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

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Two beaches in St. Thomas and one 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: Frenchman's Bay and Secret Harbor. On St. John, Cruz Bay failed the minimum water quality standards for swimming and fishing, according to DPNR.

DPNR said it tested water quality at 35 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: Stoney Ground, Protestant Cay, Chenay Bay, Buccaneer, Cane Bay, Cramer Park, Rainbow, Shoy's, New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta), Pelican Cove, (Comorant) 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: Hull Bay, Brewer's Bay, Lindquist, Bolongo Bay, Sapphire, Bluebeards, Vessup Bay, Magen's Bay, Coki Point, Lindbergh Bay and Water 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.

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