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**BEACH ADVISORY**

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPRN) 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:

DPRN performed water quality analysis at 31 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of August 8 – August 12, 2022. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

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

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

<b>Water Island</b>
Honeymoon Beach

**Please note: Samples were not collected on the following beaches due to the presence of excessive sargassum:**

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Protestant Cay on St. Croix*
- *Princess (Condo Row) on St. Croix*
- *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.