

To all concerned

In 2019 a management plan for Hornstrandir was published. The Environment Agency, landowners of Hornstrandir and the Municipality of Ísafjarðarbær with other stakeholders, made the plan and in the process looked into what Hornstrandir nature reserve stand for (nature and community) and what would be the best way to protect the area.

To form the thoughts the group made a guiding light for the area.

The guiding light for the nature reserve of Hornstrandir is to protect a large area with its unique nature and animal life where peace reigns and the infrastructure is not dominant. The goal is to let natural forces reign without human interference with the objective of giving coming generations a chance to enjoy such areas.

Special rules were made regarding group sizes on land, where in the east part of the nature reserve, only 15 people can be in a group, to protect vegetation. Also, rules were set about the sizes of vessels that can take land. Landing of vessels with 51 or more passengers (passengers + crew) and vehicles associated with them is prohibited within the nature reserve.

The community of Ísafjörður stands by its nature reserve and does everything possible to protect the nature and the experience visitors seek to get, while visiting the area. Local businesses work with the goal and make sure that their ferries do not interrupt the peace, quiet and the solitude of the visitors, by sending people straight to shore and then leave to bring peace back in the area, often only few minutes after the ferry arrived.

Cruise ships that lay in the fjords for many hours and travel the coastline on zodiacs are not working in the spirit of the area and are in many ways harming the experience of other visitors and at the same time harming the local businesses. As Aeco stand for good relationship with nature and community we seek your cooperation and rather than going to Hornstrandir we welcome you all to Ísafjarðarbær municipality and welcome vessels with fewer passengers than 51 (passengers + crew) to Hornstrandir nature reserve.

In good faith of your cooperation

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