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VICZMP Making Strides

Hello from the Division of Coastal Zone Management (CZM). We are just completing a very active and exciting spring season and are preparing to enter the summer. We've had several individuals join CZM's St. Croix office these last two quarters. A familiar face from the St. Thomas office, Ms. Rhoda Felix, relocated last year and joined the St. Croix staff. Along with the addition of Susan Curtis, from last quarter, Mr. Conrad Knowles and Ms. Migdalia Roach have become the first two full-time employees to work for the St. Croix East End Marine Park (Marine Park). Mr. Knowles joined the team from the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency to become the Marine Park's first coordinator. Ms. Roach came to CZM from the private sector. Both are extremely capable individuals that are very excited and enthusiastic proponents for the Marine Park.



(St. Croix staff from left to right): Conrad Knowles, Norma Jackson, Rhoda Felix, Victor Somme III, Lucette Green, Migdalia Roach, Charles Iles and Susan Curtis

The staff of the VICZMP would like to welcome our new Director, Victor Somme III. Director Somme made the transition from the very successful Virgin Islands Energy Office (VIEO).

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Mr. Somme who has been an educator for many years became VIEO's Director in 1999. Under his guidance, the VIEO provided funding for several projects throughout the territory to enhance and utilize energy more efficiently. In 2003, VIEO celebrated 30 years of energy efficiency awareness in the Virgin Islands. Mr. Somme is excited about joining CZM and is looking forward to the challenge.



CZM has begun, and will continue, strengthening itself through the hiring of new people. If you see any of these individuals while out and about the territory, please take a few minutes to talk to them and welcome them to their new roles and responsibilities. I'm sure you'll find them to be as enthusiastic and friendly as the rest of the CZM staff.

Contributed by William Rohring & Giselle Richardson

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*New VICZMP Outreach Activity Book
Makes Its Debut at
the Earth Day Eco-Fair*



The Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Program Public Outreach Coordinator has completed a new Educational Activity Book specially designed to target the 4th through 6th grade students of the territory. This activity book is to be used as an educational tool with the hope of developing an awareness of the ocean and marine environment. Activities such as seek and find the words, tips on safety and caring for the ocean, crossword puzzles, maze to the beach, mangroves and aquatic plants and much more fun activities are included. To obtain copies of the activity book call (340) 774-3320 x5117.

The CZM Educational Activity book made its debut at the St. Croix Environmental Association (SEA's) 11th annual Earth Day Eco-Fair. Along with the CZM Marine Park staff, the CZM Public Outreach Coordinator Lillian Moolenaar made presentations to approximately 1,040 students from 18 different private and public schools over the three-day period.

The theme presented by Mrs. Moolenaar was "Protecting and Connecting Our Earth and Ocean." Her presentation consisted of a brief history on the VICZMP and an explanation on products that comes from the sea that are used on earth by humans, such as the sea food supply in the supermarkets, the use of the ocean for transportation and commerce, etc. The St. Croix East End Marine Park management areas were discussed and a short educational lecture on the biology and importance of coral reefs was conducted.



Susan Curtis & Migdalia Roach demonstrates sea life to students.



Lillian Moolenaar speaks to students.

A display of various marine careers related to the ocean environment with descriptions of the qualifications were exhibited, and a chart of items that can be reused and recycled and can help with keeping our land and ocean clean and healthy as we manage our coastal resources for the future. Students received rewards for correct answers during a question and answer segment of the presentation. The 2004 Earth Day Eco-Fair was a success and the VICZMP outreach message to the targeted audience was well received.

Contributed by Lillian Moolenaar & Susan Curtis

Coastal Corner

Take a deeper look at the oceans. You'll be amazed by what you will find. There are more than 12,000 species of marine fish, nearly 800 species of coral and close to 114 species of marine mammals. And that is only a fraction of the spectacular wildlife residing beneath the waves.

St. Croix East End Marine Park Poster Contest

In March 2004, a poster contest was held with school children from all St. Croix public and private schools. Students were asked to design artwork for the permanent marine protected area signs. The designs will be displayed on the signs placed throughout the marine park. Three posters were chosen to be placed on permanent signs for the marine protected areas within the park. Nine additional posters were also selected to complete a Marine Park calendar.

Recreation Areas Poster Winner
Chena Benson

6th Grade – Manor School



(Left to Right) Conrad E. Knowles, Chena Benson, Susan Curtis

No Take Areas Poster Winner
Karla Creek

10th Grade – The Manor School



(Left to Right) Conrad E. Knowles, Karla Creek, Susan Curtis

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Turtle Wildlife Preserve Area Poster Winner
Jesmarie Molina

8th Grade – Arthur A. Richards Jr. High School.



(Left to Right) Niarus Benjamin-Walker, Susan Curtis, Conrad E. Knowles, Jesmarie Molina, David Rossington

Additional Winning Posters
for Marine Park Calendar



These winners are all from The Manor School, *(from l to r)* Pedro Anderson, Ifa Massey, Mona Abdallah, and Shanice Edwards, all from the 8th grade; Stephon George, 9th grade; Deyja Dunohue and Mohammed Batha, both from 10th grade; Chelsea Felix, 5th grade and Michael Peterson 6th grade.

Poster winners received prizes donated by one of the supporting sponsors: Mile Mark Water Sports, Big Beards Adventure Tours, Ultimate Bluewater Adventures, Scuba Shack, Scuba West, Cane Bay Dive Shop, Dive Experience, Harbor Master Restaurant, and Jones' Maritime.

Contributed by Susan Curtis

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<i>What Happened Last Quarter</i>	<i>What is Scheduled for Next Quarter</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>April</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 8th-Public Hearing- Golden Gaming, LLLP (St. Croix) ◆ 23rd-Public Hearing-Jetski Coastal Water Sports (St. Thomas) ◆ 23rd-Public Hearing-VI Water & Power Authority (St. Thomas) ◆ 23rd-Decision Meeting-Jose Lima (St. Thomas) 	Public Hearings/Decisions Meeting were rescheduled
<i>February</i>	<i>May</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 18th-Public Hearing-Dept. of Public Works (St. Thomas) ◆ 18th-Public Hearing-Tim & Karen Reynolds (St Thomas) ◆ 18th-Public Hearing-Emerald Beach Modification (St. Thomas) ◆ 18th-Decision Meeting-VI Water & Power Authority (St. Thomas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 4th-Public Hearing-ESSO V.I., Inc (St. Thomas) ◆ 18th-Decision Meeting-DPW (St. Thomas) ◆ 18th-Decision Meeting-ESSO V.I., Inc (St. Thomas) ◆ 18th-Decision Meeting-VP Marina, LLC (Pledge) (St. Thomas) ◆ 26th-Decision Meeting-Golden Gaming (St. Croix) ◆ 27th-Decision Meeting-Christiansted By-Pass (St. Croix)
<i>March</i>	<i>June</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 3rd-Public Hearing-Concordia Campgrounds Modification (STJ) ◆ 3rd-Public Hearing-Westin Resort Modification (St. John) ◆ 3rd-Public Hearing-Gallows Point Modification (St. John) ◆ 12th-Decision Meeting-Dept. of Public Works (St. Thomas) ◆ 12th-Decision Meeting-Tim & Karen Reynolds (St. Thomas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 8th-Public Hearing-Little St. James Modification (St. John) ◆ 8th-Public Hearing-Christian Fellowship Church Mod. (St. Thomas) ◆ 8th-Public Hearing-Palace Resort STT/Renaissance Beach (STT) ◆ 9th-Public Hearing-Innovative Communication Corp. (St. Thomas) ◆ 30th-Decision Meeting- Innovative Communication Corp. (STT)
<p><i>Check the VICZMP's website at www.viczmp.com for the most accurate calendar information.</i></p>	



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