

Mr. Jean Pierre Oriol, Acting Commissioner
Virgin Island Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Coastal Zone Management Program
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Dear Commissioner Oriol,

As a St. John homeowner and twenty year resident, I am registering my opposition to the proposed Marina at Summer's End. You have received many letters explaining why this is wrong on so many levels that I feel it unnecessary to go into detail but just to review several of what I consider to be the high points. Whether Coral Bay could benefit from a marina or not, it most definitely does not need one of this size or in this location. One look at Yacht Haven Grande on St. Thomas illustrates just how successful or unsuccessful such a venture can be. The location of the proposed marina is open to the winds and any boats located in that vicinity are likely to be blown ashore by even a modest hurricane.

There appears to be no evidence of any studies done to assess the impact on the environment – sea grasses, mangroves, turtles and other sea creatures. The infrastructure of St. John has problems handling current demands much less the increase this development would impose. WAPA is unable to provide consistently reliable service to the households and businesses currently on St. John, there is but one road into Coral Bay and it has suffered major storm damage and still has sections that are one lane due to un-repaired damage.

Does the Summer's End group show plans for cistern capacity adequate to the needs of such an enterprise?

Do the principals have any proven experience in such a development? They claim to but no one who has researched it (and many have done so thoroughly) can find any record of Ms. Summers or Mr. Barksdale ever having handled such an enterprise – successfully or not.

St. John is a small island, more than half of which is National Park. It cannot handle the impact of such a huge development nor the damage left if this enterprise should fail and leave cleared land and partially completed structures.

I repeat my opposition to this marina.

Sincerely,
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