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**BEACH ADVISORY**

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that the Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program, which evaluates weekly water quality at popular swimming beaches throughout the Territory by sampling for Enterococci Bacteria and Turbidity, which is a measure of water clarity, advises the public of the following:

DPNR performed water quality analysis at 33 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of June 8 - 12, 2020. **The following beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing:**

<b>St. Croix</b>		
Stony Ground	Pelican Cove (Cormorant)	Chenay Bay
Dorsch Beach	Sprat Hall	Columbus Landing
Frederiksted Public Beach	Princess (Condo Row)	Halfpenny Beach
New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Buccaneer	Cramer's Park
Cane Bay	Shoy's	Protestant Cay Beach

<b>St. Thomas</b>		
Lindbergh Bay	Sapphire Beach	Lindquist Beach
Brewer's Bay	Vessup Bay	Water Bay
Hull Bay	Bluebeard's Beach	Frenchman's Bay
Magen's Bay	Secret Harbor	
Coki Point	Bolongo Bay	

<b>St. John</b>
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Frank Bay
Johnson Bay
Great Cruz Bay

The following beaches **do not meet water quality standards because they exceed the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore are not considered to be safe for swimming or fishing:**

<b>St. Croix</b>
Rainbow Beach

*Please Note: Samples were not collected at the following beach:*

- *Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*

*Therefore, the water quality at this beach is unknown.*

All persons should also be aware that storm water runoff may also contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health and therefore all persons should avoid areas of storm water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles, and drainage basins) or if any area appears discolored or has foul odors. DPNR will continue to monitor the impacted areas and waters.

For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix or 774-3320 in St. Thomas.