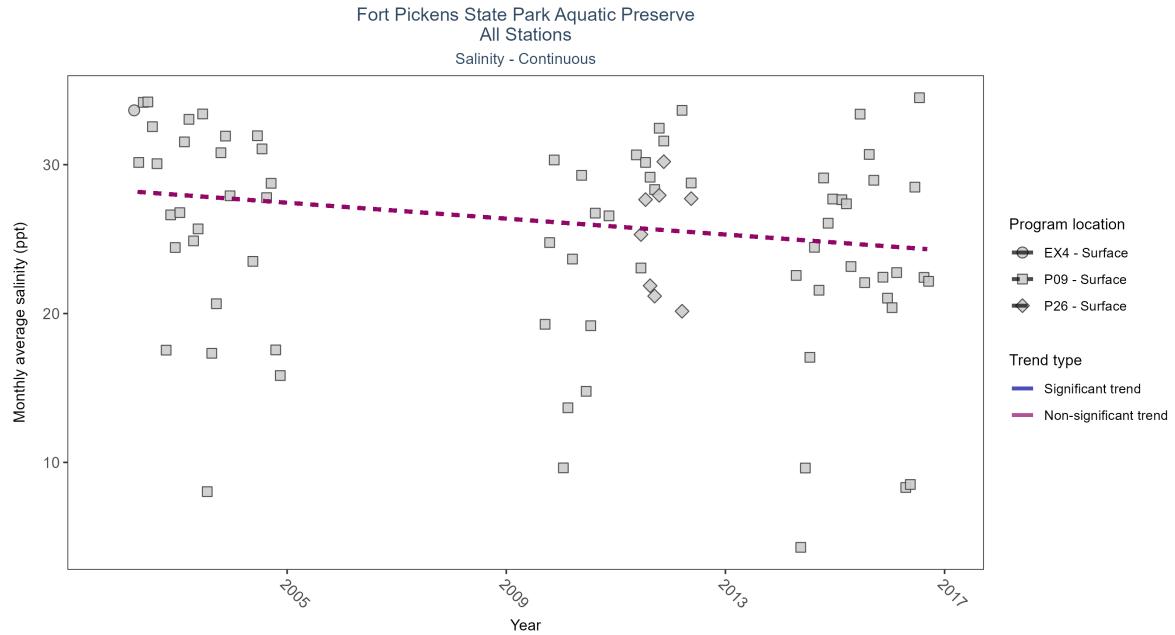


Figure 15: Scatter plot of monthly average salinity over time at continuously monitored program locations. Each location is analyzed separately, with significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend lines shown for time series that included five or more years of observations.

Table 8: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results - Salinity

Program Location	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
P09	No significant trend	373	10	2002 - 2016	25.91	-0.17	28.25	-0.27	0.1296
P26	Insufficient data to calculate trend	27	2	2011 - 2012	26.38	-	-	-	-
EX4	Insufficient data to calculate trend	2	1	2002 - 2002	33.65	-	-	-	-

No detectable change in monthly average salinity was observed at one location. There was insufficient data to fit a model for two locations.

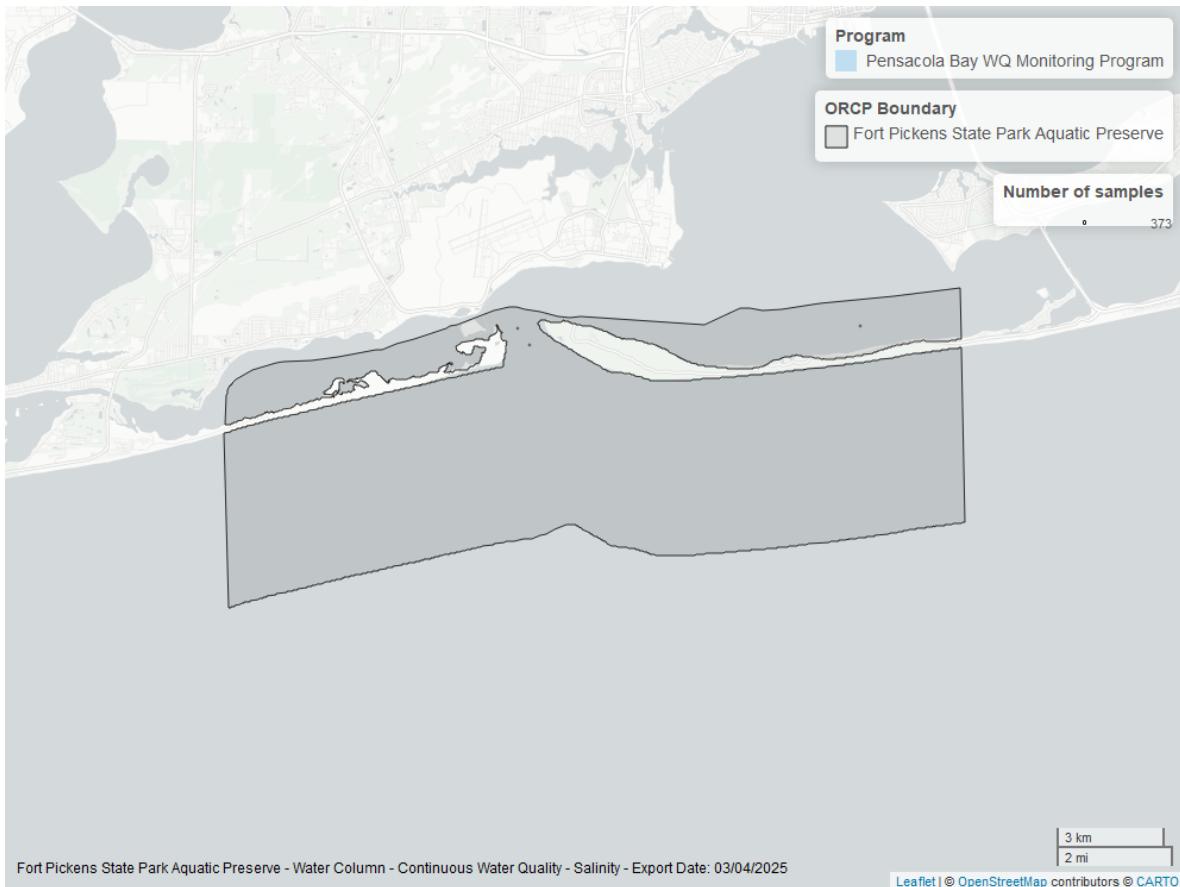


Figure 16: Map showing location of salinity continuous water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Water Temperature - Discrete

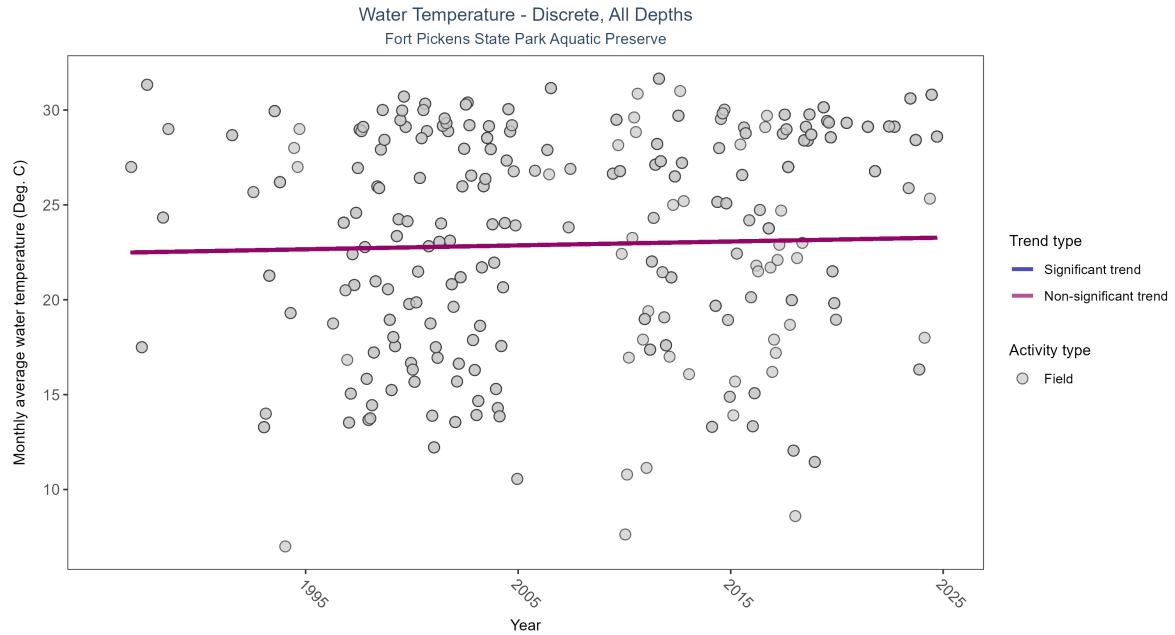


Figure 17: Scatter plot of monthly average water temperature over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only water temperature measurements taken in the field (circles) are included in the plot.

Table 9: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Water Temperature

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Field	No significant trend	1264	35	1986 - 2024	27.1	0.07616	22.4764	0.02054	0.1033

Water temperature showed no detectable trend between 1986 and 2024.

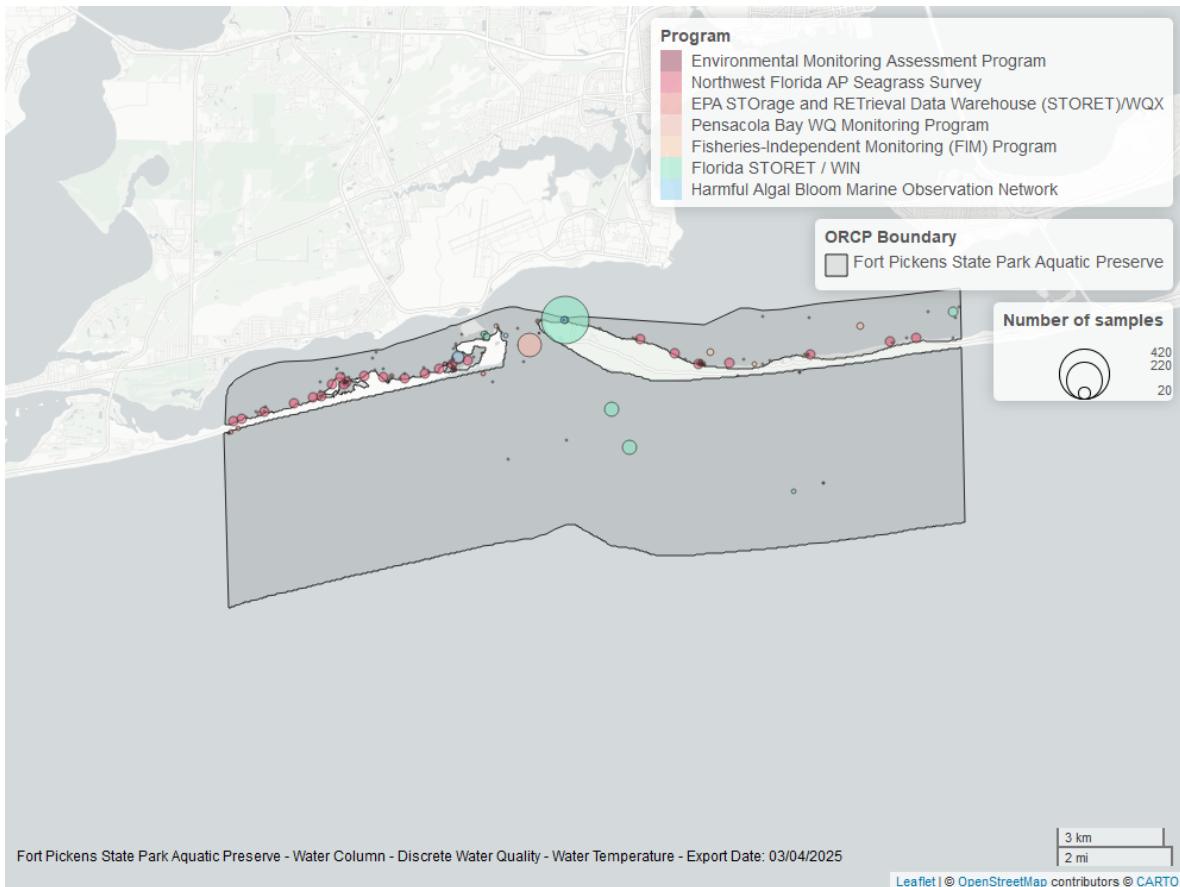


Figure 18: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Water Temperature - Continuous

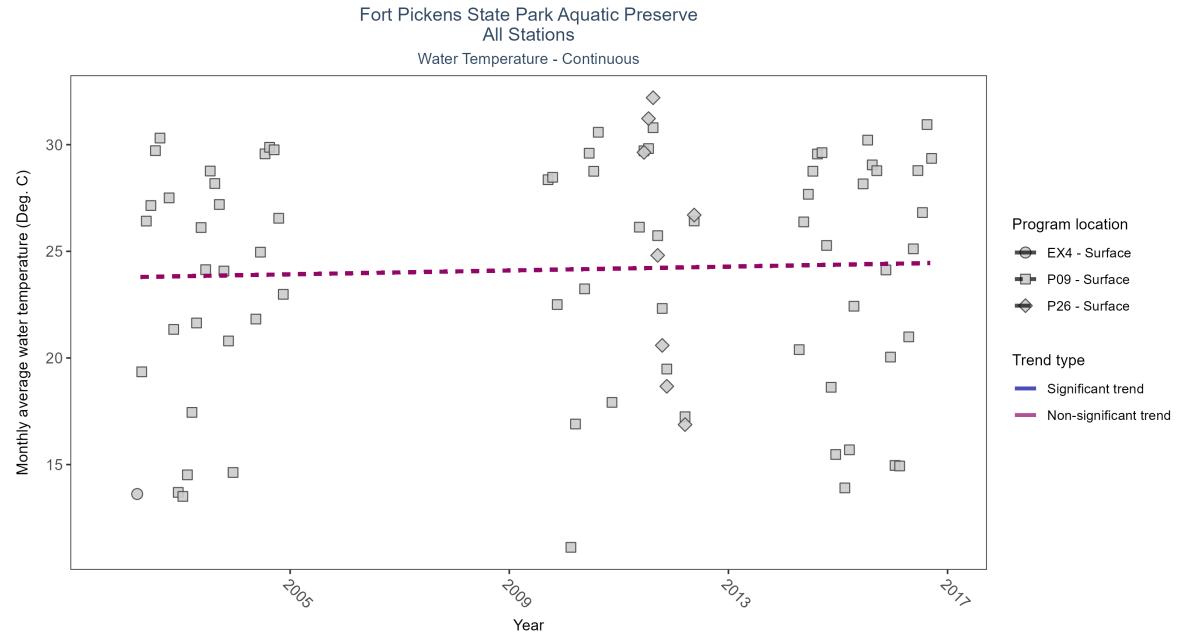


Figure 19: Scatter plot of monthly average water temperature over time at continuously monitored program locations. Each location is analyzed separately, with significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend lines shown for time series that included five or more years of observations.

Table 10: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results - Water Temperature

Program Location	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
P09	No significant trend	373	10	2002 - 2016	26.39	0.1	23.79	0.05	0.4485
P26	Insufficient data to calculate trend	27	2	2011 - 2012	29.64	-	-	-	-
EX4	Insufficient data to calculate trend	2	1	2002 - 2002	13.62	-	-	-	-

No detectable change in monthly average water temperature was observed at one location. There was insufficient data to fit a model for two locations.

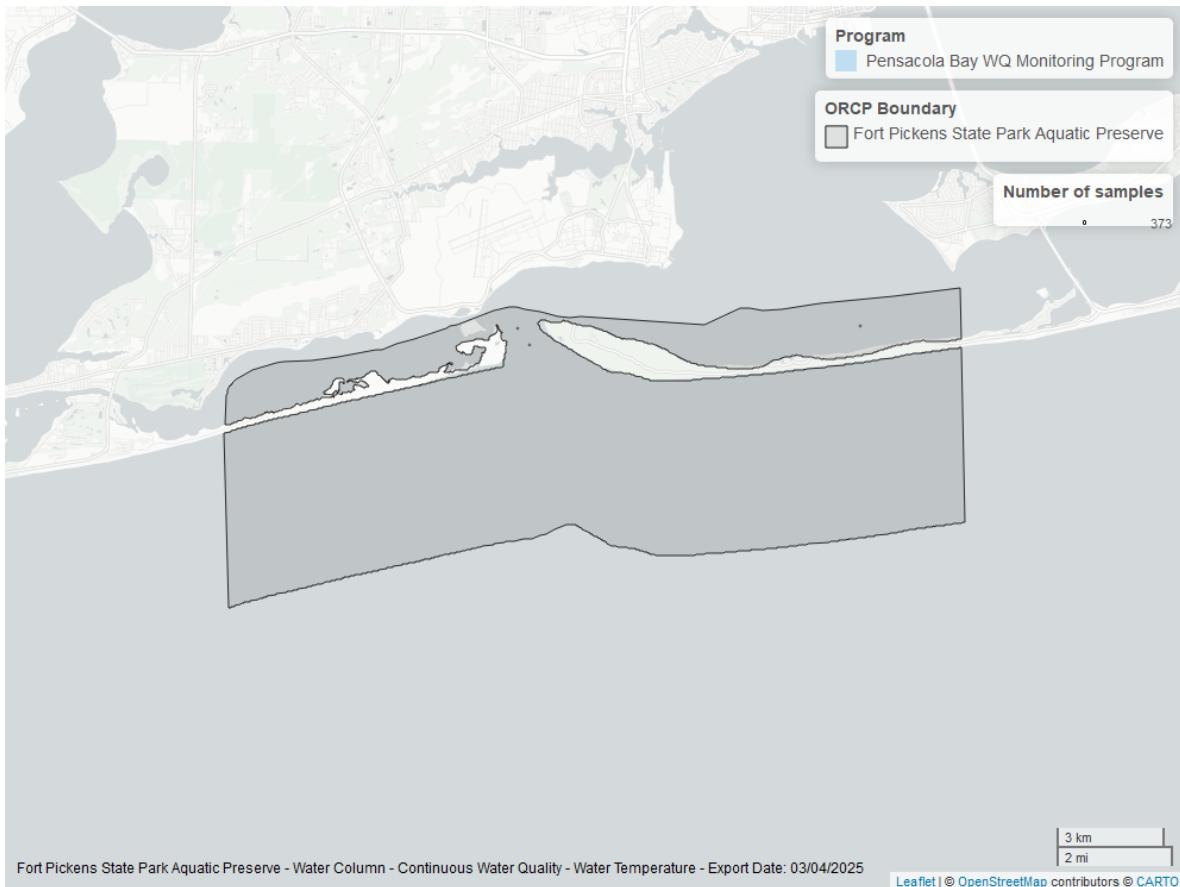


Figure 20: Map showing location of water temperature continuous water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

pH - Discrete

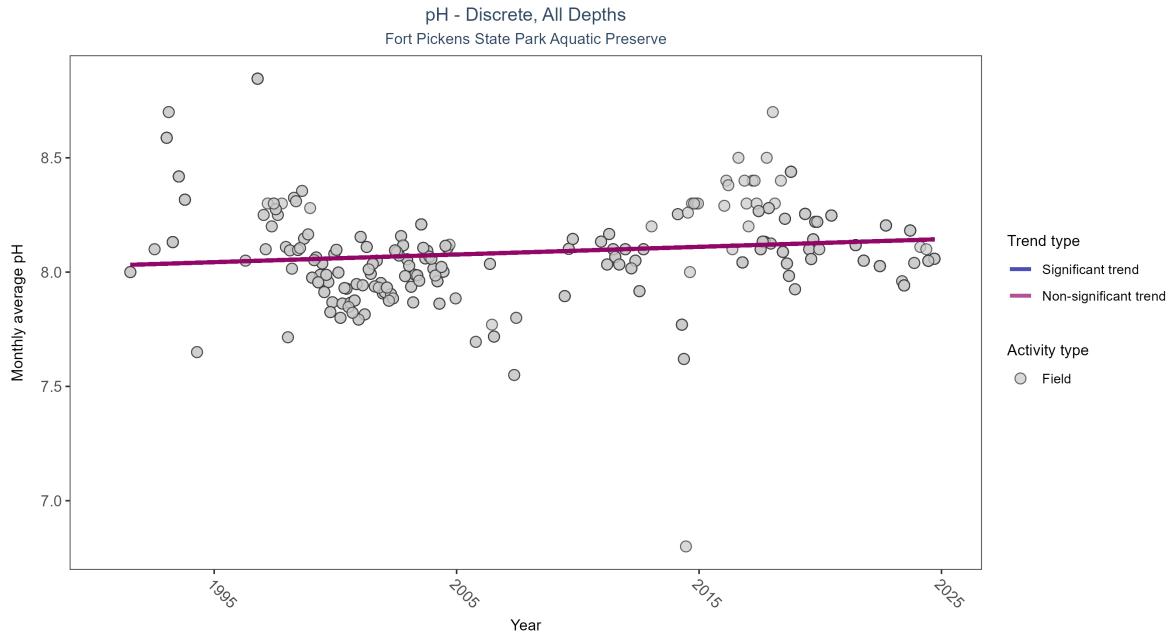


Figure 21: Scatter plot of monthly average pH over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only pH values measured in the field (circles) are included in the plot.

Table 11: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - pH

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Field	No significant trend	1024	31	1991 - 2024	8.1	0.11969	8.03003	0.00336	0.0586

pH showed no detectable trend between 1991 and 2024.

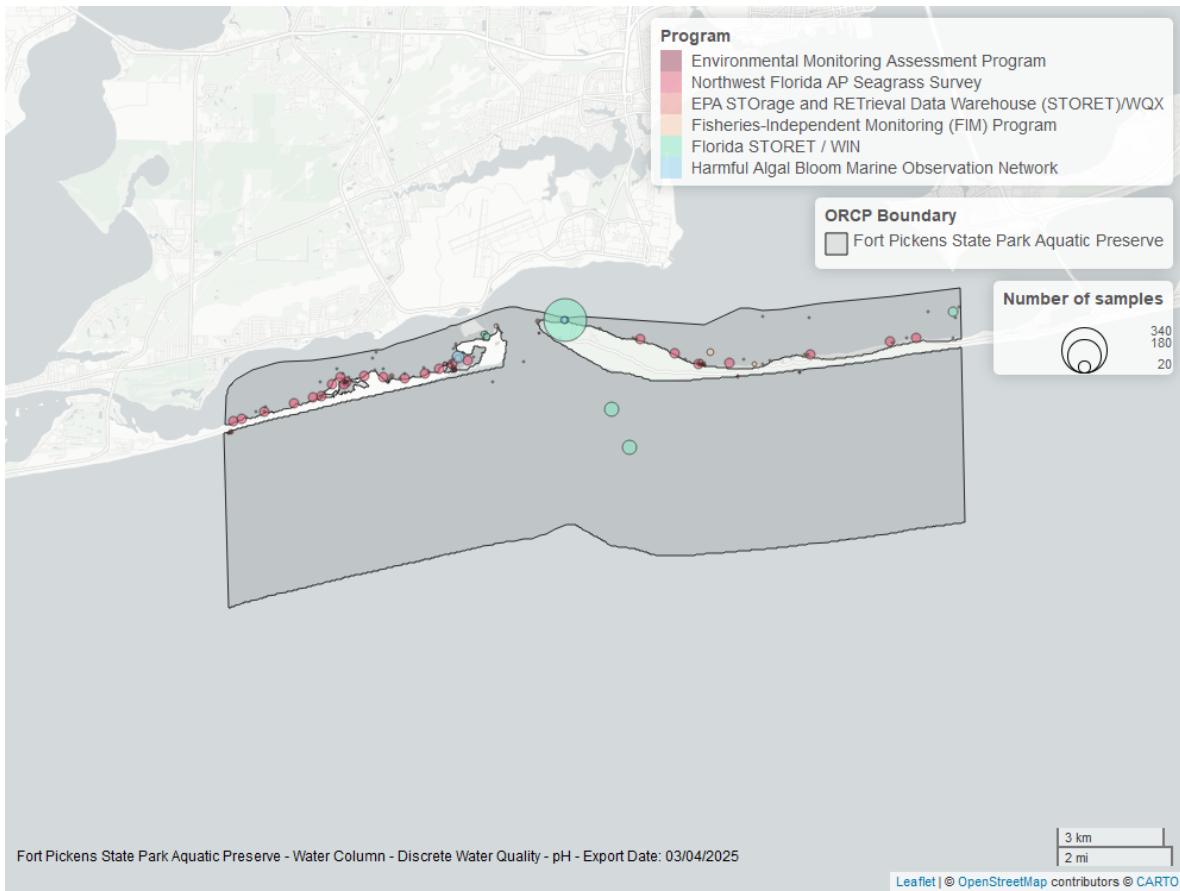


Figure 22: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

pH - Continuous

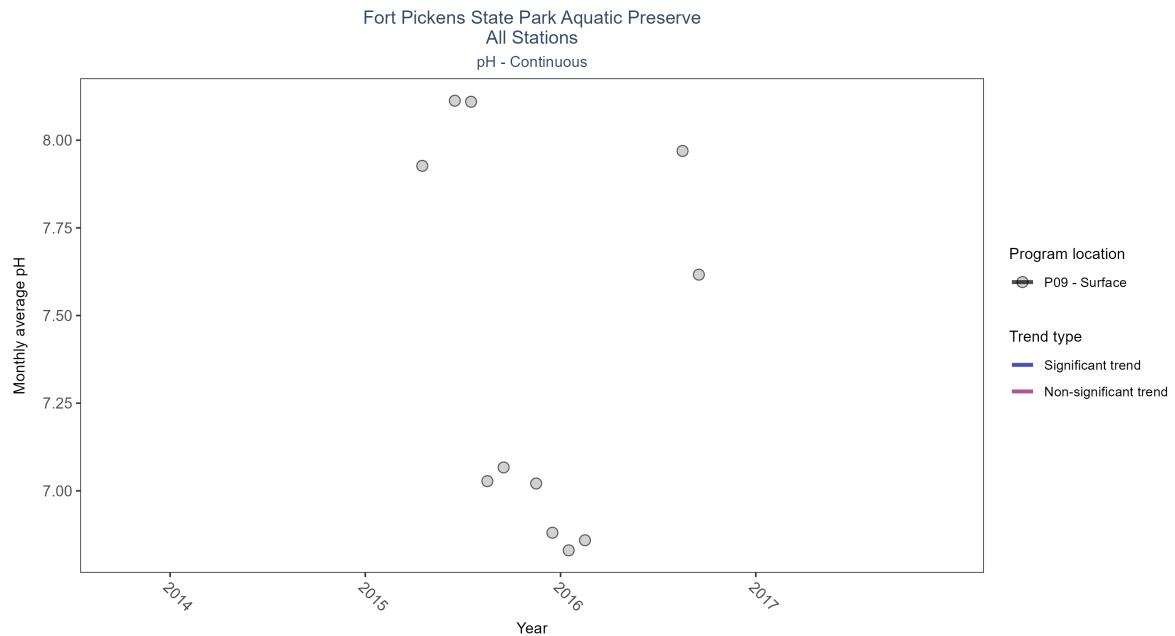


Figure 23: Scatter plot of monthly average pH over time at continuously monitored program locations. Each location is analyzed separately, with significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend lines shown for time series that included five or more years of observations.

Table 12: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results - pH

Program Location	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
P09	Insufficient data to calculate trend	157	2	2015 - 2016	7.06	-	-	-	-

There was insufficient data to fit a model for one location.

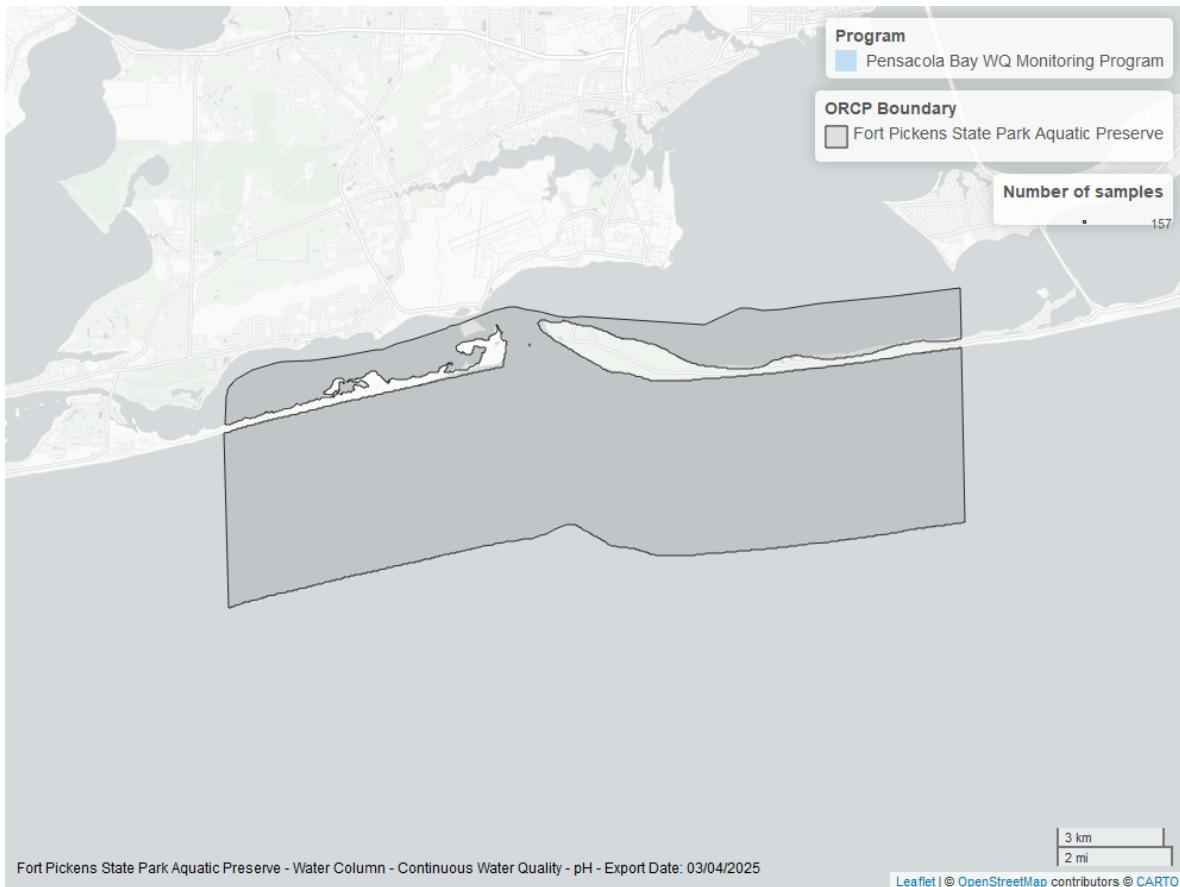


Figure 24: Map showing location of ph continuous water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Water Clarity

Turbidity - Discrete

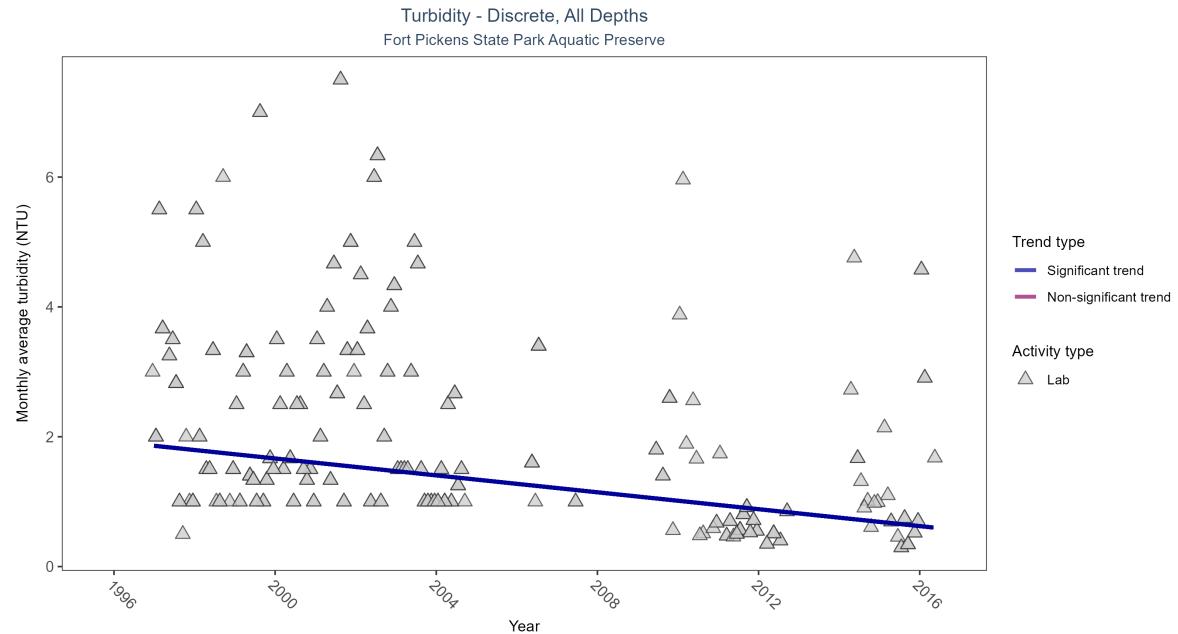


Figure 25: Scatter plot of monthly average turbidity over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only turbidity values measured in the laboratory (triangles) are included in the plot.

Table 13: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Turbidity

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Lab	Significantly decreasing trend	313	18	1996 - 2016	1.0122	-0.31425	1.92558	-0.06511	0

Monthly average turbidity decreased by 0.07 NTU per year, indicating an increase in water clarity.

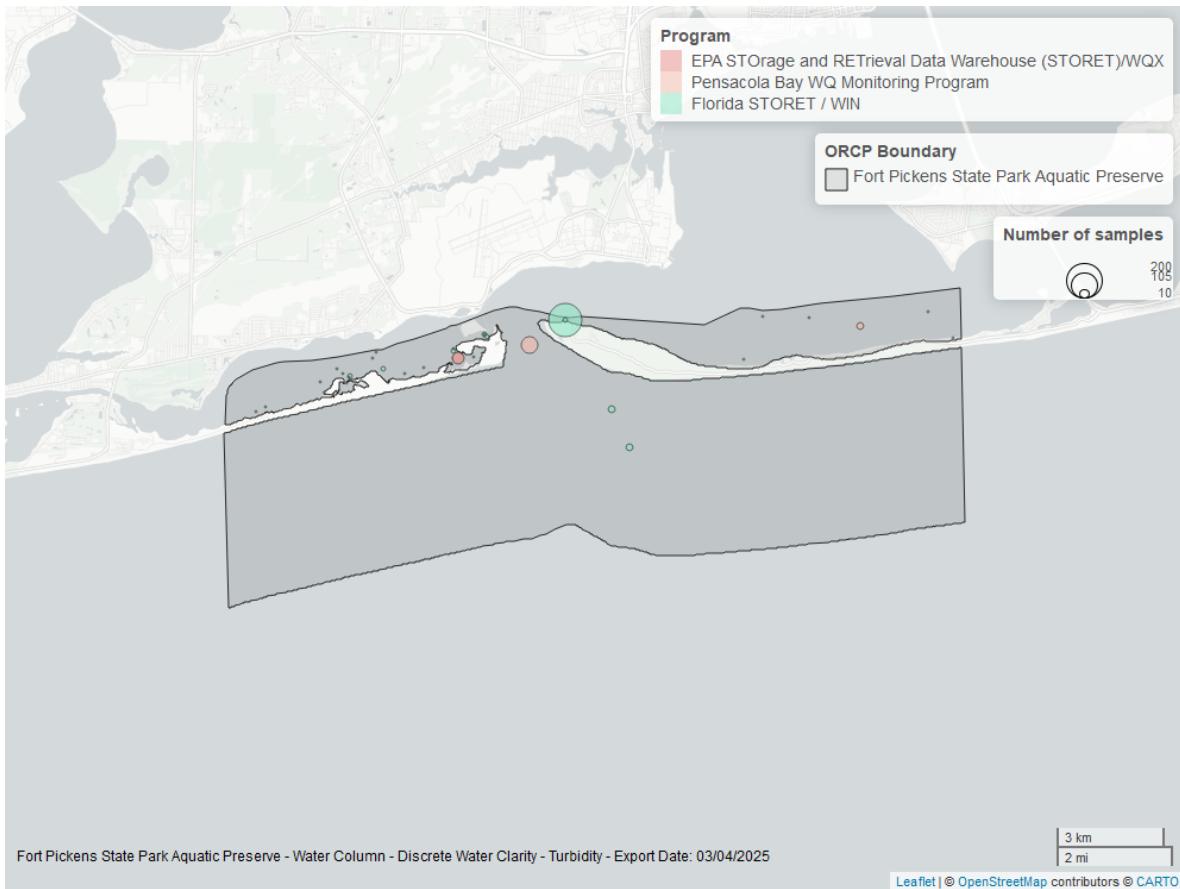


Figure 26: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Turbidity - Continuous

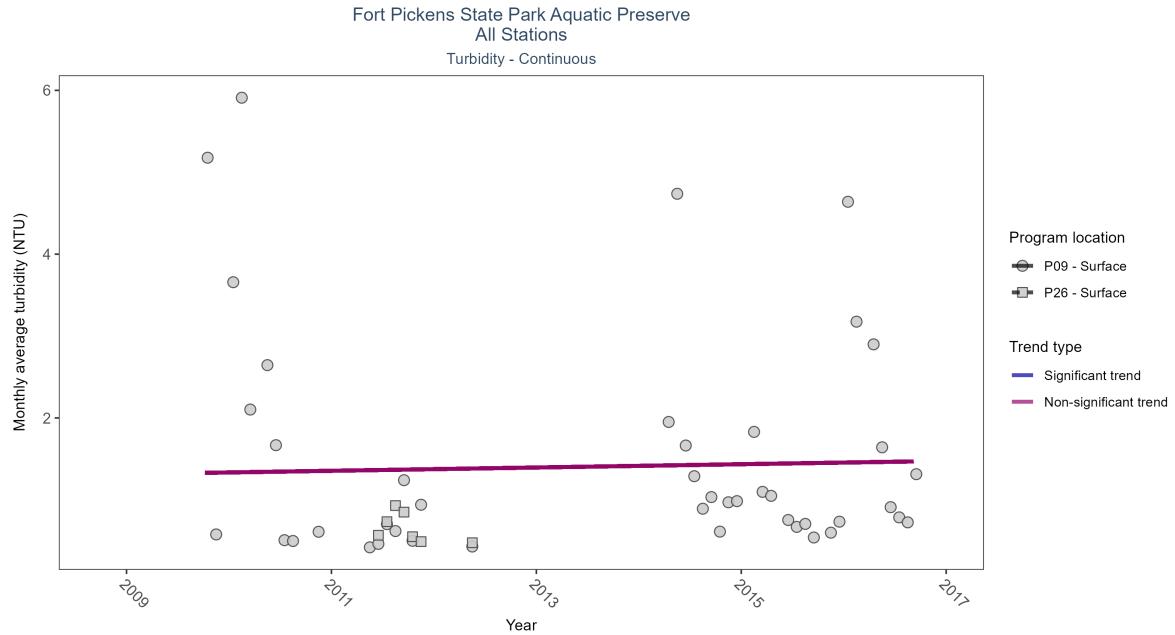


Figure 27: Scatter plot of monthly average turbidity over time at continuously monitored program locations. Each location is analyzed separately, with significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend lines shown for time series that included five or more years of observations.

Table 14: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results - Turbidity

Program Location	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
P09	No significant trend	275	7	2009 - 2016	0.85	0.07	1.31	0.02	0.382
P26	Insufficient data to calculate trend	25	2	2011 - 2012	0.62	-	-	-	-

No detectable change in monthly average turbidity was observed at one location. There was insufficient data to fit a model for one location.

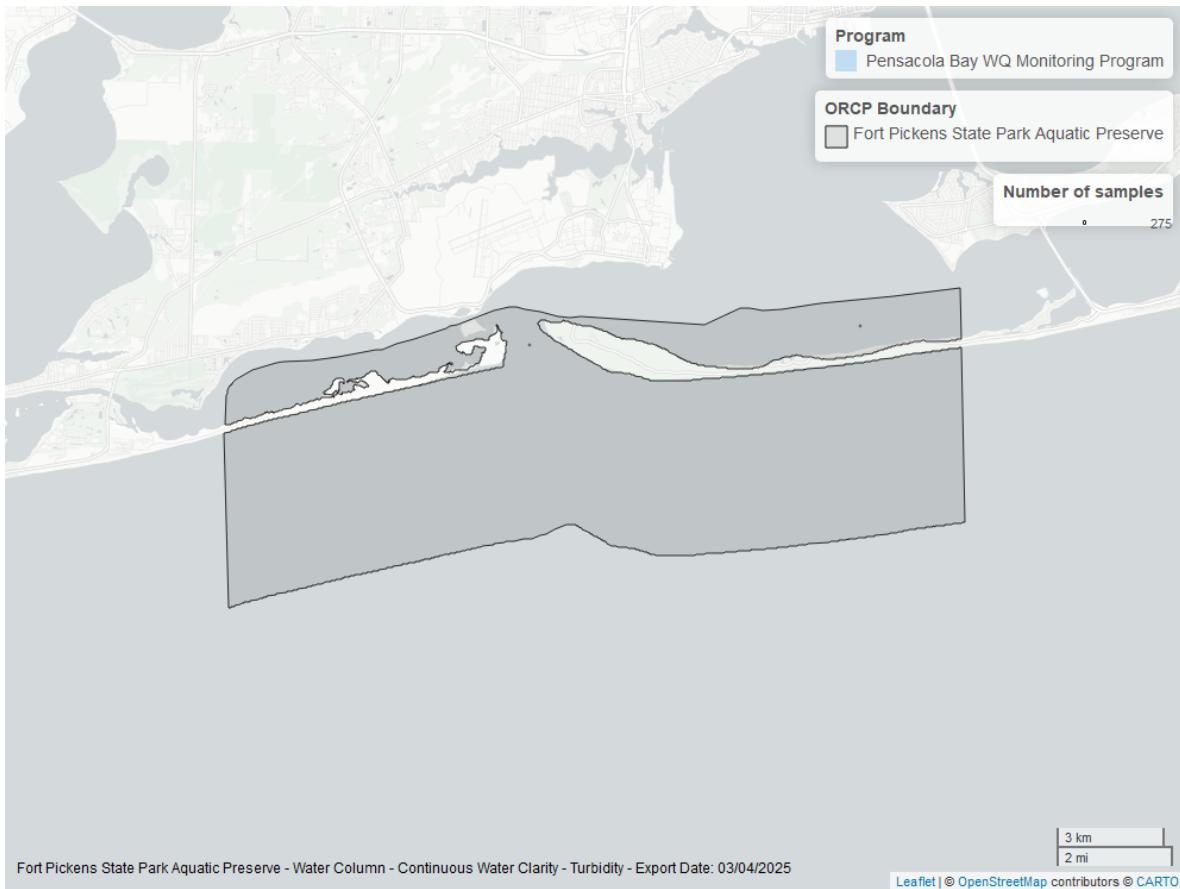


Figure 28: Map showing location of turbidity continuous water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Total Suspended Solids - Discrete

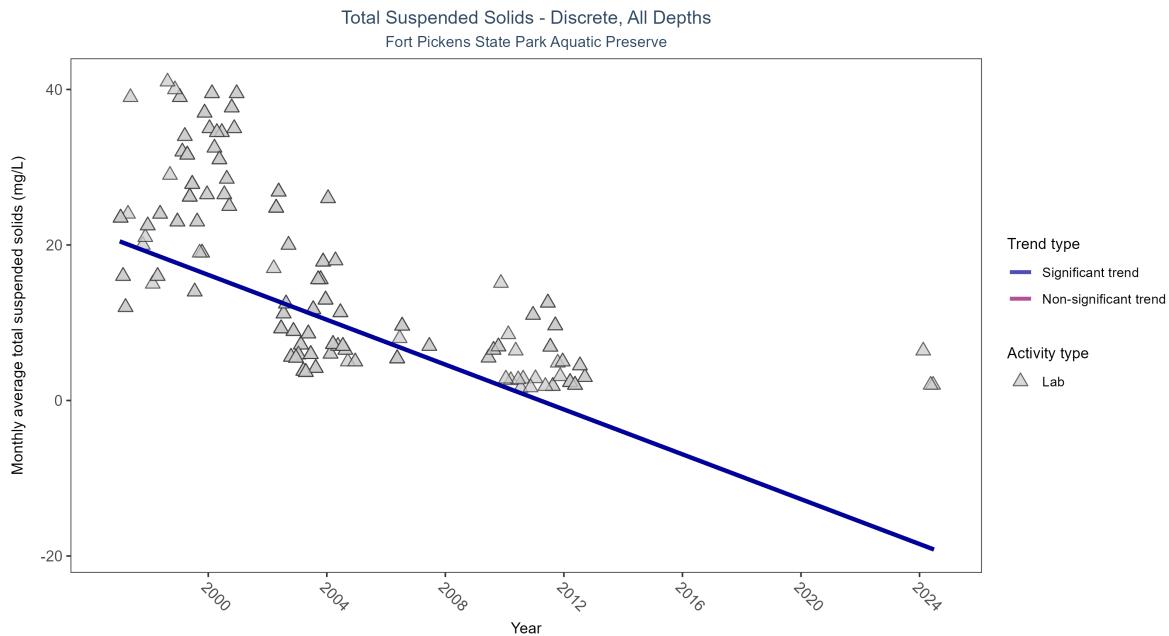


Figure 29: Scatter plot of monthly average total suspended solids (TSS) over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only TSS values obtained from laboratory analyses (triangles) are included in the plot.

Table 15: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Total Suspended Solids

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P	
Lab	Significantly decreasing trend	258	14	1997 - 2024		10	-0.60919	20.48186	-1.44236	0

Monthly average total suspended solids decreased by 1.44 mg/L per year, indicating an increase in water clarity.

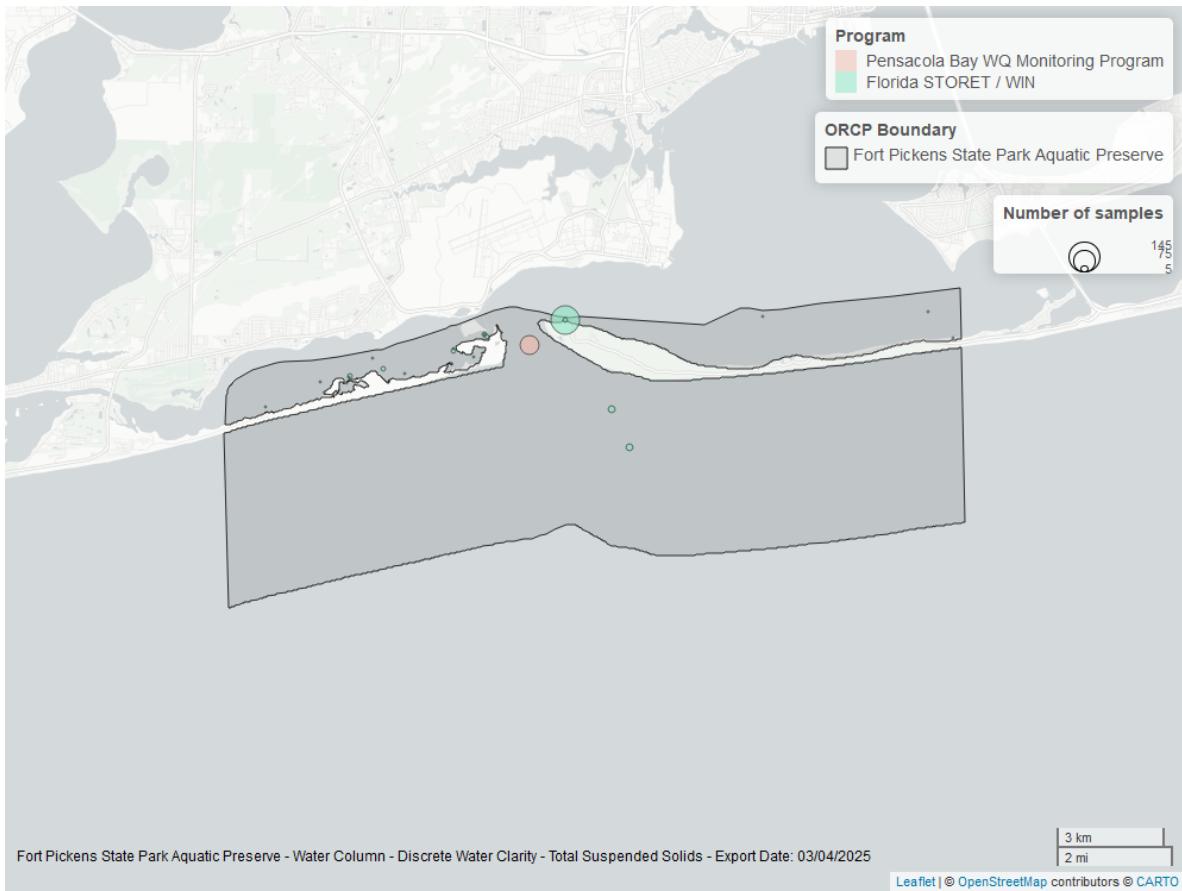


Figure 30: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Chlorophyll a, Uncorrected for Pheophytin - Discrete

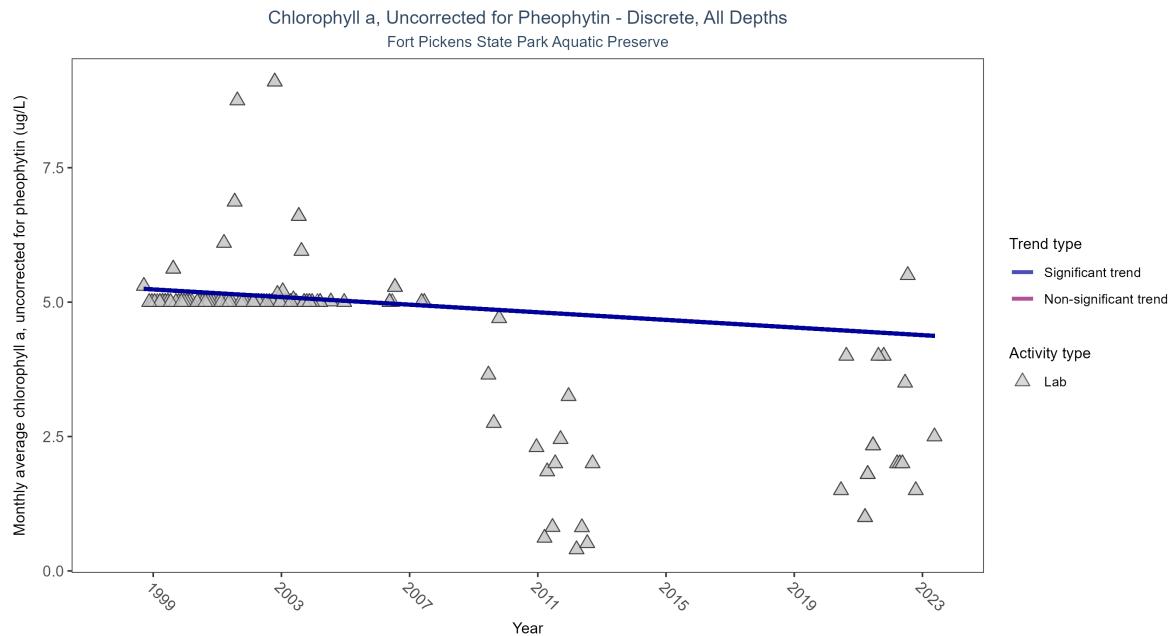


Figure 31: Scatter plot of monthly average levels of chlorophyll a, uncorrected for pheophytin, over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only laboratory-analyzed chlorophyll a (triangles) is included in the plot.

Table 16: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Chlorophyll a, Uncorrected for Pheophytin

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Lab	Significantly decreasing trend	233	17	1998 - 2023	5	-0.32294	5.27153	-0.03542	0

Monthly average chlorophyll a, uncorrected for pheophytin, decreased by 0.04 $\mu\text{g/L}$ per year, indicating an increase in water clarity.

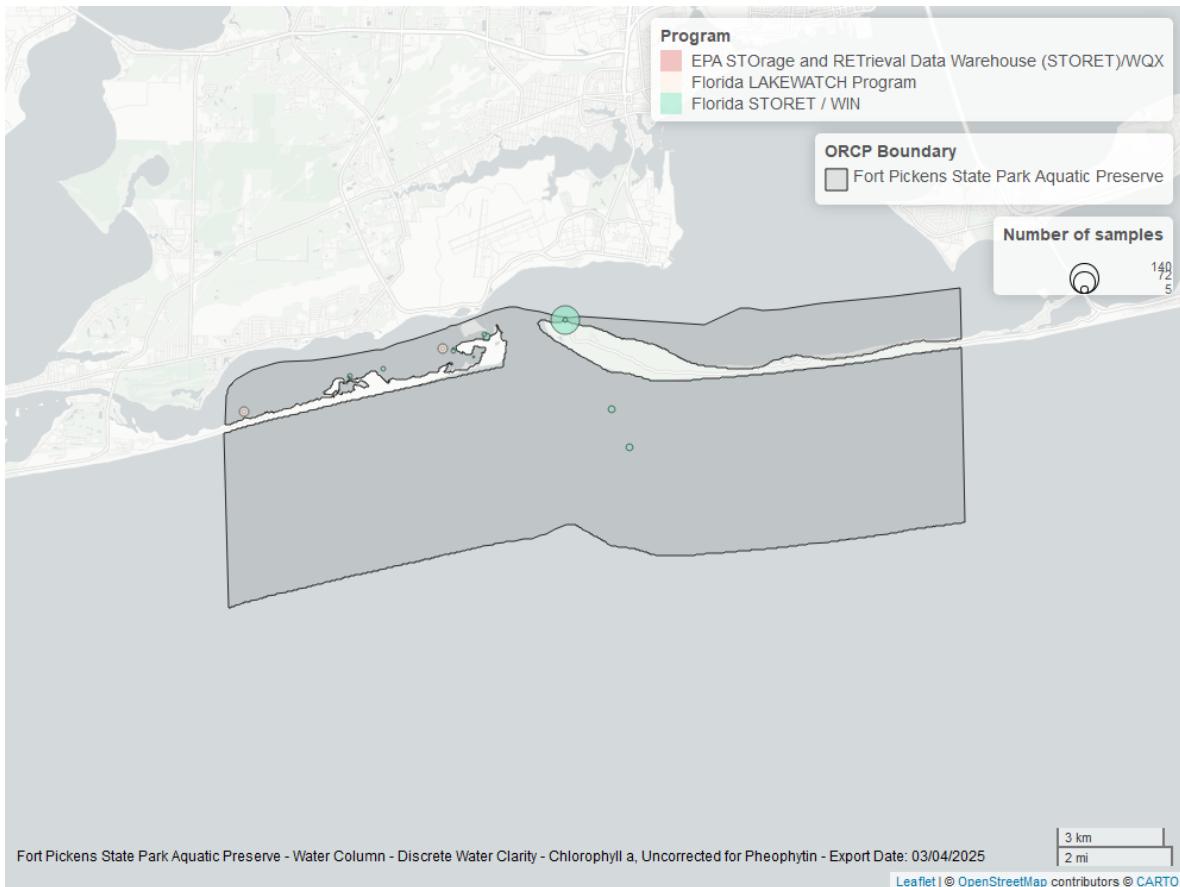


Figure 32: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin - Discrete

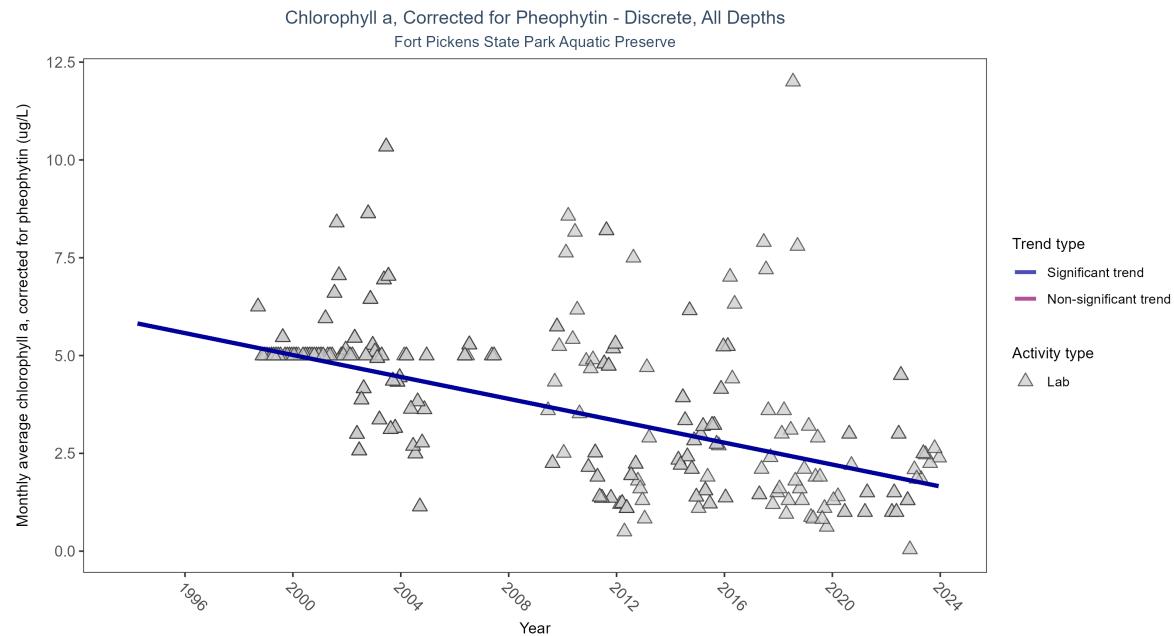


Figure 33: Scatter plot of monthly average levels of chlorophyll a, corrected for pheophytin, over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only laboratory-analyzed chlorophyll a (triangles) is included in the plot.

Table 17: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Lab	Significantly decreasing trend	395	25	1994 - 2023	5	-0.4096	5.85363	-0.14	0

Monthly average chlorophyll a, corrected for pheophytin, decreased by 0.14 $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ per year, indicating an increase in water clarity.

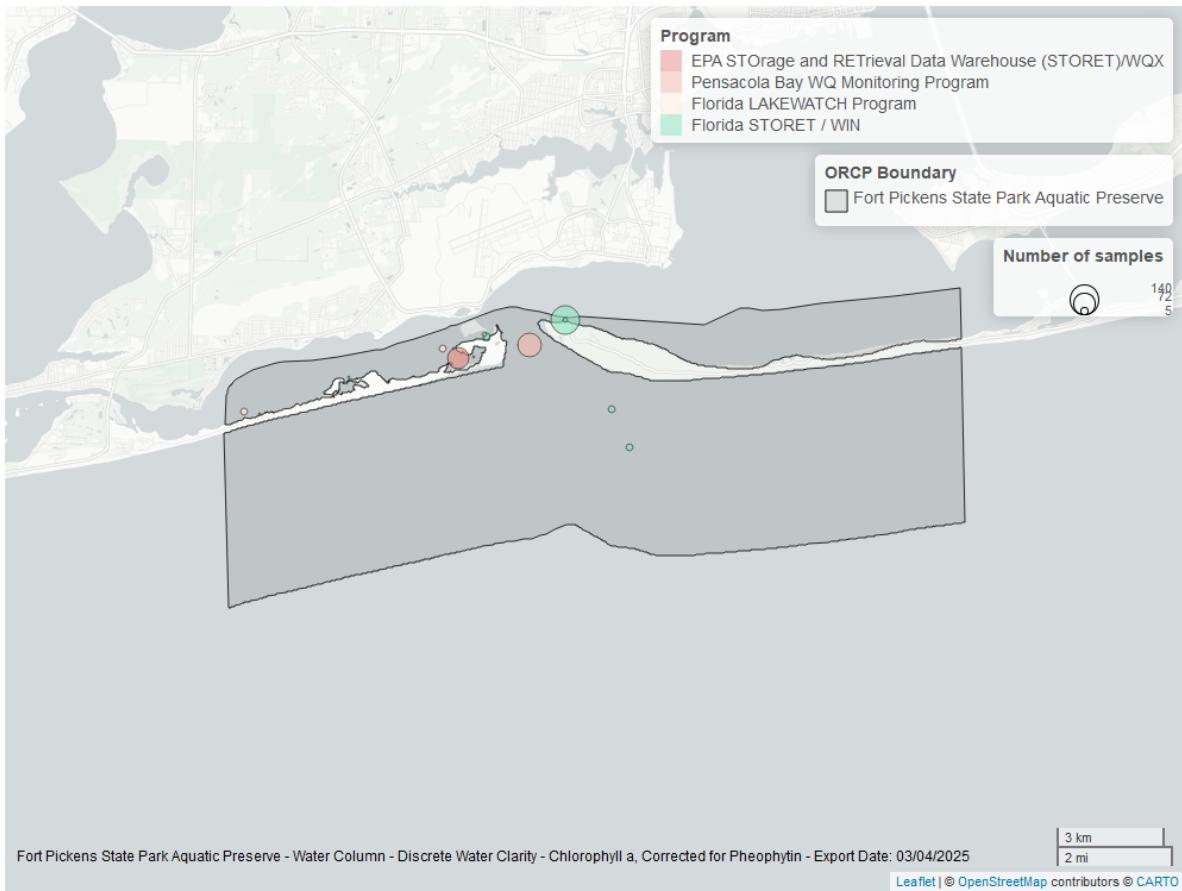


Figure 34: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Secchi Depth - Discrete

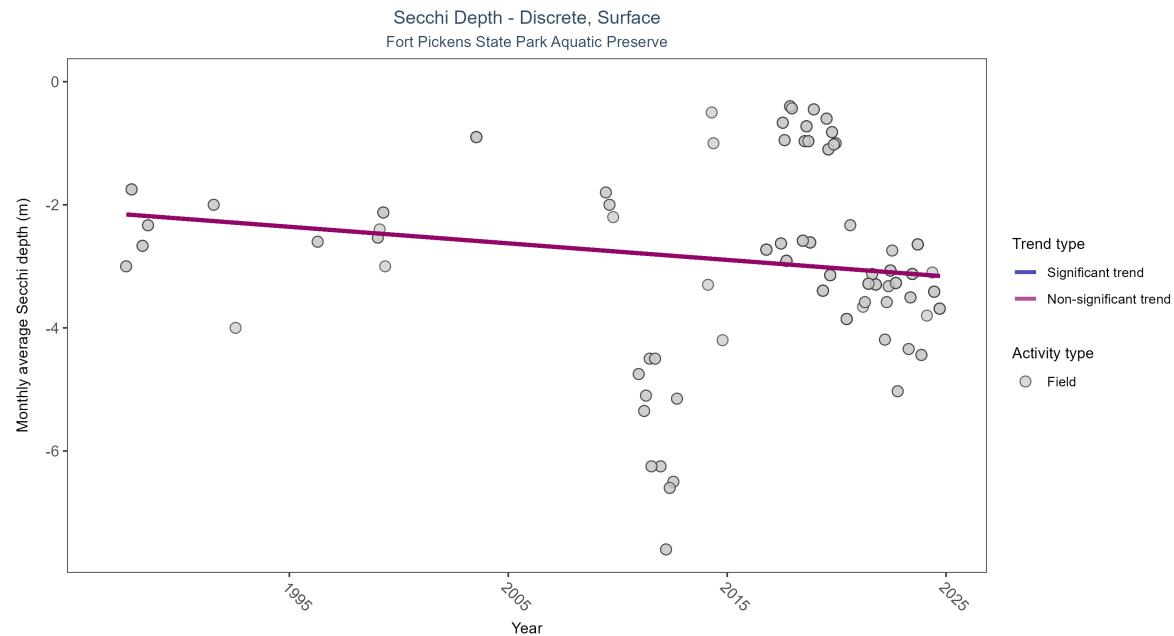


Figure 35: Scatter plot of monthly average Secchi depth over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Secchi depth is only measured in the field (circles).

Table 18: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Secchi Depth

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Field	No significant trend	547	21	1987 - 2024	-2.75	-0.14325	-2.14224	-0.02691	0.4209

Secchi depth showed no detectable trend between 1987 and 2024.

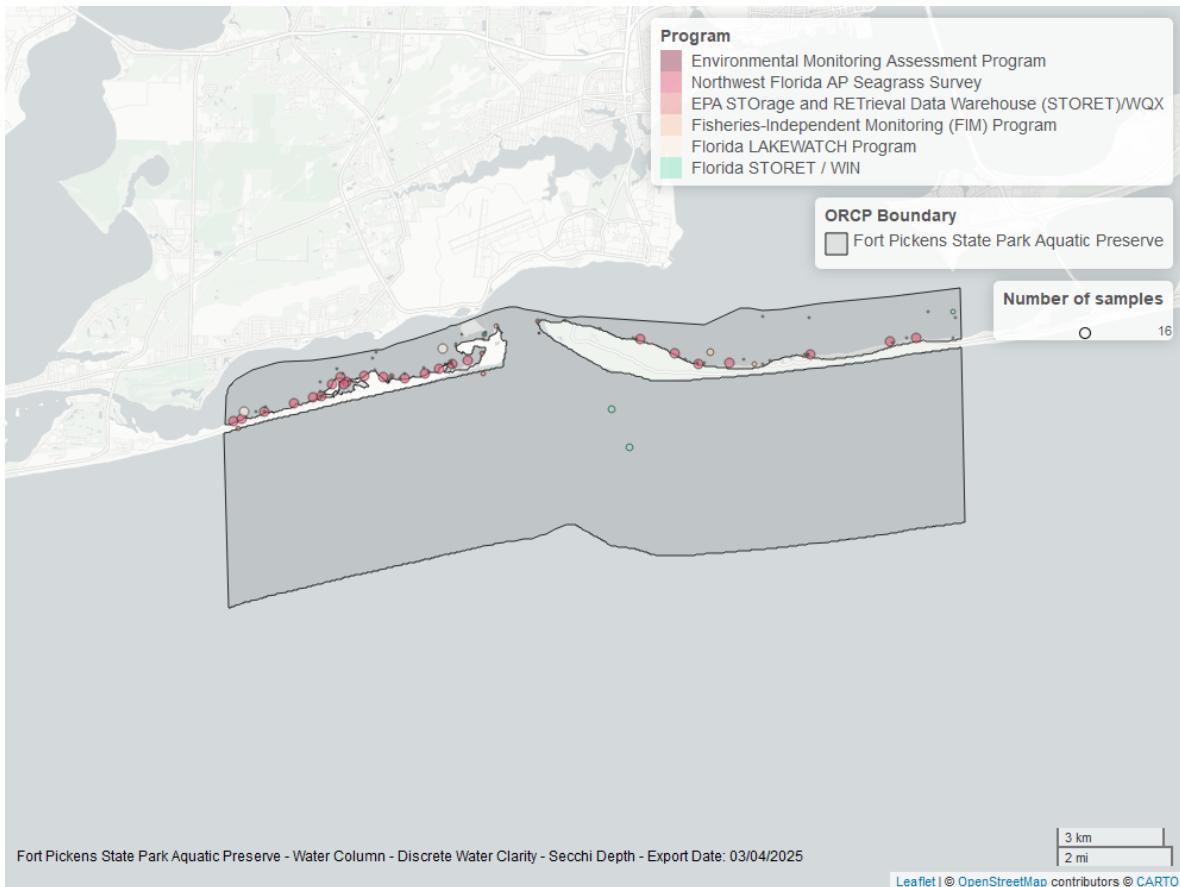


Figure 36: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.

Colored Dissolved Organic Matter - Discrete

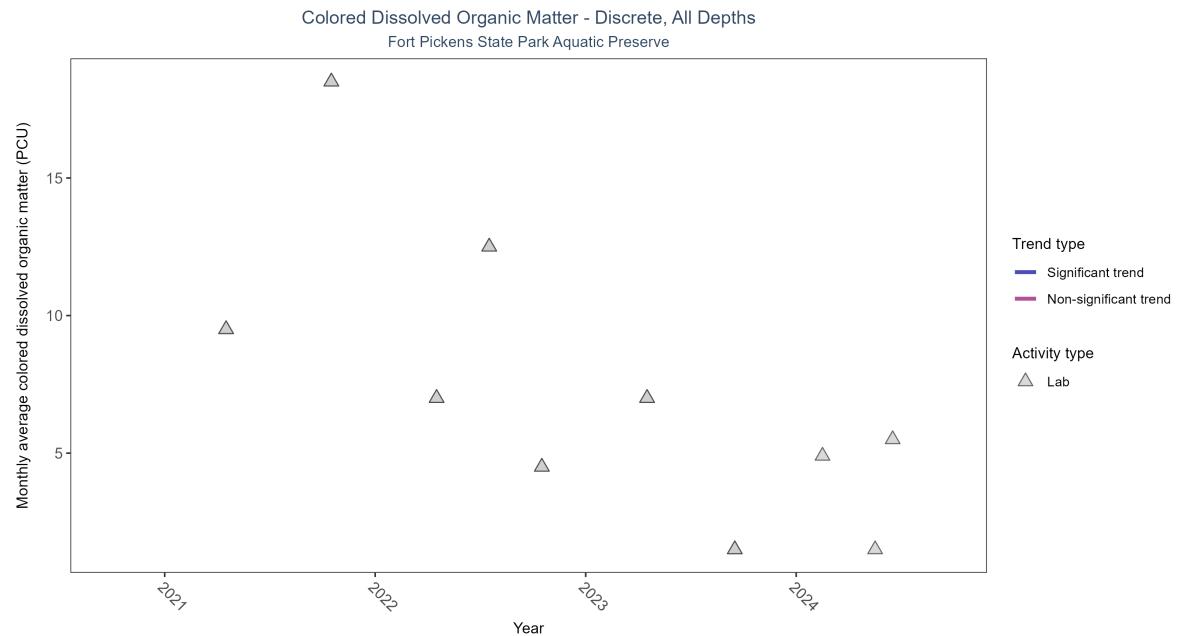


Figure 37: Scatter plot of monthly average colored dissolved organic matter (CDOM) over time. If the time series included ten or more years of discrete observations, a significant (blue) or non-significant (magenta) trend line is also shown. Only laboratory-analyzed CDOM (triangles) is included in the plot.

Table 19: Seasonal Kendall-Tau Results for - Colored Dissolved Organic Matter

Activity Type	Statistical Trend	Sample Count	Years with Data	Period of Record	Median Result Value	Tau	Sen Intercept	Sen Slope	P
Lab	Insufficient data to calculate trend	17	4	2021 - 2024	6	-	-	-	-

There was insufficient data to fit a model for colored dissolved organic matter.

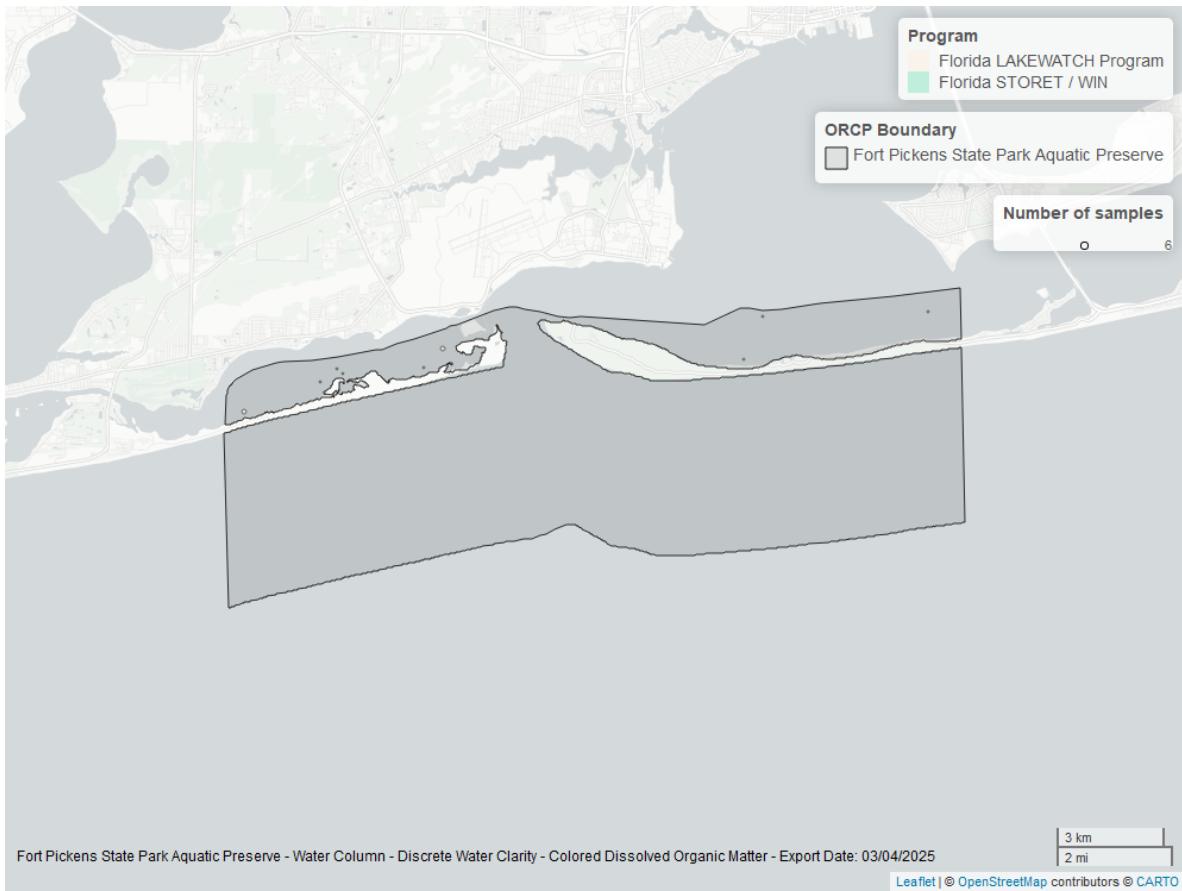


Figure 38: Map showing location of discrete water quality sampling locations within the boundaries of *Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve*. The bubble size on the maps above reflect the amount of data available at each sampling site.