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EAST-END MARINE PARK HOSTS FREE GREAT POND BAY TOUR

Dawn L. Henry Esq., of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, announces that the St. Croix East End Marine Park (STXEEMP) invites the public to experience the Park with a bayside tour on Monday, November 16th at Great Pond Bay.

The tour will focus on various natural history and cultural aspects of the park and adjacent land, as well as highlight the area's resources and attributes. Come observe the various marine organisms in their natural setting and listen to the Park Interpretive Rangers as they explain the interaction between people, land, ocean and our coastal resources.

The St Croix East Marine Park is the Virgin Islands' first territorial marine park and was established for the purpose of managing the valuable marine resources on the east end of St. Croix. These natural and cultural resources provide environmental, economic and social benefits to residents and visitors. Increased demand for recreational, educational, and commercial uses require that the resources be managed in a manner that guarantees the benefits are available for present and future generations.

The tour will commence at 9:00 a.m. at the Great Pond Entrance Road and will take approximately two hours. For more information or to reserve a space call Migdalia Roach, Marine Park Outreach Coordinator at (340) 718-EEMP (3367).