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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 21 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of March 15, – March 19, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

<b>St. Croix</b>	
Stony Ground	Pelican Cove
Frederiksted Public Beach	Cane Bay
Dorsch Beach	Gentle Winds
Rainbow Beach	

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

<b>Water Island</b>
Honeymoon Beach

**Please note: Samples were not collected at the following beaches:**

- *Princess, Protestant Cay, New Fort, Buccaneer, Shoy's, Chenay Bay, Cramer's Park, Grapetree Bay, and Halfpenny Beach on St. Croix (due to time constraints)*
- *Morningstar on St. Thomas (due to time constraints)*
- *Cruz Bay, Oppenheimer, Johnson Bay, Great Cruz Bay, and Frank Bay on St. John (due to vehicle issues).*

*Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.*

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