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All Tested St. Croix Beaches Safe; Two In St. Thomas, One In St. John Not Safe

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All beaches on St. Croix that were tested by the Department of Planning and Natural Resources this week proved to be safe for swimming and fishing, D.P.N.R. said in a release issued Friday. On St. Thomas, two of the beaches -- Bluebeard's and Secret Harbor -- were not safe, while one on St. John, Cruz Bay, was also not safe. D.P.N.R. said it tested 32 beaches this week.

Beaches that failed the safety test did so because they exceeded the established enterococci bacteria threshold deemed as safe, D.P.N.R. said.

The safe beaches territory-wide are:

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, Grapetree and Bay Buccaneer.

St. Thomas: Magen's Bay, Brewer's Bay, Sapphire, Lindquist, Frenchman's Bay, Bolongo Bay, Coki Point, Water Bay, Vessup Bay, Lindbergh Bay and Hull Bay.

St. John: Frank Bay, Johnson 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.