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HARVEST OF WHELK CLOSED
APRIL 1, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
AS PER V.I. CODE TITLE 12, CHAPTER 9A, SECTION 316a

Commissioner Jean-Pierre Oriol, of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, reminds the community that the annual seasonal closure on the harvest of Whelk, *Cittarium pica* was March 31st. No harvest or possession of whelk is permitted from April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

In addition, Commissioner Oriol also reminds the public that the harvest or possession of the lane and mutton snapper within the Territory is prohibited from April 1st to June 30th.

The Commissioner asks for everyone's cooperation to protect Virgin Islands resources for the present and future benefit of the people of the Virgin Islands.

For more information about snapper or other fisheries regulations, please contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife at 773-1082 in St. Croix and 775-6762 in St. Thomas or the Division of Environmental Enforcement at 773-5774 in St. Croix and 340-774-3320 in St. Thomas.