Dear Anonymous referee#2,

We are grateful for your valuable and fruitful comments. The responses to each comment can be found in "*italic*" font below the comment.

Q1. I am not suggesting that the manuscript be shelved but that the authors extend their work to produce an accurate and informative 3D interpretation of their river system.

Answer: We are trying to extend our research using 3D circulation model (FVCOM or Delft3D*) to predict salt intrusion through calibration and verification with extensively observed dataset under various river discharges, mixing coefficients and bed friction values. We hope that this follow-up study may represent more detail structure of salinity intrusion with our extensive data set.*