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Coki Point, Water Bay, Not Safe This Weekend, D.P.N.R. Says

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources announced on Friday that out of the 30 beaches it tested this week, two -- Coki Point, above, and Water Bay, both in St. Thomas -- were unsafe for swimming and fishing, and two -- Stoney Ground and Grapetree Bay on St. Croix -- could not be sampled.

The safe beaches in St. Thomas are: Lindquist, Magen's Bay, Vessup Bay, Bluebeards, Secret Harbor, Brewer's Bay, Sapphire, Hull Bay, Lindbergh Bay and Bolongo Bay.

In St. Croix, the safe beaches are: Cramer Park, Pelican Cove (Comorant), Rainbow, Chenay Bay, Cane Bay, Dorsch, Halfpenny, Protestant Cay, Buccaneer, Frederiksted

Public Beach, New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta), Princess Condo Row and Shoy's.

And in St. John, the safe beaches are: Cruz Bay, Oppenheimer, Great Cruz Bay, Johnson Bay and Frank Bay.

D.P.N.R. said all persons should be aware that storm water runoff due to hurricanes and tropical storms may contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health due to storm debris, and therefore all persons should avoid areas of storm water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles, and drainage basins). The government agency said 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 in St. Croix or 774-3320 in St. Thomas.

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