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30 of the 31 Beaches Tested This Week Are Safe For Swimming And Fishing, D.P.N.R. Says

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources on Friday said 30 of the 31 beaches it tested this week were safe for swimming and fishing. Only Bluebeards in St. Thomas was determined to be unsafe, as its water quality exceeded the established enterococci bacteria threshold. And Grapetree Bay on St. Croix was not tested.

The safe beaches this weekend are as follows:

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 Buccaneer.

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

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

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