

Coastal Zone Management Program  
Re: CZM STJ-3-14L and CZM STJ-4-14W  
8100 Lindberg Bay #61  
St Thomas, VI 00802

Dear Mr. Oriol and your DPNR/CZM staff;

I am a 33 year resident of St. John. I am an active voter, I pay taxes as well as being a 25+ year business owner. My business is the rental of vacation villas to some of the many people who chose to vacation on St. John.

The proposed marina project by the Summer's End Group (SEG) is totally out of scale for our small, still fairly virgin island. While a smaller development might be welcomed, the scale of this project and the potential for damage to every facet of life in Coral Bay must be adequately ascertained.

The size of the project is bigger than either Yacht Haven or American Yacht Harbor, even in Cruz Bay (if it were large enough) this project would overwhelm the surrounding area.

The environmental damages posed by the development threaten to destroy the mangroves, dredging and the possible silt could damage the corals. There are acres of submerged lands that have been nearly untouched in decades that would be lost by pile driving and docks. There has yet to be due diligence studies by Army Corps of Engineers and other environmental assessments. It is clear from past hurricane experience, that Coral Bay is by no means a "safe anchorage" in a storm and for previous storms there was only boat damage to worry about not hundreds of slips and docks being torn asunder.

And we have yet to even address the damage to the quality of life of the inhabitants of not only Coral Bay, but of all of St. John and our many visitors who enjoy coming to an area of preservation (as opposed to over development, a balance that we are already in danger of losing without the massiveness of the SEG).

There is no circumstance in which I can imagine the island of St. John- not to mention Coral Bay, becoming attractive enough and with an infrastructure secure enough, to satisfy the type of people who this development is seeking to attract.

We are already attracting exactly the type of people most suited to our island. They/we LOVE St. John and they/we love it for it's lack of pretention, it's unsullied beaches, it's casual availability, it's small island sense of community and support. PLEASE do not sell out on a product that already works and try to make St. John just another mega-yacht destination when we are already so much more than that.

I request that this committee turn down this application!

Sincerely,

Lisa K. Durgin  
St John