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Two Beaches Not Safe For Swimming And Fishing 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 1 beach on St. Thomas and one on St. John did not meet accepted standards and are therefore considered unsafe for swimming or fishing this weekend.

The affected beaches include the following: Frank Bay in St. John and Water Bay in 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 passed the tests, 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, Bolongo Bay, Lindquist and Coki Point.

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