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DPNR: Three Beaches On St. Thomas Unsafe For Swimming And Fishing

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ST. CROIX – Three beaches in St. Thomas 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: Magen's Bay, Coki Point and Water Bay, DPNR said.

DPNR said it tested water quality at 34 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: Protestant Cay, Chenay Bay, Buccaneer, Cane Bay, Cramer Park, Stony Ground, Rainbow, Shoy's, New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta), Pelican Cove (Comorant), Halfpenny, Grapetree Bay, Princess (Condo Row), Dorsch Frederiksted Public Beach and Columbus Landing.

On Thomas, the beaches that were found to be safe to swim and fish in are: Secret Harbor, Hull Bay, Brewer's Bay, Linquist, Bolongo Bay, Sapphire, Bluebeards, Frenchman's Bay, Lindberg Bay and Vessup Bay.

Cruz Bay, Oppenhiemer, Johnson's Bay, Great Cruz Bay and Frank Bay on St. John were all deemed safe for swimming and fishing.

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.

Feature Image: Coki Point Beach, St. Thomas