

should not be taken.

It should be understood that enough evidence must be included in the report to convict the offender, otherwise prosecution action will not go forward. A very clear picture of the circumstances should therefore be painted for the guidance of the law officers.

Any interrogation of an offender should be done by the senior officer present. Junior inspectors, if in the company of senior inspectors, should remain silent unless specifically addressed.

OUTSIZE IN PIKE

A very large sea pike was caught in Shark Bay recently by Mr. Sam Raftos, skipper of fishing-boat "Rosef". The pike was 4'8" in total length and weighed 32 lb. cleaned.

SHARK REPELLANT PUT TO NEW USE

Ever since whaling operations started again at Point Cloates three or four years ago considerable losses have occurred as a result of the depredations of sharks. Many buoyed whales, not only at sea but also in the anchorage, had large portions eaten away, and the Nor' West Whaling Coy. was hard put to find a remedy. Last year the buoyed whales in the anchorage were ringed about with dead sharks, and this had the effect of reducing attacks. The Manager of the station mentioned the difficulty to the Superintendent when the latter visited the station in 1951. Mr. Fraser recalled the work which had been done during the war years to develop a shark repellent for use by members of the armed forces who found themselves in the sea as a result of enemy action. This Department had been very intimately associated with tests made at Shark Bay in 1944 with copper acetate, ex-inspector J. Goodlad having been in charge of fishing and boat operations. Mr Fraser suggested that a quantity of the repellent be procured and the results watched.

This year a repellent has been tried with considerable success, particularly in the anchorage, where attacks by sharks have been reduced to a minimum.