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32 Beaches Tested Safe This Weekend; Coki Point, Buccaneer Not Safe, Says D.P.N.R.

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources said on Thursday that 32 of the 34 beaches it tested during the week proved to be safe for swimming and fishing. The department said only Coki Point in St. Thomas and Buccaneer on St. Croix were deemed unsafe, as their waters exceeded the established enterococci bacteria threshold.

Also, Stoney Ground and Grapetree Bay on St. Croix were not sampled, therefore their water quality could not be determined.

Below, the safe beaches territory-wide:

St. Croix | Cramer's Park, Shoy's, New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta), Chenay Bay, Princess, Condo Row, Dorsch Frederiksted Public Beach, Halfpenny, Cane Bay, Pelican Cove (Cormorant), Protestant Cay, Rainbow and Gentle Winds.

St. Thomas | Magen's Bay, Brewer's Bay, Sapphire, Lindquist, Frenchman's Bay, Bolongo Bay, Limetree Bay, Water Bay, Vessup Bay, Secret Harbor, Morningstar, Lindbergh Bay, Bluebeard's and Hull Bay.

St. John | Frank Bay, Johnson Bay, Cruz Bay, Oppenheimer and Great Cruz Bay.

D.P.N.R. said all persons should be aware that storm water runoff may also contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health and therefore all persons should avoid areas of storm water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles, and drainage basins) or if any area appears discolored or has foul odors. DPNR 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.