

ANNUAL INSPECTORS' CONFERENCE

The tenth annual conference was opened by the Minister for Fisheries (Hon. A. V. R. Abbott, M.L.A.) on the morning of December 8 and concluded on the afternoon of December 12.

The conference was a most successful one, and all present returned to their respective headquarters feeling that they had learned something really worthwhile. A verbatim report of the proceedings will be issued in due course.

Guest speakers included Professor H. Waring, of the University of W.A.; Dr. D. L. Serventy, Senior Research Officer, C.S.I.R.O. Wildlife Survey Section; Messrs. Keith Sheard and R. G. Chittleborough, Research Officers, C.S.I.R.O. Division of Fisheries; Mr. R. D. Wilson, Solicitor, Crown Law Department; and Mr. A. R. Kelly, President, Pemberton-Warren Trout Acclimatisation Society. The Department's sincere thanks are extended

to these gentlemen for giving up their time to address the conference.

One of the highlights of the conference was the screening of a number of films dealing with fishing and whaling. Three British underwater films, "Trawls in Action", "Underwater Vision" and "Report from the Sea Bed", kindly made available by Scott Henderson Pty. Ltd., of Sydney, through their Perth agents, Amson Agencies Pty. Ltd. were also shown. These films, particularly the first-named, were of very considerable interest and value, showing as they did the actual working of an otter-trawl net while on the sea-bottom. They were greatly appreciated.

Other films shown were "Antarctic Whale Hunt", "Shell Fishing", "Purse Seining" and "Hunting the Humpback". The last named was a W.A. Government Tourist Bureau production depicting whaling from the Australian Whaling Commission's station at Carnarvon, W.A. These four films were from the library of the Visual Education Officer of the Department of Education (Mr. Norman Uren), whose theatre was used for the screening. The Department's thanks are extended to Mr. Uren and the members of his projection staff.

There were two social events associated with the conference; the cricket match on the Wednesday and the al fresco party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Smith at Como on the Friday night. The cricket match was held at Belmont between teams representing the city and the country, captained by B. R. Saville and H. J. Murray respectively. Saville won the toss and elected to bat - city batted 12 men and country 13. In view of the extreme heat - the shade temperature exceeded 100° - only one innings was played by each side. The scores were as follows -

City

Bowen, B.K. retired	52
Bartholomew, I, run out	26
Munro, J.E., b. Murray	4
Coombes, G. b. M. Simpson	0
Connell, F.A., c. Jeffery, b. Murray	0
McLaughlan, N.E., b. Murray	0
Saville, B.R., b. J. Simpson	21
Wright, D., c. Baird b. Crawford	4
Sinclair, V.J., b. Crawford	0
Brownfield, E. J. not out	19
Bramley, J. E., run out	1

Barakonski, J.L., c. Gallop b. Jeffery	2
Sundries	12

TOTAL: 141

Bowling - Murray, 3/25; Crawford, 2/3; J. Simpson, 1/19; M. Simpson, 1/16; Jeffery, 1/15; Baird 0/26; Gallop, 0/15; Thair, 0/0; Carmichael, 0/11; Piesse, 0/1.

Country

Gallop, J.L., c. Wright, b. Bowen	5
Jeffery, G.C. c. & b. Bowen	0
Baird, R.J., c. Bartholomew, b. Connell	0
Crawford, R.M., b. Bowen	3
Bowler, S.W., b. Bowen	2
Piesse, H.C.W., b. Bowen	5
Murray, H.J., b. Connell	5
Simpson, J.S., b. Munro	22
Simpson, M.J., b. Munro	4
Melson, A.K., b. Bramley	3
Carmichael, E.A., c. Wright, b. Saville	5
Thair, J.T., b. Saville	0
Oliver, L.C. not out	6
Sundries	7

TOTAL: 67

Bowling - Bowen, 5/9; Connell, 2/14; Saville, 2/9; Munro, 2/7; Bramley, 1/0; Coombes, 0/18; Brownfield, 0/6; McLaughlan, 0/3; Wright, 0/1.

Altogether the social side of the conference, which gave city and country an opportunity of getting together again in a different atmosphere from the official, was greatly appreciated. The action of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Smith in again making their home available for the wind-up party, at which the wives and friends of the staff were also present, was very greatly appreciated.

FAUNA PROTECTION ACT REGULATIONS

The following amendments to the Fauna Protection Act regulations will be gazetted this month:-