

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Come to the Public Hearing about the GMP and get your voice heard. Also go to the NPS website and get your comments on record, here is how:

Use link below or follow these steps to find the comments section.

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=45917>

1. Google "National Park Service Buck Island"
2. Click on the result that has the following address " [www.nps.gov/buis/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/buis/index.htm)"
3. Click on Link to "Park Management"
4. Next click on the link to the documents that says, "Click here"
5. Next, click on the link to the website that says the GMP can be view here.
6. Click "Open for Comments"
7. Finally Click the link that says Buck Island GMP plan
8. Express your option

**CHOOSE ALTERNATIVE "A" AND SAVE  
BUCK ISLAND**

## ALTERNATIVE "A" OPTION

This is the ONLY option in the current GMP that will leave the Park Management plan as it has been for the last 20 years.

The GMP is set up with (4) Options on how to proceed to manage the park for the next 20 years. Option Alternative's "B", "C", "D" all include closing off sections of the park from the public. Alternative "A" is the only option to leave the current management practices as they are for the next 20 years (That means no closure to public access).

Attend the Public hearing on March 28/29, 2012 at 6-8:00p.m at Christiansted National Historic Site, Slave Market (Across from the steeple building) and get your voice heard!

## VOICE YOUR OPINION

Visit [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/OurBuckIsland) at the follow address  
<https://www.facebook.com/OurBuckIsland>

[Email](mailto:savebuckisland@gmail.com) us at

[savebuckisland@gmail.com](mailto:savebuckisland@gmail.com)

(Please put name and address on email) to be submitted to park

**Send us pictures, comments, and spread the**

# SAVE OUR BUCK ISLAND



# FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On Feb. 28, 2012 the local office of the US National Park Service (NPS) on St. Croix, US Virgin Islands issued their newly drafted General Management Plan (GMP) for St. Croix's Buck Island Monument (a public recreational park for the Virgin Islanders and US tax payers of America). Buck Island serves as St. Croix's main tourist attraction acclaimed by many as the world's best snorkeling along with National Geographic and other published magazines that boast Buck Island has one of the most beautiful beaches in the world.



The direction the NPS is trying to steer Buck Island is to take **away** our right to **anchor on the West end** and bow to stern at the beach. In addition it would forever restrict public/private water access over 5000 square acres of the island's surrounding reef and lagoon areas.

This area would be zoned as a "Marine Hazard Zone" which is an extreme over exaggeration of what this zone

really is. The 5000 acre area consist of some of the most beautiful deep water diving,

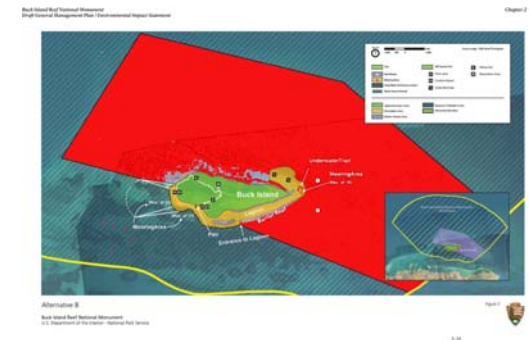


Buck Islands, US Virgin Islands

shallow water snorkeling, lagoon and shoreline beach area discovery by small craft (kayak, dingy, paddleboard, etc..) and allows circumnavigation of Buck Island.

Above and beneath the surface of the 5000 acre area are some of the most educational resources that Buck Island has to offer. Now the NPS wants to take this area away from the

public and would forever restrict any and all private or public small craft to be in this area.



Don't let them take away Buck Island. Vote Plan "A" to keep the park the way it is for future generations to love and enjoy.

PUBLIC HEARING DATES :

MARCH 28, 29, 2012 6-8P.M.

**MORE INFORMATION ON THE BACK**