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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 26 – August 30, 2024.

The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

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

<b>St. John</b>
Cruz Bay
Great Cruz Bay
Johnson Bay

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:

- *Frank Bay on St. John*
- *Oppenheimer Beach on St. John*
- *Frenchman's Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Lindbergh Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Brewers Bay on St. Thomas.*

Please note: Samples were not collected on the following beaches:

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Honeymoon Beach on Water Island*
- *Princess (Condo Row) on St. Croix*
- *Grapetree Bay on St. Croix.*

*Therefore, the water quality at these beaches 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.