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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 15 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of July 26, – July 30, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

Please note: Beaches on St. Thomas, St. John and Water Island were not sampled this week due to Covid-19. Additionally, the following beaches on St. Croix were not sampled:

- *Gentle Winds, Columbus Landing and Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*

*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.