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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 August 29 – September 2, 2022. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

| St. Croix | | |
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| Stony Ground | Cane Bay | Shoy's Beach |
| Dorsch Beach | Pelican Cove (Cormorant) | Chenay Bay |
| F'sted First Target | Protestant Cay | Cramer's Park Beach |
| Rainbow (Prosperity) | New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta) | Halfpenny Beach |
| Sprat Hall | Buccaneer Beach | |

| St. Thomas | | |
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| Lindbergh Bay | Frenchman's Bay | Vessup Bay |
| Brewers Bay | Hull Bay | |
| Bolongo Bay | Lindqvist Beach | |
| Magen's Bay | Bluebeard's Beach | |
| Sapphire Beach | Secret Harbor | |

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

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| 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:

- *Coki Point on St. Thomas.*

Please note: Samples were not collected on the following beaches because of excessive sargassum seaweed:

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Columbus Landing 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.