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Two Beaches On St. Croix, Three On St. Thomas Not Safe This Weekend

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ST. CROIX -- The Department of Planning and Natural Resources has issued via press release the results of its weekly beach water quality monitoring program, which evaluates water quality at popular swimming beaches throughout the territory.

The results revealed that 2 beaches here and 3 in St. Thomas did not meet accepted standards and are therefore considered unsafe for swimming or fishing this weekend.

The affected beaches include the following: Cane Bay and Pelican Cove (Comorant) on this island, and Water Bay, Lindquist and Coki Point on St. Thomas. Grapetree Bay here could not be sampled this week due to the heavy presence of seaweed along the

shoreline, according to DPNR.

The territory's remaining beaches are safe, however, and DPNR has given clearance as safe for regular activity at the following locations:

St. Croix: Stoney Ground, Protestant Cay, Chenay Bay, Buccaneer, Cramer Park, Rainbow, Shoy's, New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta), Halfpenny Princess (Condo Row), Columbus Landing, Dorsch Frederiksted Public Beach and Sprat Hall.

St. Thomas: Hull Bay, Sapphire, Vessup Bay, Magen's Bay, Secret Harbor, Bluebeards, Brewer's Bay, Lindbergh Bay, Frenchman's Bay and Bolongo Bay.

St. John: Cruz Bay, Oppenhiemer, Great Cruz Bay, Frank Bay and Johnson Bay.

DPNR says it will continue to monitor the impacted areas and waters. For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 on this island.

Feature Image: Coki Point Beach, St. Thomas.