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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 33 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of February 21 – February 25, 2022. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

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

<b>St. John</b>
Cruz Bay
Frank Bay
Oppenheimer
Johnson Bay

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:

- *Great Cruz Bay on St. John.*

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

- *Gentle Winds, Protestant Cay, and Grapetree Bay on St. Croix.*
- *Honeymoon Beach on Water Island*

*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.