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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 32 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of July 18 – July 22, 2022. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix		
Halfpenny Beach	Chenay Bay	Buccaneer Beach
Dorsch Beach	Columbus Landing	
F’sted First Target	Pelican Cove	
Rainbow (Prosperity)	Cramer’s Park Beach	
Sprat Hall	Shoy’s Beach	

St. Thomas		
Lindbergh Bay	Vessup Bay	Coki Point
Brewers Bay	Hull Bay	Secret Harbor
Bolongo Bay	Lindqvist Beach	
Magens Bay	Bluebeard’s Beach	
Sapphire Beach	Frenchman’s Bay	

St. John
Cruz Bay
Great Cruz Bay
Frank Bay
Oppenheimer Beach
Johnson Bay

Water Island

Honeymoon Beach

The following beaches do not meet water quality standards because they exceed the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore are not considered safe for swimming or fishing:

- *Cane Bay on St. Croix*
- *Protestant Cay on St. Croix*
- *New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta) on St. Croix.*

These beaches were all inundated with sargassum seaweed.

Please note: Samples were not collected at the following beaches due to extreme levels of sargassum seaweed:

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Grapetree Bay Beach on St. Croix*
- *Princess Condo Row on St. Croix.*

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.

Due to complications during transport of the samples to the lab, the sample from the following beach was unable to be analyzed:

- *Stony Ground on St. Croix.*

Therefore, the water quality at this beach is unknown.

For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix or 774-3320 in St. Thomas.