

# Fishing For Litter

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## Facts about Salt Lofoten AS (SALT)

 An independent consultancy company with knowledge about and for the coast

Research

 Dissemination, public outreach, teaching (from kindergarten to PhD)

 Advice to government, municipalities and private companies

Marine biology, fisheries, aquaculture, coastal culture++

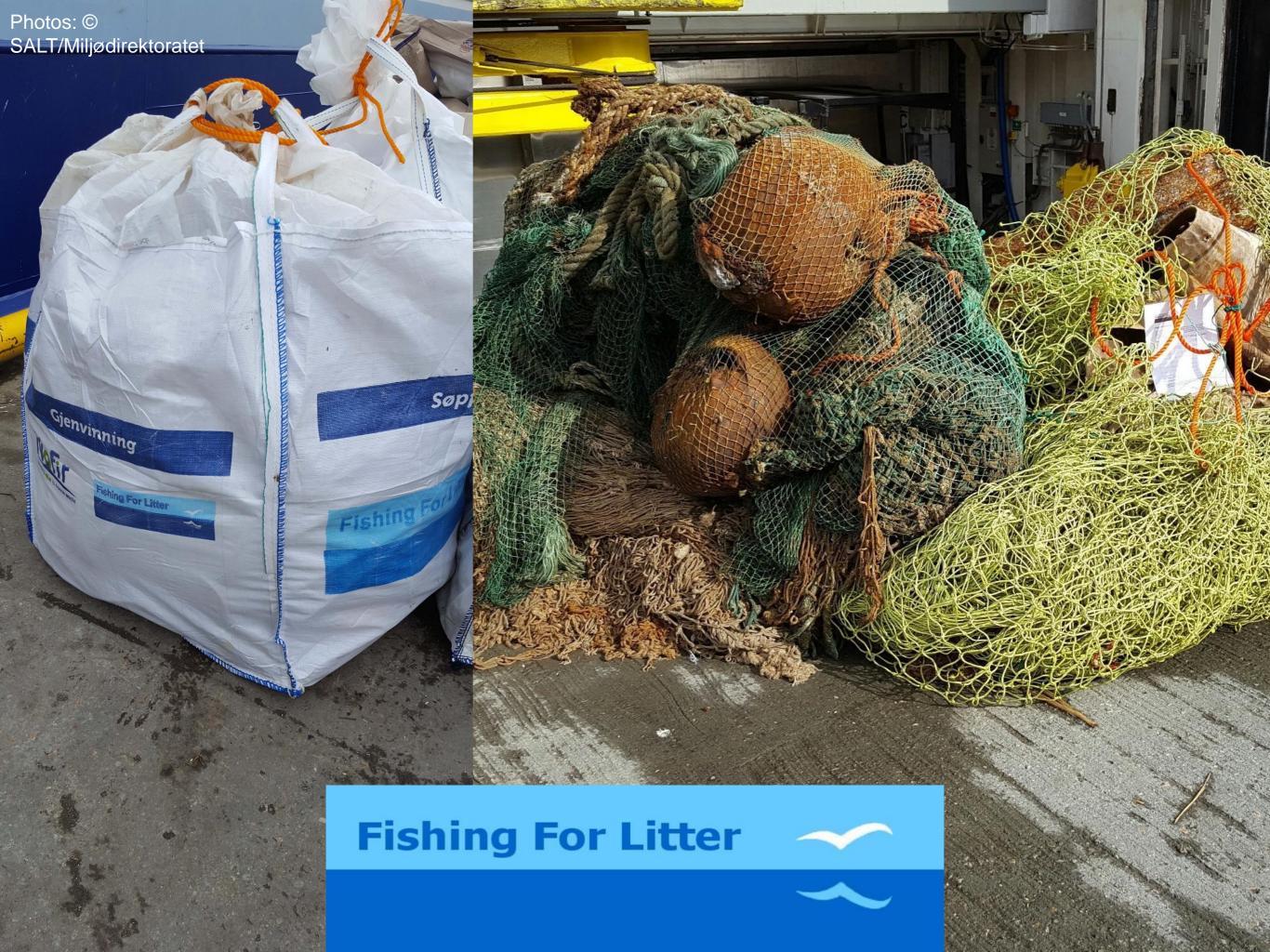
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- 16 employees
- EU Small Medium Enterprise



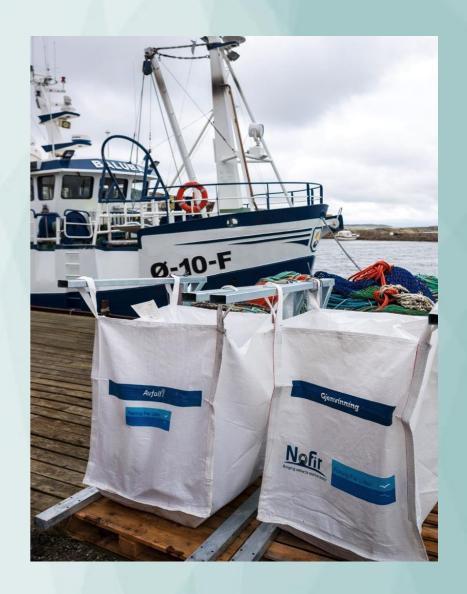
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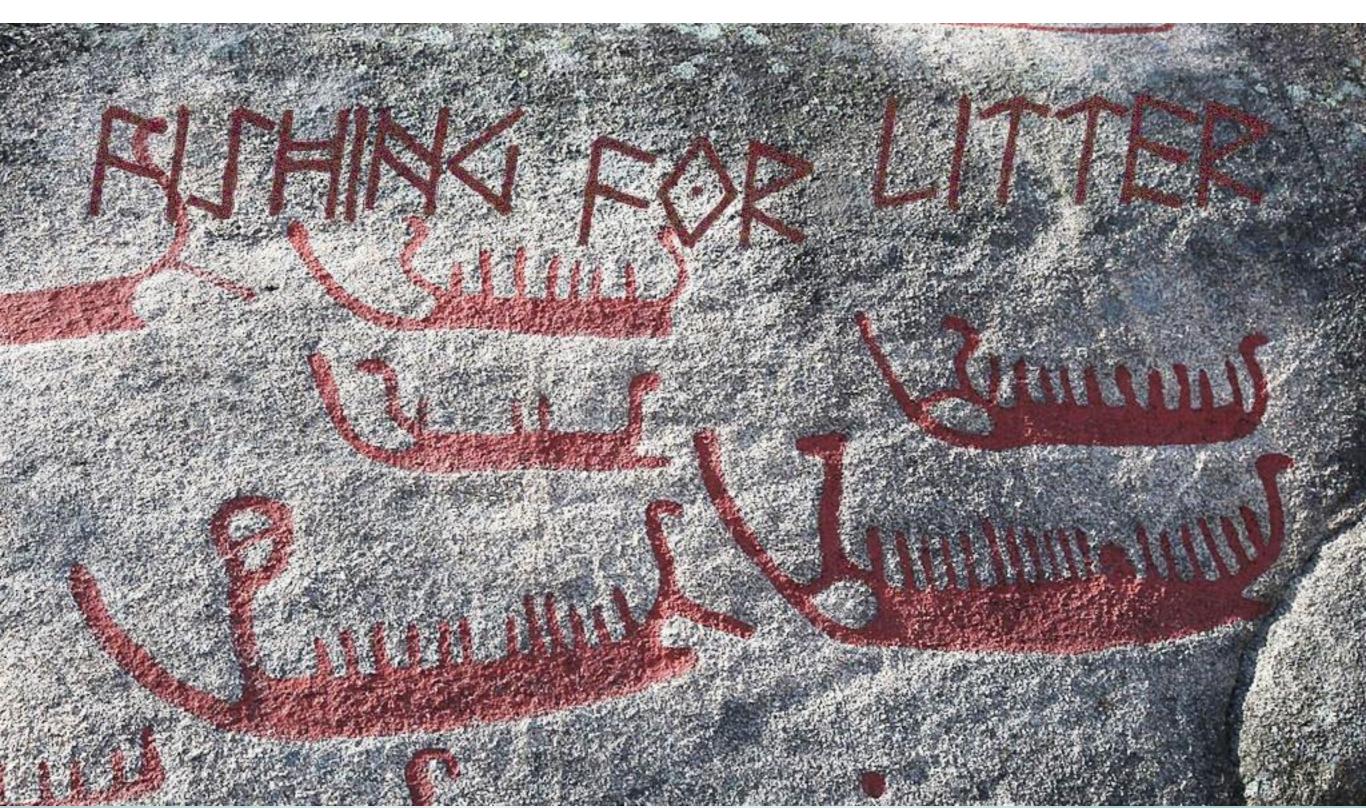
## **Fishing For Litter**

- Involves one of the key stakeholders, the fishing industry, in the clean-up of marine waste
- Provide fishing boats with large bags to collect marine litter during their normal operations at sea
- Free delivery at port
- Voluntary effort from the fishermen no economic compensation
- Does not cover waste produced on board, only marine litter caught in the gear used for fishing





# A short history lesson



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## Fishing For Litter in Norway

- Directorate for Nature Management (DN)
  - Started working after the OSPAR Ministerial meeting in 2010
  - DN => Norwegian Environment Agency
  - Set out a tender in 2015, which was won by SALT
- Planning and start-up, last part of 2015
- Pilot scheme from Jan 2016 to Dec 2017



### From unwanted «by-catch» to recycling

### 4 main goals:

- Remove marine litter from the sea
- Increase fishermen's awareness of their own contribution to waste into the environment
- Monitor regional trends within marine litter (report to OSPAR)
- Examine the possibilities to recycle resources found in the sea



#### **TO SHIP**

Big-bags and information material delivered to participating vessels in harbour

#### **RECYCLING/REGISTRATION**

- Nofir Lithuania
- «Dismantling report»
- Vessels: Environmental Diploma

#### **TRANSPORT**

Handled by the same companies

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Containers for FFL-waste

- 1. Recyclable fishery waste (Nofir)
  - 2. Other waste

#### AT SEA

- Ordinary fishing
- By-catch of marine waste
- Sorting in the 2 categories
- Procedures for dangerous waste

#### **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

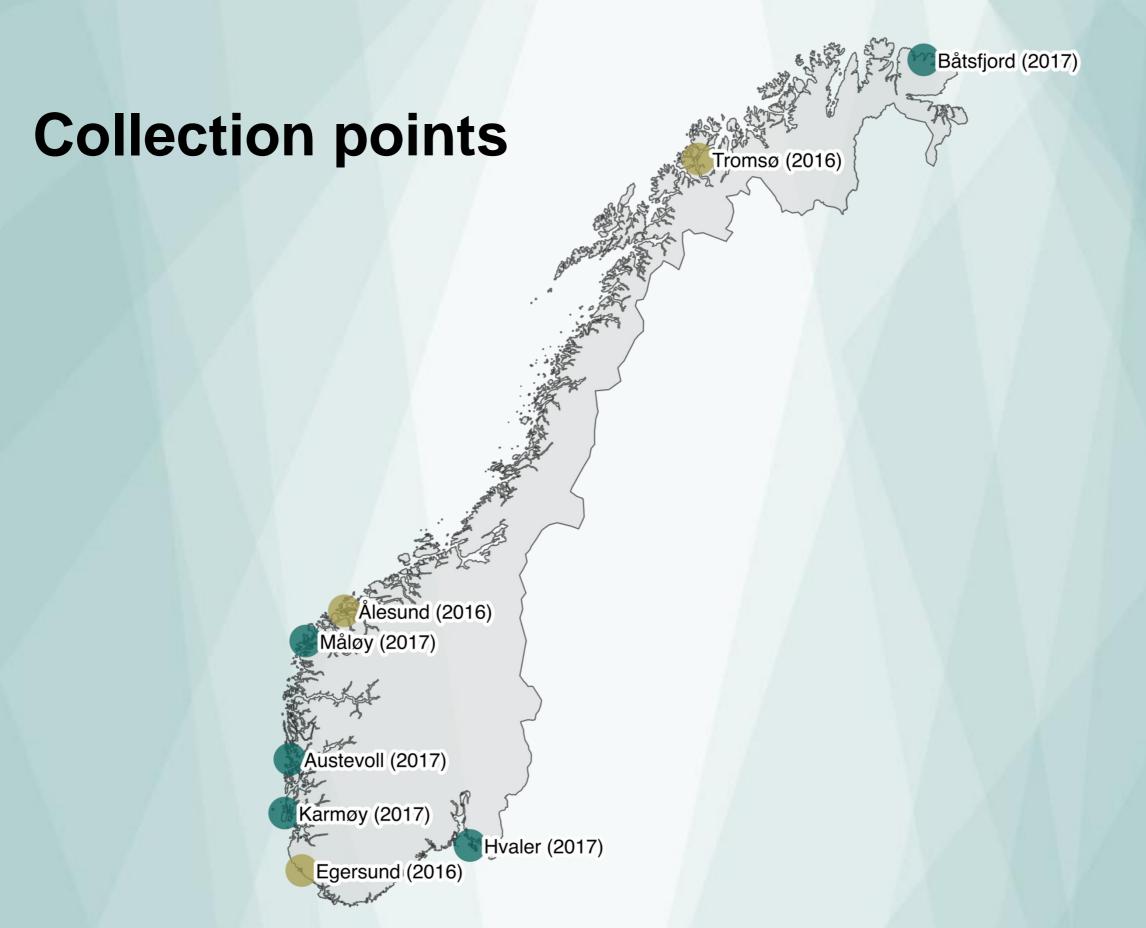
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#### **AT HARBOUR**

- Collection points run by fisheries, local harbour, etc.
  - Delivery
  - Registration

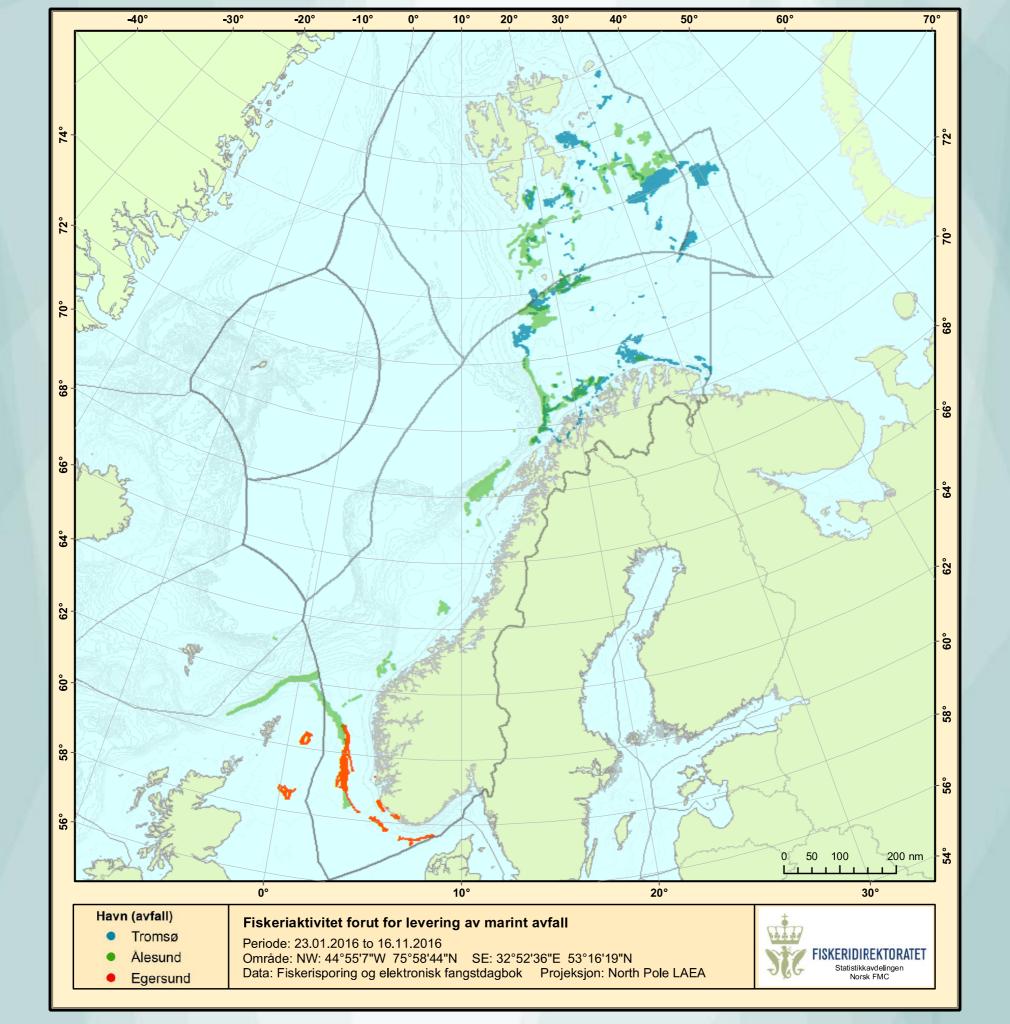












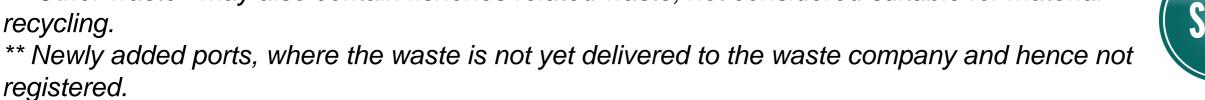


### Marine litter delivered through FFL

|             | 2016  |                          |                         |                |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|
|             | Fisheries related waste sent to recycling (kg) (% of total) | Other<br>waste *<br>(kg) | Total<br>weight<br>(kg) | No. of vessels |  |  |  |  |
| Tromsø      | 12,480 (55 %)   | 10,250                   | 22,730                  | 18             |  |  |  |  |
| Ålesund     | 22,467 (98 %)   | 500                      | 22,967                  | 21             |  |  |  |  |
| Egersund    | 2,008 (81 %)  | 478                      | 2,486                   | 5              |  |  |  |  |
| Karmøy      | -   | -                        | -                       | -              |  |  |  |  |
| Hvaler      | -   | -                        | -                       | -              |  |  |  |  |
| Måløy       | -   | -                        | -                       | -              |  |  |  |  |
| Båtsfjord** | -   | -                        | -                       | -              |  |  |  |  |
| Austevoll** | -   | -                        | -                       | -              |  |  |  |  |
| Total (kg)  | 36,955 (77 %)   | 11,228                   | 48,183                  |                |  |  |  |  |

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| Karmøy      | -   | -                        | -                       | -              | 690 (100 %)   | 0                        | 690                     | 5                     |
| Hvaler      | -   | -                        | -                       | -              | 300 (33 %)  | 600                      | 900                     | 4                     |
| Måløy       | -   | -                        | -                       | -              | 330 (42 %)  | 465                      | 795                     | 7                     |
| Båtsfjord** | -   | -                        | -                       | -              | -   | -                        | -                       | 14                    |
| Austevoll** | -   | -                        | -                       | -              | -   | -                        | -                       | 1                     |
| Total (kg)  | 36,955 (77 %)   | 11,228                   | 48,183                  |                | 46,101 (55 %)   | 37,832                   | 83,933                  |                       |

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Newly added ports, where the waste is not yet delivered to the waste company and hence not registered.



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## The future of Fishing For Litter in Norway

- In 2017 The Ministry of Climate and Environment has asked the Environment Agency to prepare a plan for
  - a permanent scheme for delivery of marine litter caught in fishing gear, and
  - for expanding the scope to cover the entire coastline
- SALT, with Mepex Consulting, was contracted to deliver a background paper with recommendations, which we did at the end of 2017
- The Environment Agency is expected to deliver their plan to the ministry
- Meanwhile, SALT will continue to organize FFL in Norwa











### **Facts about Erlend Standal**

Marine biologist

### Work experience:

- Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries 2002-2007
- Norwegian Environment Agency 2007-2016
  - OSPAR
    - BDC (Biodiversity Committee)
    - ICG-ML (working group on marine litter)
- SALT Lofoten AS 2016-onwards

