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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 28 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of January 17 – January 21, 2022. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix		
Stony Ground	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	Buccaneer
Dorsch Beach	Princess (Condo Row)	Shoy's
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	Chenay Bay
Rainbow Beach	NewFort (Ft.Louise Augusta)	Cramer's Park
Cane Bay		Halfpenny Beach

St. Thomas		
Lindbergh Bay	Sapphire Beach	Lindqvist Beach
Brewer's Bay	Vessup Bay	Coki Point
Magen's Bay	Secret Harbor	Bluebeard's Beach
Frenchman's Bay	Hull Bay	Bolongo Bay

Water Island
Honeymoon Beach

The following beach does not meet water quality standards because it exceeds the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore is not considered safe for swimming or fishing:

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas.*

Please note: Samples were not collected on St. John as well as the following beaches:

- *Gentle Winds and Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*
- *Morningstar and Limetree Bay on St. Thomas*

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.