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# Marine littering in Finnmark vs the County Governor

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# Beach clean-up



So far no systematic effort to clean up beaches in Finnmark, but a small number of sporadic beach clean-ups are carried out each year (ca 15-20?)

Annual beach clean-up by the County Governor (with assistance from the Coast Guard)

One local clean-up project in Finnmark has received funding from the ministry of the environment in 2015

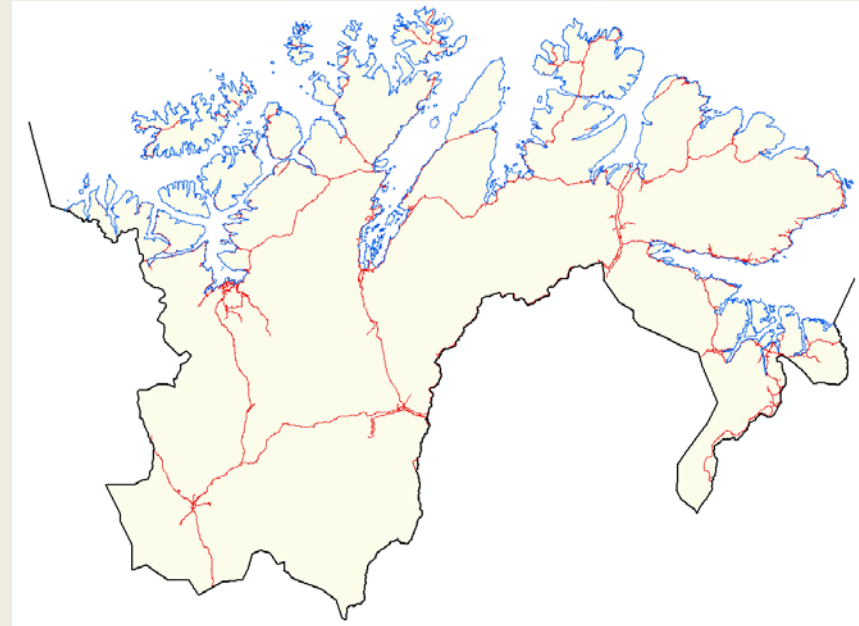
# Beach clean-up

## Some challenges:

Remote areas – large stretches of the coastline  
areas are situated long distances away from roads  
and settlements

-> Expensive logistics

Sparsely populated areas = few available hands



# Beach clean-up

## Some ideas for further work:

Learn from others – exchange experiences

Cooperate across county and country borders; common projects?

Spread information about the marine littering problem, and what we can do about it + promote information about available funding sources

Challenge waste management companies, other public authorities, e.g. Directorate of Fisheries, municipalities etc to arrange/participate in clean-up events

Maybe some form of **regional clean-up plans for beaches** can be made, to make our effort more systematic and efficient?

- E.g. mapping of litter on beaches in the region, priority list for action, monitoring etc

# Port waste management plans (PWMP's)

The directive EU directive on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues of 2000 was implemented by Norway in 2003



An inspection by the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) uncovered that the Norwegian regulations did not implement the EU directive in an adequate manner, and that many ports in Norway did not have PWMP's at all.

Following up on this the Norwegian regulations were tightened a bit in 2013:

- All ports must hand in updated PWMP's to the County Governor within July 1<sup>st</sup> 2014

# Port waste management plans

## Some challenges:

### 1. Definition of «port»:

According to the directive a port seems to mean anywhere boats regularly are docked or anchored.

According to this definition there are hundreds of ports in Finnmark that are obliged to have PWMPs

To simplify matters we decided to, in the first round, demand PWMPs from ports run by municipal port authorities, that account for more than 90 % of the largest ports in the county.

2. It is a struggle to get hold of updated PWMPs from the ports

3. The quality of incoming PWMPs is quite variable

# Port waste management plans

If a PWMP indicates insufficient facilities according to the regulations  
– what can the County Governor do about it?

A typical example from a PWMP for a port serving a small number of fishing boats and recreational boats:

*«Household waste is taken home. Hazardous waste is delivered to a recycling bank»*

Is this satisfactory, or should such ports have facilities for waste/hazardous waste?

Is it OK that hazardous waste from fishing boats is delivered to unmanned recycling banks, without carrying out declaration?

In cases where the reception facilities described in the PWMP do not seem sufficient according to the needs, should we demand that the facilities are improved before we approve the plan?

- What sanctions (if any) can we use if the facilities are not improved?

**Thank you for your attention!**

