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DPNR: Five Beaches In St. Thomas And Two In St. John Unsafe For Swimming And Fishing

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ST. CROIX – Five beaches in St. Thomas and two in St. John do not meet minimum water quality standards for swimming or fishing and the Department of Planning and Natural Resources on Thursday urged the public to avoid them.

The beaches to avoid swimming and fishing in on St. Thomas are: Vessup Bay, Secret Harbor, Bolongo Bay, Limetree Bay and Morningstar Beach, DPNR said. On St. John, the public is urged to avoid swimming or fishing in Johnson's Bay and Great Cruz Bay.

DPNR said it tested water quality at 37 beaches throughout the territory this week as part of its Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program and found that the majority of beaches

meet minimum water quality standards and are safe for swimming and fishing.

The beaches deemed safe to swim and fish in on St. Croix are: Stony Ground, Protestant Cay, Chenay Bay, Buccaneer, Cane Bay, Cramers Park, Rainbow, Shoys, New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta), Pelican Cove (Cormorant), Halfpenny, Grapetree Bay, Princess (Condo Row), Dorsch, Frederiksted public beach, Columbus Landing and Sprat Hall.

On Thomas, the beaches that were found to be safe to swim and fish in are: Magen's Bay, Hull Bay, Brewer's Bay, Lindquist, Sapphire, Bluebeards, Frenchman's Bay, Lindberg Bay, Coki Point, Water Bay. The beaches that passed the water testing in St. John are: Cruz Bay, Oppenheimer and Frank Bay.

DPNR said it will continue to monitor the impacted areas and waters. For additional information about water quality please call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix.

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