



Today members of the Consell de Formentera convened for a one-off plenary session which secured initial approval for an ordinance regulating public fees to moor watercraft at S'Estany des Peix. The proposal passed with "yes" votes from the cabinet (GxF and PSOE) despite the abstention of the opposition (Sa Unió). This ordinance was drafted after a period of public consultation; with initial approval now secured, members of the public will have 30 calendar days to submit comments. Antoni Tur, Councillor of Environment, pointed out that "the environmental deterioration brought about by uncontrolled anchoring" in Ses Salines Nature Reserve made regulation imperative. The system, according to Councillor Tur, "prioritises the traditional use of small boats with limited engine power" as well as other aspects like the time that a boat-owner has been anchoring. He also pointed out that discounts would apply to individuals with traditional boats, retirees and large families.

The vast majority of individuals who use the lake have boats that are small or medium-sized, and will pay between €50 and €135 a month. Among the discounts for which users may be eligible, retirees will get 40% off; large families, 30% off; users of traditional types of vessels, 15% off, and users of zero-emission vessels, 25% off.

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