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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 27 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of September 2 – September 6, 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	New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Sprat Hall
Chenay Bay	Stony Ground	Rainbow Beach
Shoy's	Cramer's Park	Cane Bay
Pelican Cove (Comorant)	Buccaneer Beach	Princess (Condo Row)

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

- *Frenchman's Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Vessup Bay on St. Thomas.*

Please note: Samples were not collected on St. John and the following beaches:

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Honeymoon Beach on Water Island*
- *Columbus Landing 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.