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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ST. CROIX EAST END MARINE PARK OPENS NEW VISITOR CENTER TO THE PUBLIC

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces that the Division of Coastal Zone Management is pleased to announce that the new Visitors Center at the St. Croix East End Marine Park will now be open on the first Saturday of the month from 9:30a.m. – 4 p.m. This Saturday, June 5th will be the inaugural weekend opening.

This new facility offers interactive learning experiences for visitors of all ages. Equipped with touch screen LCD displays, games, vibrant educational plaques, and an 'underwater' walkthrough, the center is a great way to learn about St. Croix's marine natural resources and habitats. An additional learning tool, virtual reality goggles, can also be provided upon request to educational groups. The Visitor Center is surrounded by a large open field great for walking, jogging or kite flying; picnic tables and beach access are also available.

This is a free educational experience. Due to COVID-19 social distancing practices, the facility has a limited capacity of 10 people and masks are required for entry. For additional Visitor Center inquiries, group reservations or volunteer opportunities please contact St. Croix East End Marine Park Environmental Outreach Coordinator Kelcie Troutman at kelcie.troutman@dpr.vi.gov and (340) 718-3367.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Thursdays and Fridays 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

First Saturday's 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.