

Repair preparedness of submarine cables in Statnett

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Topics

- Submarine Cable assets, HVDC and HVAC
- Fault. Case from Oslofjord 2020
- Inspection and monitoring of cables in general
- Use of DTS and DAS for monitoring.
- Emergency preparedness. Frame agreements





- Statnett and Energinet.dk
- Mass-Impregnated Cable
- Skagerrak 1 and 2 (1976/77)
 - 2 x 270 MW
 - 250 kV HVDC
 - 124 km
- Skagerrak 3 (1993)
 - 500 MW
 - 350 kV HVDC
 - 124 km
- Skagerrak 4 (2014)
 - 700 MW
 - 500 kV HVDC
 - 140 km sea + 100 km land

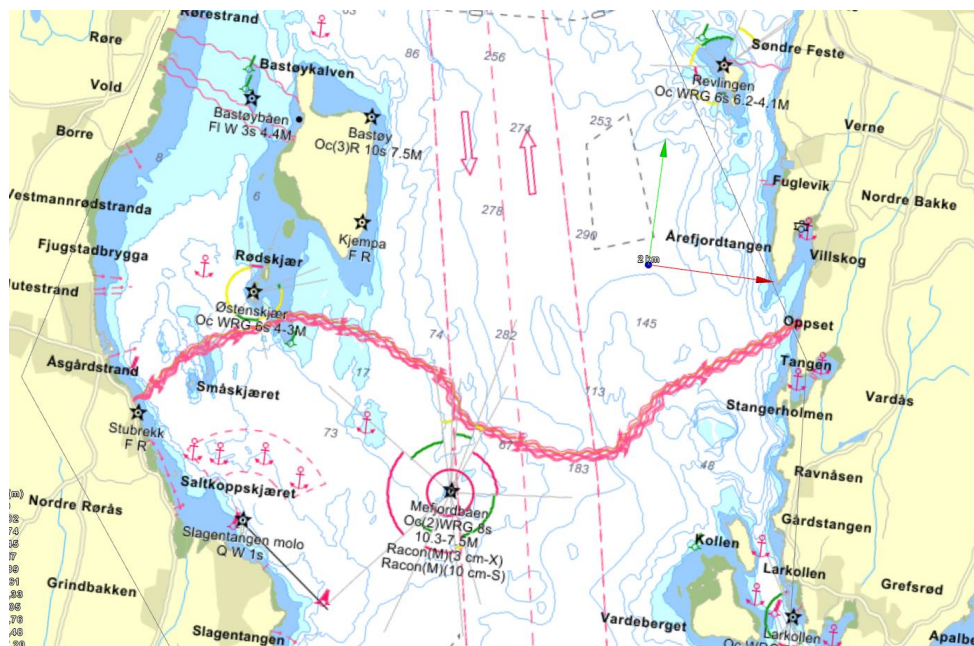
- Statnett and National Grid
- Kvilldal - Blyth
- 2 Mass Impregnated cables
- 1400 MW
- 500 kV HVDC
- 720 km
- in operation in 2021

- Statnett and TenneT
- 2 Mass Impregnated cables
- 700 MW
- 450 kV HVDC
- 580 km

- Statnett, TenneT and KfW
- Tonstad - Wilster
- 2 Mass Impregnated cables
- 1400 MW
- 500 kV HVDC
- 623 km (516 km submarine part)



- 15 crossings
- 430 km of cables



Oil filled (SCFF)

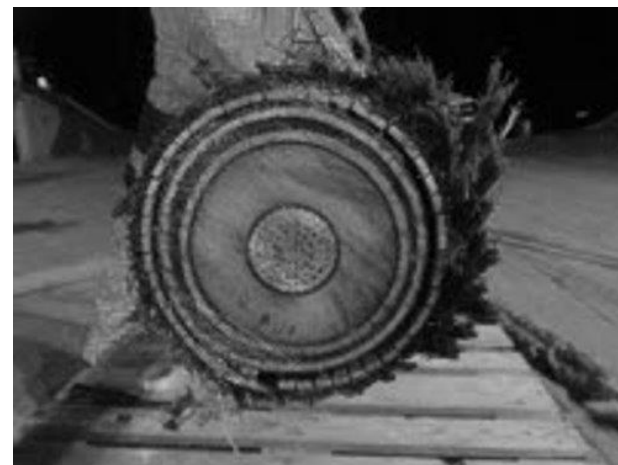


HV-AC/DC Cable types

Mass impregnated (MIND)



1 x PEX



3 X PEX



Cable fault Ytre Oslofjord 16.02.2020

Activities & events	Dates
YOF cable faults. Fault finding. Cable #6 leaking oil	16.02.20 00:49
Call off PRSI	16.02.20
Survey at fault area	17.02.20
Cut and seal. Priority to stop leakage on cable #6.	20.02 to 27.02.2020

Skipsanker ødela sjøkabel - oljelekkasje i Oslofjorden

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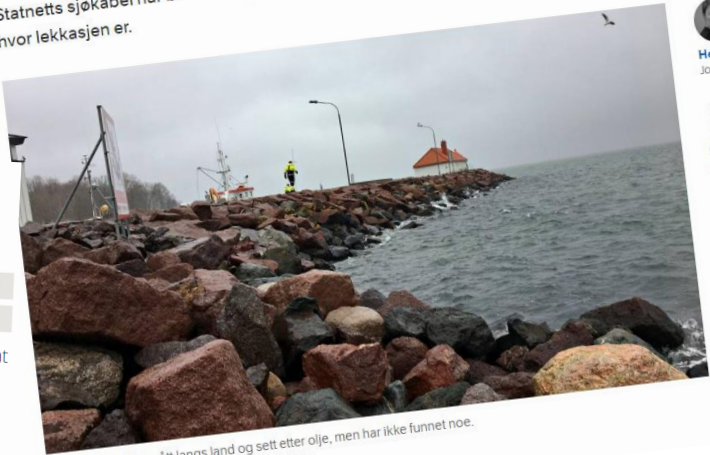
Artikkelen er over 2 år gammel

Søndag morgen melder Vestfold Interkommunale Brannvesen på Facebook at en 13 kilometer lang sjøkabel i natt er blitt påført skader, og det er oppstått en oljelekkasje i Oslofjorden.

- Straks vi ble varslet om hendelsen tidlig søndag morgen informerte vi Horten kommune og Fykesmannen, da lekkasjen er i et område

Olje lekker fra en sjøkabel i Oslofjorden

Statnetts sjøkabel har blitt ødelagt i natt og det lekker olje. Statnett vet ikke hvor lekkasjen er.



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Journalist



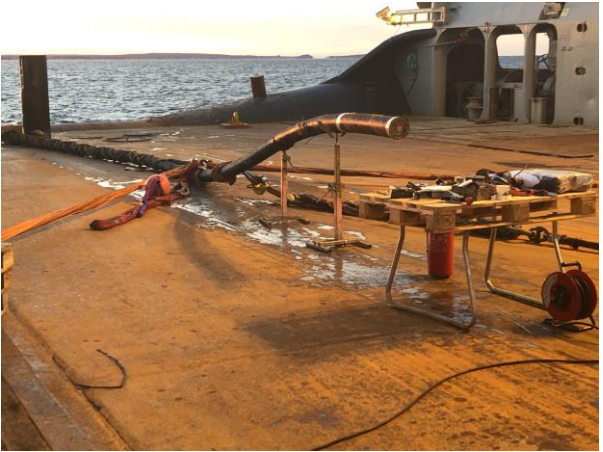
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Artikkelen er mer enn 1 år gammel.

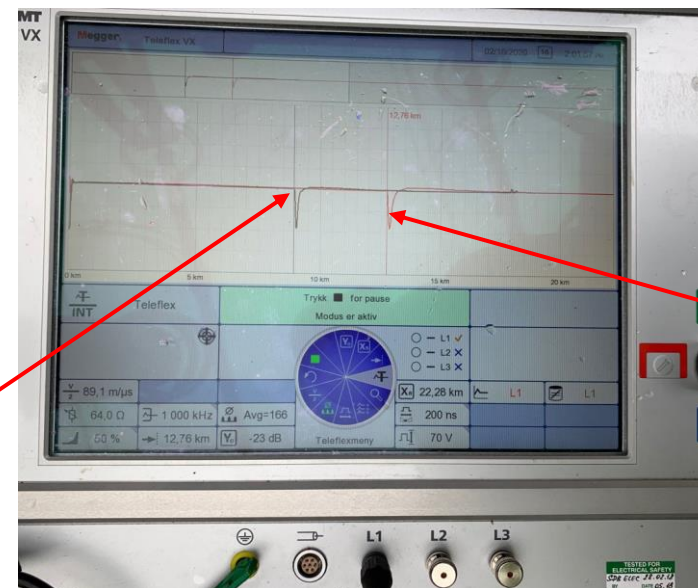
Brannvesenet har gått langs land og sett etter olje, men har ikke funnet noe.
FOTO: VESTFOLD INTERKOMMUNALE BRANNVESEN



Fault finding. First steps

- TDR, Time Domain Reflectometry
- OTDR (Optical Time Domain Reflectometry)
- Fault at 3 of 9 cables (Oslofjord)

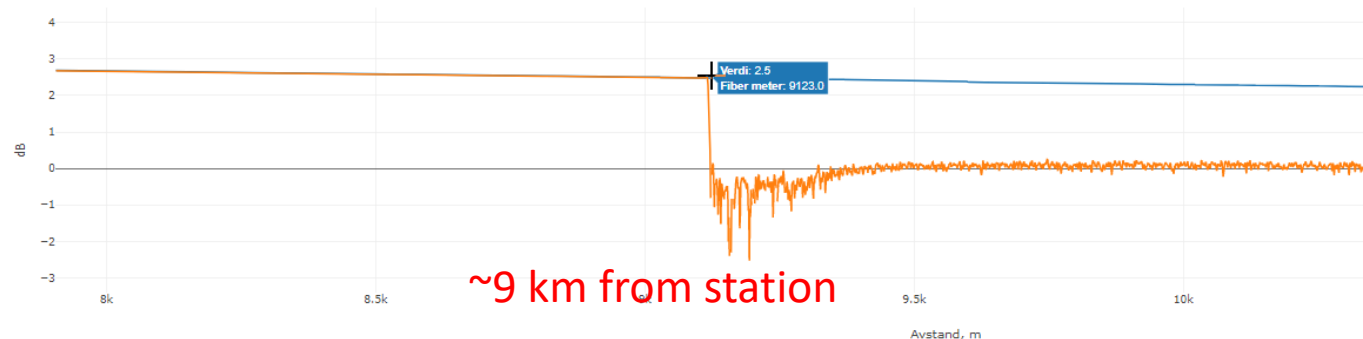
Fault ~9km



End reflection
from previous
measurements

Profiltype: OTDR Kabel: K6 Profil tidsstempel: < 2020-05-04 01:14:19 > Legg til graf Tilbakestill graf

Sammenligningsplott

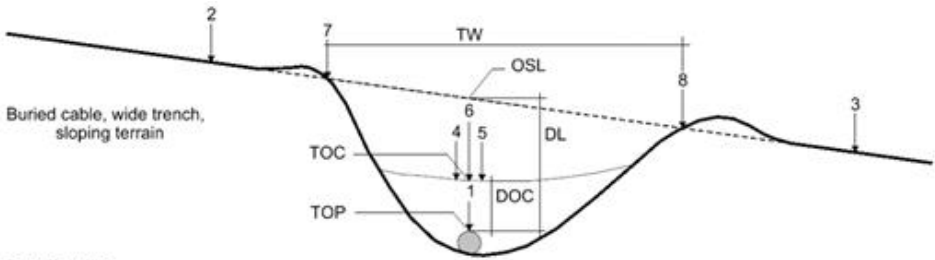
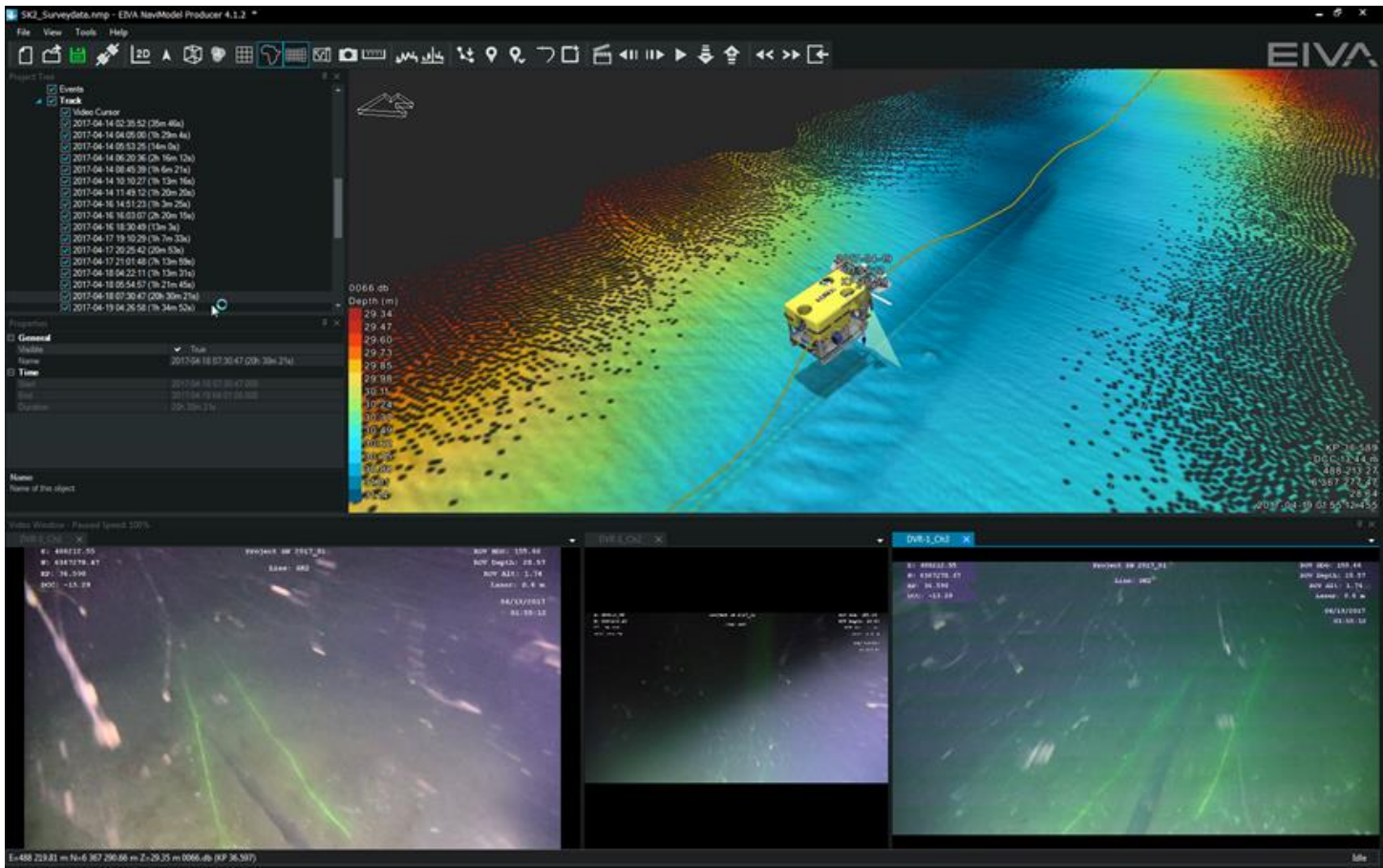


OTDR before fault

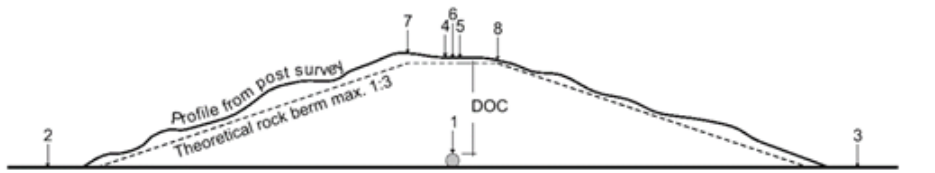
OTDR after fault

~9 km from station

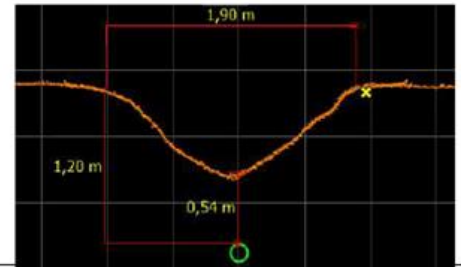
Inspection, Depth of burial / Level of protection



DEFINITIONS:
OSL Original Seabed Level: Depth to a point on a line between Flag 2 & 3 horizontally positioned at Flag 1 from vertical reference level
DL Depth of Lowering: Vertical distance between Flag 1 and OSL
DOC Depth of Cover: Vertical distance between Flag 6 and Flag 1. Positive if cable is buried, negative if exposed
TW Trench Width: Horizontal distance between Flag 7 & 8
TOC Top of Cover: Depth to Flag 6 from vertical reference level
TOP Top of Product: Depth to Flag 1 from vertical reference level



Cable in rockberm
Flag 7 = Left "shoulder" of rockberm
Flag 8 = Right "shoulder" of rockberm

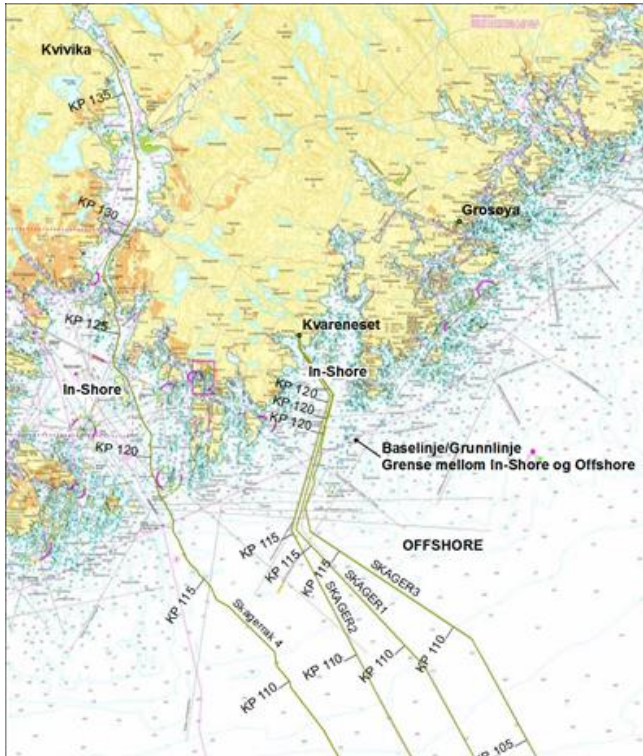


- **Explanation:**
- Depth of Lowering (DOL) = 1.20 m
- Depth of Cover (DOC) = 0.54 m
- Trench Width = 1.90 m
- SRI = Subsea Rock Installation

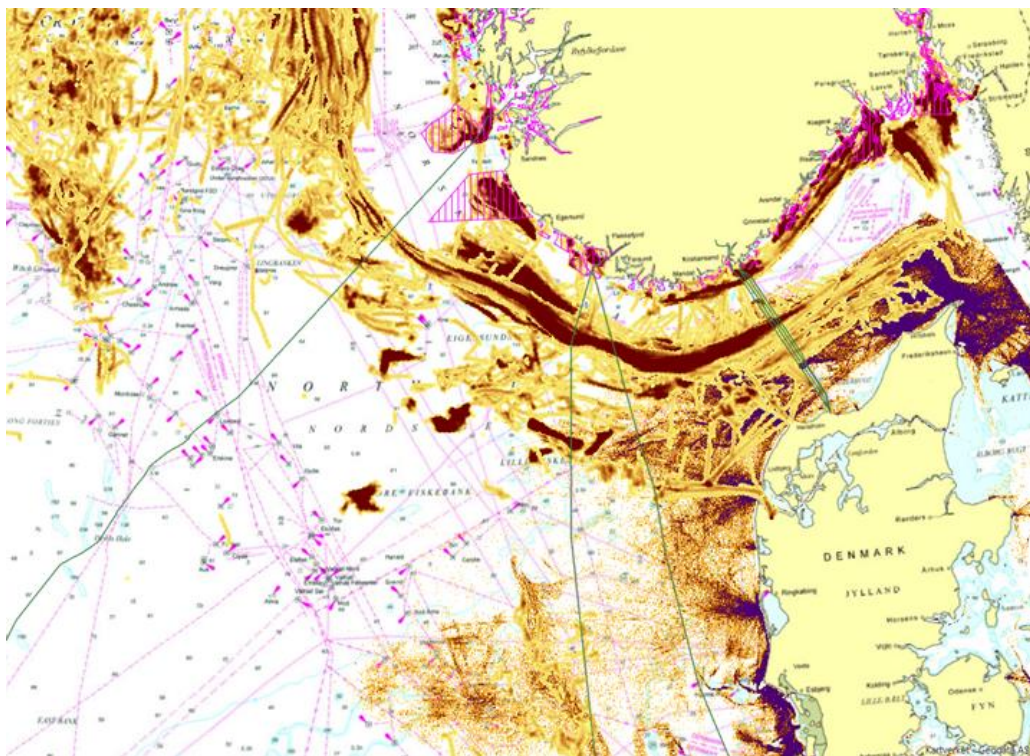
Long term inspection and maintenance program

HVDC Cable	Inspection, level of protection
Skagerrak	Every 4 th yr in-shore and near shore / full 8 th yr
NorNed	Every 5 th yr (priorities), full every 10 th
NordLink	Every 5 th yr (priorities), full every 10 th
NSL	Every 5 th yr (priorities), full every 10 th
HVAC in-shore	Landfall every 5 th yr, full every 10 th

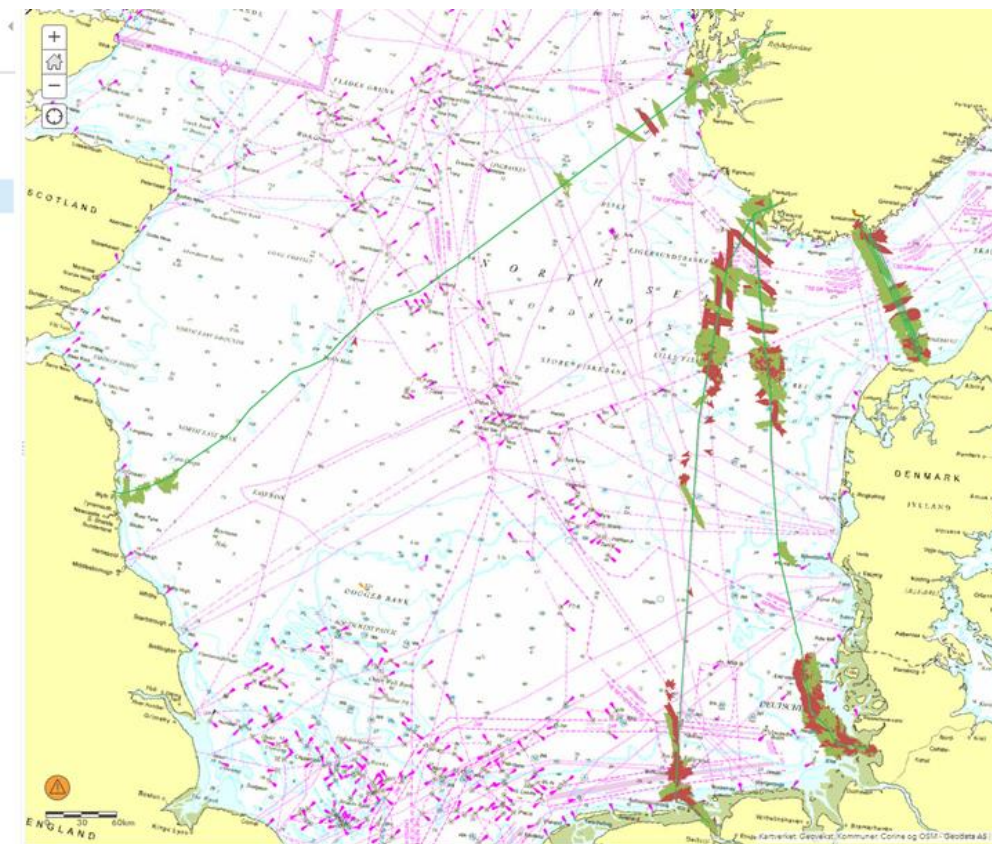
Post protection to be done the year after inspection



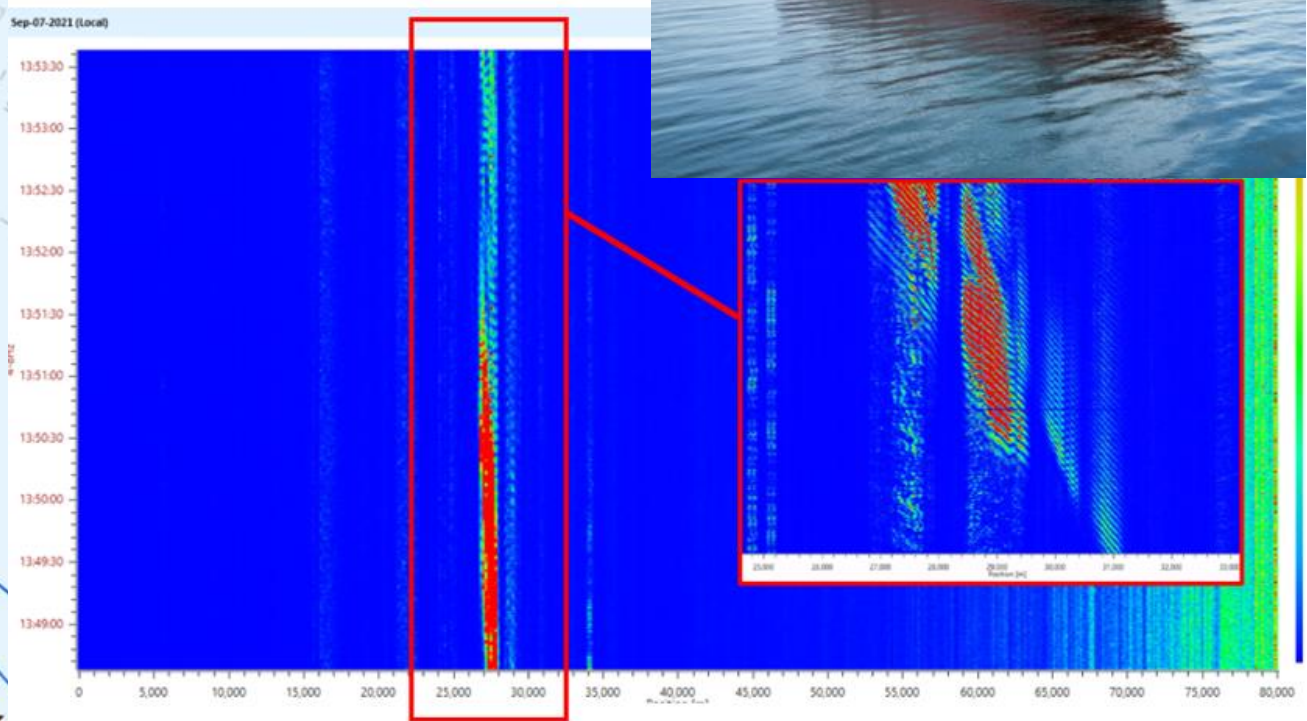
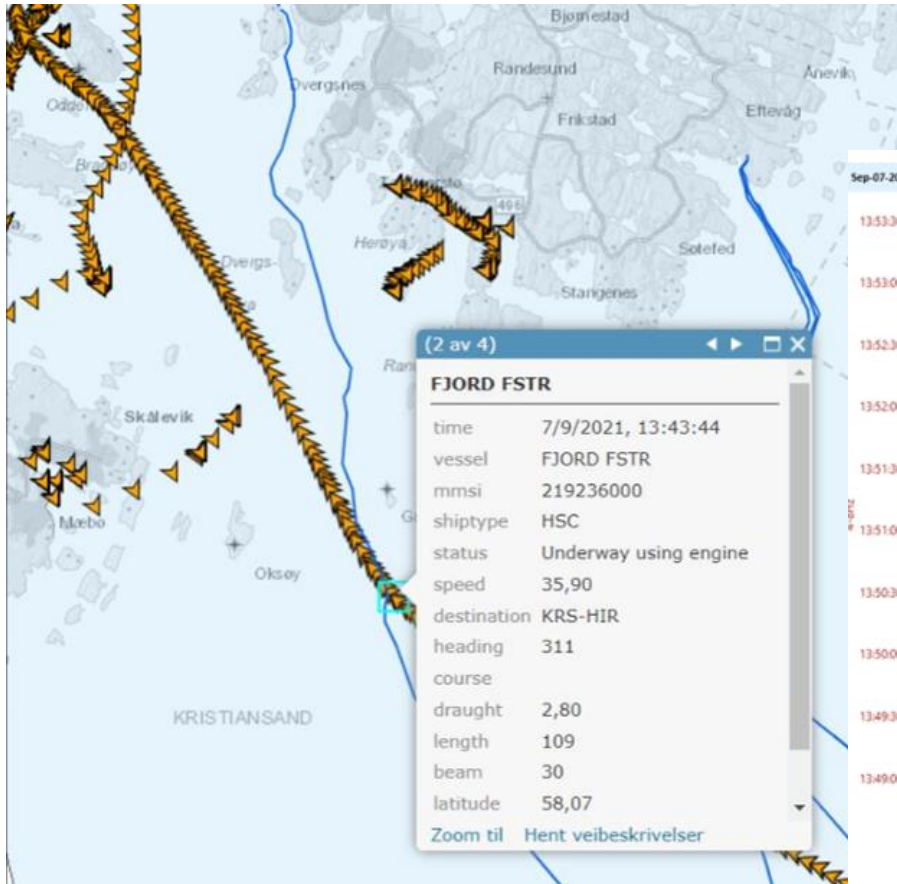
Maritime activity monitoring. Risk assesment



- Om Innhold Tegnforklaring
- Innhold
- ☒ Cables - As built
 - ☐ STBDS Vessels with speed less than 1 knot
 - ☒ STBDS Fishing Vessels in Buffer
 - ☐ STBDS Vessels in Cable Buffers
 - ☐ Seabed Features
 - ☐ Seabed Protection
 - ☐ Seabed Tracks
 - ☐ Seabed ProductEvent
 - ☐ SEABED SSS Inland
 - ☐ SEABED SSS Utland
 - ☐ SEABED DTM Inland
 - ☐ SEABED DTM Utland
 - ☐ SEABED SHA Inland
 - ☐ SEABED TCH Utland
 - ☐ AIS Density Plot fishing vessels 2021
 - ☒ GeocacheKyst
 - ☐ Fiskeridirektoratet: Kystnære fiskeridata
 - ☐ Kystverket WMS - kart
 - ☐ ENC Kystkartverket
 - ☒ Graatone Terreng Vektor
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Skagerak 4, Distributed Acoustic Sensing



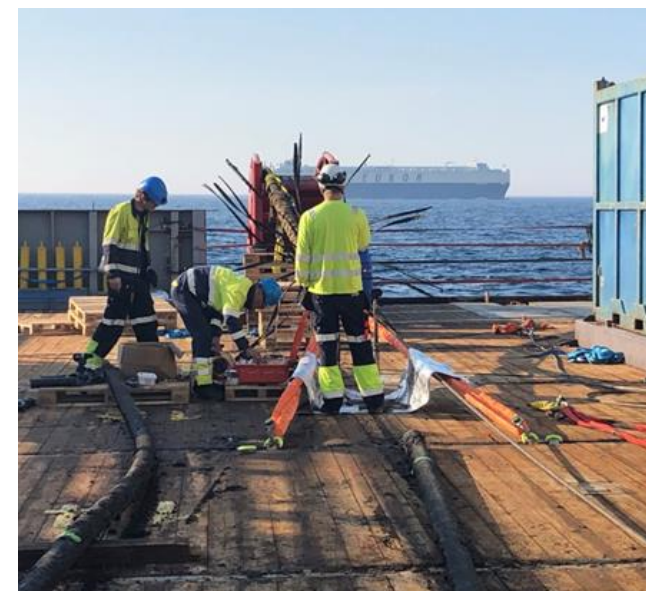
Submarine cable repair preparedness



Pipeline Repair Subsea Intervention pool – PRSI

What and why?

- PRSI Pool is a cooperation between owners and operators established in 1987 for pipeline repair preparedness
- PRSI Pool launched cable repair services in 2021, based on the same principles as for pipeline repair
- PRSI Pool is organised as a non-profit membership club, members share net operational costs based on an agreed formula.
- PRSI Pool has a number of frame agreements in place to serve urgent need by the members, including vessels, divers, cable handling and jointing, engineering and fabrication.
- Equinor has the operating responsibility, and has on behalf of the members entered into necessary contracts to ensure the contingency preparedness is operational at all times



PRSI Cable membership gives access to:

- DP2 offshore vessel mobilised for cut&seal operation within **7 days**
- DP2 offshore vessel mobilised for repair operation within **21 days**
- PRSI frame agreements:
 - Marin contractor: Subsea 7, Technip FMC
 - Cable handling services and equipment: DeepOcean
 - Cable jointing services and equipment: NKT



Frame agreements in addition to PRSI

- Nexans:
 - Jointing services and equipment for all cable systems delivered by Nexans
 - Cut & seal: 7 days mob
 - Repair: 21 days mob
- Prysmian:
 - Jointing services and equipment for NSL.
 - Cut & seal: 7 days mob
 - Repair: 21 days mob
- REN:
 - Vessel for cable repair in sheltered areas (fjord crossings).
 - Repair: 21 days mob



Cable storages



- Three turntables, capacity 8000 ton and 2 x 1200 ton
- Direct access to ISPS quay, vessel can be positioned long side while cable is loaded over the stern

Thank you for your attention!

