

In response to a complaint from the Association of Estany des Peix Businesses and Users' regarding approval of the initial list of assessment of anchoring applications, the Consell de Formentera wishes to highlight the fact that comments and documentation are currently under review.

The Consell laments this association's instrumentalisation of the judiciary to delay proceedings and will continue to work for the preservation and traditional uses of this space, which is part of Ses Salines Park. The appropriate authorities approved the plans to regulate anchorage at the lake to redress a situation of ecological and environmental risk. Estany des Peix is suffering under the pressure of overcrowded anchored boats and unregulated activities, including for-profit rental of recreational watercraft, which is prohibited in this protected site.

Last March, the Balearic High Court of Justice (*TSJB*) endorsed regulation of Estany des Peix and rejected the precautionary suspension which had been requested by the business group. The TSJB signalled that Formentera's government "is acting to defend the general and public interest, since the park's use and management protocol prohibits the boat rental activities that the appellant association intends to continue carrying out."

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