

August 18, 2014

Attention: Mr. Jean Pierre Oriol, Acting Commissioner
Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Coastal Zone Management Program
Re: Coral Bay Summers End Marina

Dear Commissioner Oriol:

I am writing to you as a long-time visitor to St. John and my concerns over the plans for this marina on Coral Bay.

St John has always been a favorite vacation place for my family and myself—its quiet, laid-back atmosphere is everywhere on the island. One of my favorite things is to enjoy the sunrise over Coral Bay and watch the beauty of nature from the deck of a wonderful mountainside villa. Coral Bay's unhurried, uncrowded roads, restaurants and bays are what draws me to that side of the island. I love the excitement of Cruz Bay, but my heart longs for the quiet of Coral Bay.

What will happen to the area after years and years of construction that will mar that peaceful existence? What about all the animals that can freely roam the area now?

What will become of the peaceful bay that I long for during our cold Connecticut winters? I have been reading up on the plans for the bay and I honestly hope that you take the advice of the long-time residents of the island and do not allow this marina to be built in that bay. If the marina is built, it's only a matter of time before the whole area turns commercialized—THAT would be a tragedy.

I do not want to think about finding another island for my peaceful oasis, but if this plan goes through I may have to think about another island for my vacations. I love St. John and the people there and cannot even imagine the impact this will have on them.

Please be sure to consider them when making your decision. Not everything should be about money.

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