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50 % of the 18 fishing certificates that have been produced during 2021 have accepted the reduction of the amount of the penalty in case of compliance, that is to say, «the fisherman recognizes the offense committed and is made pedagogy, at the same time informing him of why he has committed this», explained the head of unit of the Corps of Banders, Ferran Teixidó. At the same time, this year and until the month of June there have been four attestations and 100% have accepted the reduction due to conformity. Regarding the latest data, Teixidó observed that «this year the number of infringements has dropped a little, and I think that the disclosure we are making has been useful». In the same vein, there are different degrees of severity in terms of breaches, which are distinguished by mild, less mild, serious and very serious. Currently, almost 90% are considered less serious and, consequently, in this category, offenders can benefit from up to a maximum reduction of 40% of the penalty price. The head of the Banders unit assured that not having the fishing license or the regulatory limit permit are the main causes of these certificates, as well as the fact of fishing more trout than the permits, which can lead to an increase in the penalty of 30 euros per trout caught. Thus, Teixidó indicated that many of the offenses are committed by foreigners, «who come to Andorra for tourism and may not be aware of the regulations, do not have a license or fish in an area that is not restricted». However, he added that in all cases they understand it and there are almost never conflicts with fishermen when it comes to penalties.

Otherwise, the Corps of Banders



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► Archive image of a child and an adult fishing in the Torrassa marsh.



Ferran Teixidó

HEAD OF THE BANDERS UNIT

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ensures compliance with the legislation and, for this reason, invests in surveillance and controls 25% of the time, mostly when the season begins, with the openings of the rivers and the intensive limits. In this line, the head of the unit pointed out that «the will of the body is above all to prevent infringements, train and disseminate all the fishing regulations and the changes that occur from one year to the next». So, since the beginning of 2022, 380 checks have already been carried out on fishermen, but the intention is to double the figure by the end of the season, following the line of recent years. On the one hand, 19 controls were carried out in 2020 and, on the other hand, 651 are counted in 2021.

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4 fishing violations in the least serious category were detected this year.

90% of the total penalties are considered less serious.

100% of the certificates produced this 2022 are subject to the reduction due to conformity.

Andorra promotes educational fishing for the youngest

►► - As a novelty, the Ministry of the Environment, together with the municipalities and the Andorran Hunting and Fishing Federation, wanted to promote fishing among the youngest. In this sense, a stretch of the Valira del Nord river, in Ordino, is intended from this July for fishermen under 14 years old who hold the corresponding seasonal or tourist license, where they can practice fishing using any type of system of authorized fishing, as reported by the technician of the Department of the Environment, Josep Naudi, who also explained that they can take home, at most, a total of two specimens per day. In addition, there is a space reserved for young people at Cubil Lake, in Encamp, which has been declared a fishing pond without death, and where the parish council has decided to carry out guided activities on this type of technique.

Most of the controls are focused on reviewing fishing licenses so that they correspond to the season, and Teixidó also explained that even if they are limited spaces, the body observes what type of fishing is being practiced, whether with death or without, in addition to checking that no one exceeds the number of trout they catch. Finally, as part of prevention, the Banders have been using tracking dogs that are trained to detect trout for 10 years. «In principle, it was developed because we found many violations in relation to exceeding the permitted limit», said the head of the unit, but he assessed that this action has created a precedent and a prevention that has caused this type of violation be a minority. ≡

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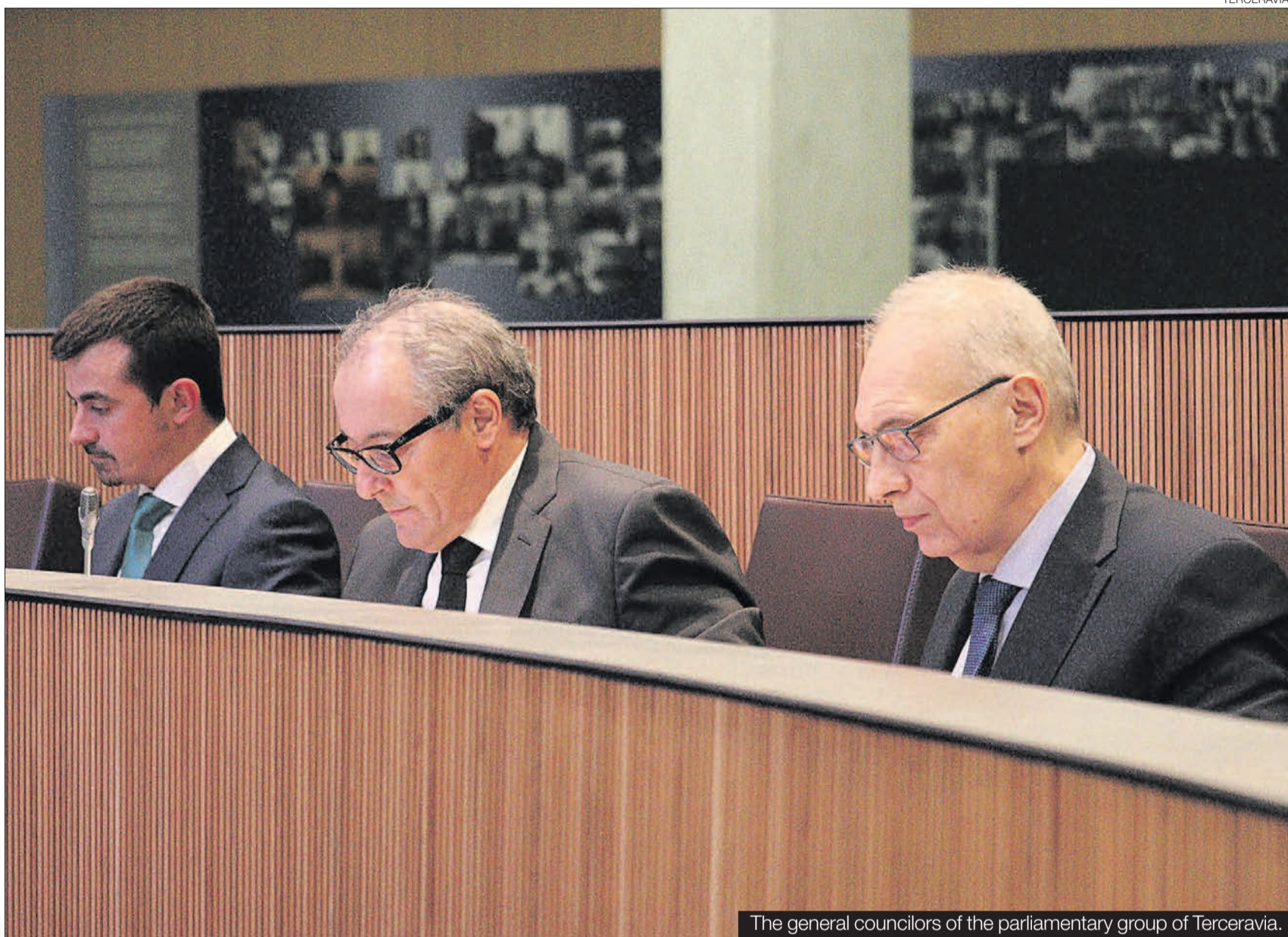
Terceravia brings to the TC the urgent measures for purchasing power

The formation considers that in the plenum of June 9th, their rights as general councilors were violated

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It was not just any plenum in the General Council, since on June 9th the bill for measures to improve the purchasing power of citizens was approved, which included, among other measures, the increase in wages according to the IPC of a good part of the wage earners. The General Council processed the bill through the mode of extreme urgency and this fact led the general councilors of Terceravia to submit an appeal to the Sindicatura, which was not accepted at the beginning of this month. In this context, the parliamentary group headed by Josep Pintat made public yesterday that it was presenting an appeal to the Constitutional Court (TC) considering that the rights of the three councilors of the group, Pintat himself, Joan Carles Camp and Oliver Alís, had been violated in the exercise of the positions of general councilors, who «hold out as representatives of the Andorrans», according to the statement sent yesterday by the formation.

As he stated after the plenary session in June, Terceravia considered that «there is a clear arbitrariness on the part of the Government, with the consent of the Trade Union, which has made a legislative procedure that is, in any case, extraordi-



The general councilors of the parliamentary group of Terceravia.



nary». Pintat, for his part, denounced, during his intervention, that «the arbitrariness and lack of justification of the extreme urgency and necessity has as its purpose to deprive our group and the citizens, who have trusted us, of participate in legal projects through the common procedure established in the regulations of the General Council, preventing, in this way, the treatment in the legislative committee, the possibility of making amendments and that the General Councilors of Terceravia can make contributions, carrying out an action imperative and illegal contrary to the rights recognized to the general councilors in the Constitution».

In addition, the parliamentary group also indicated that «neither in the articles or in the reports that accompany the bill, there is a joint assessment of the factors that make the Government request the processing for the path of extreme urgency and necessity, nor does the prescriptive and non-binding opinion of the Economic and Social Council that the law sets. ≡

Independent parliamentary group, new name for ex-liberals in the chamber

►► The liberals split from Liberals d'Andorra (L'A), the current parliamentary group as a whole, asked the Trade Union at the beginning of the month for a name change, precisely to make it clear that they had left the party and that the name not cause confusion neither to the public nor to the members of the parliamentary chamber. So, the Syndicate has examined the request and has decided to grant the name change, and in this way the parliamentary group will be called "independent" instead of "liberal". In any case, the modification will not take effect until September, as the General Council is currently in full summer vacation and there is no parliamentary activity of any kind. At the moment, according to sources from the new formation, it remains to be clarified how the name change is applied in the internal and formal sphere of the parliament, a clarification that is also pending for September.



►► Ferran Costa and Marc Magallón, in their seats in the parliament.

In this same month, very dense from a political point of view, a few months before the elections, the split liberals will make a decision on the

name of the new party, the people who will lead it, the ideology and the proposals they will put to citizen debate.



JOSEP PINTAT
PRESIDENT GP TERCERAVIA

«The purpose of the arbitrariness and lack of justification is to deprive us of participating in the legal projects»

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