

Mr. Jean Pierre Oriol, Acting Commissioner  
Virgin Island Department of Planning and Natural Resources  
Coastal Zone Management Program  
HAND DELIVERED AT CZM HEARING, AUGUST 20, 2014  
cc: Coral Bay Community Council

Dear Mr. Oriol and CZM Committee Members:

I, Karen A. Vahling, write to you as a property owner and full time resident of Coral Bay for 20 years. I am writing to strongly oppose the marina proposed by Summer's End Group.

I have read countless letters of opposition from my community members and I hope you have, too, because their hearts and minds speak loud and clear. They also speak the facts. Yet it is not undue to iterate:

- 1) The marina as proposed is far too large in scale for Coral Bay in terms of natural, social and environmental impact and infrastructure needs.
- 2) The marina as proposed is in an illogical location in terms of exposure to open ocean and major storms.
- 3) The marina as proposed would cause irreparable damage and forever alter the natural, social and cultural environment of Coral Bay.

When the above conditions occur, Coral Bay, St. John and the territory will be negatively impacted financially and in quality of life. We will become like every other over- developed, concrete jungle and lose our unique, peaceful island feel. This is NOT what people visit our island for! And NOT why we chose to live here!

Those in favor of this project seem to not live in Coral Bay or have to look at it and feel its impact.

I am not one of those anti-development-anyplace kind of people. I believe that responsible, planned and scale-appropriate development is okay. The Summer's End project is not that. Enough said.

Thank you for reading.

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