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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DPNR SPONSORS FREE WORKSHOP ON PRIMITIVE TOOL MAKING**

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces the free public workshop for primitive tool making with our partners Horsley Witten Group, Inc. and Mount Victory Eco-Lodge. The ½ day workshop will take place on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 8am-Noon. Please register online at <https://www.mtvictorycamp.com> to take part in this unique, hands-on opportunity of Virgin Islands history.

Learn the ancient art of stone knapping to make arrowheads and make your own atlatl (spear-thrower) and spear. The atlatl is considered the precursor to the bow-and-arrow and was once used throughout the Caribbean. You will also learn how to use different techniques and natural tools to get a sharp edge from local stones. Experience tools and toolmaking as people would have thousands of years ago!

This workshop is funded by the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife as part of the Hunter Education Program with funding through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

For further questions please contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife on St. Croix at 340-773-1082 (x2203).