

Attention: Mr. Jean Pierre Oriol, Acting Commissioner  
Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources  
Coastal Zone Management Program  
Re: CZM STJ -3-14L and CZM STJ-4-14W.

August 18, 2014

Greetings from Mike and Judy Buchholz.

We are writing this letter to urge the denial of the Summer's End Group's application for the Coral Bay Marina.

We are fulltime St. John residents, having moved here after retirement in October 2010. We have been in the unit we are renting on Mamey Peak overlooking Coral Harbor for 3 years. Before that we rented an apartment in Cruz Bay but soon decided the Coral Bay side was much more to our liking. We are fully invested in St. John – we both volunteer for the Virgin Islands National Park and the Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park; Mike sits on the board of the St. John Historical Society and Judy sits on the board of the Virgin Islands Audubon Society; Judy volunteers her time with the migratory wild bird rehabilitation program. We are proud and involved St. Johnians.

We are considerably worried about the environmental impact the marina project will have on St. John. The scope of this project far exceeds the benefits for St. Johnians and tourists, as well as the environment. It's too big, too pretentious and not in keeping with the core values of Coral Bay and St. John as a whole. Have the following issues been addressed, fully thought out and contingency plans made:

- Can the Coral Bay area handle the infrastructure needed for this size marina project?
- Can the roadways safely maintain the increased traffic?
- Can WAPA handle the increased electrical usage?
- Has a feasibility study been done as to the potential for new, upscale businesses?
- Has a feasibility study been done to determine if there really is enough mega yachts and other boats, as well as tourists, to make the project viable?
- Has a study been done to determine where these boats and tourists will come from?
- Does this "vision" fit with Laurence Rockefeller's vision for St. John as a national park? We think not.

Thank you very much for your time and service. We're sure the CZM members will weigh all sides and consider all the facts before making an informed decision.

Sincerely,

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