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DPNR SEEKS INPUT FROM RECREATIONAL KAYAKERS ON ADAPTIVE LAUNCH SITES ACROSS THE TERRITORY

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that the Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) is conducting a survey to gather feedback from recreational kayakers on potential locations for future adaptive kayak launch installations.

As part of its commitment to making outdoor recreation more inclusive, DFW is working to expand access to kayaking for all Virgin Islanders. The division plans to install ADA-compliant adaptive kayak launches, designed to accommodate individuals with mobility challenges. These new access points aim to ensure that everyone in the community can enjoy the benefits of kayaking, regardless of physical ability.

The survey will help DFW identify both current kayaking hotspots and promising new sites throughout the territory where safe, accessible infrastructure can be developed.

To participate in the survey, visit: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/NpBte05XzX</u> or scan the QR code on the attached flyer.

For more information, please contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (340) 773-1082 (St. Croix), or visit the DPNR website at <u>www.dpnr.vi.gov</u>.