

Mr. Jean Pierre Oriol
Acting Commissioner
Department of Planning and Natural Resources, USVI
Re: Summers End Group August 18, 2014

Dear Sir,

A vast amount of opinion and data has been generated over the past decades about full-service marinas being established in Coral Bay Harbor. Having been a resident of Coral Bay for over eighteen years and serving on the Board of the Coral Bay Community Council, it seems as though the same issues and problems occur with each new proposal. Continually, the arguments from both sides lead to one fact ... that Coral Bay will change. Some say for good, some for bad. I feel it is the speed and extent of change that becomes the concerning issue.

After watching these debates and assessing the impact of change in the Summers End Group (SEG) proposal, it is my opinion that the establishment of a large full-service marina will never be feasible in Coral Bay Harbor. The extensive response from the citizens, biologists, scientists and Government experts, detail the hazards of constructing such structures in Harbor's protected and delicate ecology. The geographic position and dimensions of the Bay offer no protection or maneuverability for vessels of the proposed size and number. The area is wrong for the concept.

The island infrastructure is now, not funded or prepared to handle the construction process, influx of transient populations or preparation of and cleanup from hurricanes, floods or storms ... nor do I expect it to be so, in the future. The massive size of this project is overwhelming in itself.

The disadvantages far outweigh the advantages. The outcome can be easily seen. The Harbor, Community and the Ecology of the entire Coral Bay Area and it's Population will suffer irrevocably.

The decision to allow the construction of a Mega-Mall Marina in Coral Bay (for the benefit of a few and an elite group of consumers) will change Coral Bay rapidly and permanently. The natural beauty of the island, it's pristine harbor and unique community most assuredly be destroyed.

There are several areas in the territory more conducive to the type of development proposed by SEG. Areas that would allow safer and easier access, more efficient construction with far less damage to the environment. Please Sir, reason with the facts. Make the right choice. Do the right thing.

Thank you for your consideration, Kent Irish