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Queen Conch Fishing Season Now Open in USVI Through May 2022

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources has announced that the annual queen conch season commenced on November 1 for both the St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John Districts.

According to the release, harvesting of queen conch will remain open until midnight, May 31, 2022, or until the 50,000 lb. quota per district is reached, whichever comes first.

In addition, no harvest or possession of Vermilion, Black, Silk, or Blackfin Snapper is permitted from October 1 to December 31 in the St. Thomas/St. John district. St. Croix is exempt from the seasonal closure for these species in territorial waters, D.P.N.R. said.

D.P.N.R. Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol asked for everyone's cooperation to protect Virgin Islands resources for the present and future benefit of the people of the Virgin Islands, according to the release.

For more information about queen conch or other fishing regulations, contact D.P.N.R.'s Division of Fish and Wildlife at 773-1082 in St. Croix and 775-6762 in St. Thomas or the Division of Environmental Enforcement at 773-5774 in St. Croix and 775-6762 in St. Thomas.

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