

ABROLHOS ISLAND CRAYFISH SEASON

Inspector Bowler reports that the day after the opening activities were in full swing.

Eighty-six boats and 129 men were reported to be working in the Islands. The first of the catch was landed at Geraldton on the 16th March. The carrier boat "Pacific" brought 74 bags from the Southern Group, the "Linda" landed 162 bags from Wallabi Islands and "Ngardie Mar" landed 40 bags from North Island and the Wallabi Islands. The crayfish landed at Geraldton were in good condition with the exception of those from the North Island which had 50% mortality.

The price of crayfish in Geraldton has fallen to 1/6d. per lb. - a drop of 4d. a lb. on the old rates.

PUBLIC SERVICE RECLASSIFICATION

A reclassification of all officers was published by the Public Service Commissioner on March 26, with effect from January 1, 1954. The following table sets out in skeleton form the new establishment of the Fisheries Department, as well as the titles and emoluments of all its officers. Certain less important information contained in the printed list has been omitted, but metropolitan officers who are desirous of studying the reclassification as published should make contact with either Mr. Saville or Mr. Bramley, both of whom have been supplied with copies. Country officers should see the list at the office of the local Clerk of Courts.

The Department has now been divided into branches - Administration, Research and Inspection. Certain officers previously classified as inspectors, but whose duties have materially changed, have now been suitably re-designated and transferred to the Research Branch. Pending the appointment of a Research Officer - a new position which has been created - the Superintendent himself will control the branch. Mr. Saville is in charge of the Administration

Branch and Mr. Bramley of the Inspection Branch. Each of these officers is fully responsible for the running of, and for the discipline of the personnel in, his branch.

The Public Service Appeal Board Act, 1920-1950, provides that any officer may appeal to the Public Service Appeal Board against the Commissioner's reclassification. All appeals must be lodged with the secretary to the Board not later than April 26, 1954. Should an officer desire information as to the procedure to be adopted he should write to Mr. Saville forthwith.

Name of Officer	Title of Office	Classification on January 1, 1954		
		Division, Class and Group	Gross Salary	Allow- ances
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>				
Fraser, A. J.	Superintendent	A. I. 3	1,520	
Saville, B. R.	Clerk-in-Charge	C. II. 6	1,090	
(Vacant)*	Senior Clerk	C. II. 3	...	
(Vacant)	Clerk +	C. II. 1	...	
Bartholomew, I.	Clerk	C. IV	611	
Bowen, B. K.	Clerk	C. IV	763	40 <sup>e</sup>
Norwood, S. M.	Typist	C. V.	526	
(Vacant) <sup>o</sup>	Typist	C. V.	...	
<u>RESEARCH</u>				
(Vacant)	Research Officer <sup>+</sup>	P. II. 2/7	...	
Piesse, H. C. W.	Technical Officer & Master, Research Vessel	G. II. 4	995	
Crawford, R. M.	Mate, Research Vessel	G. II. 1	880	
Smith, L. G.	Technical Officer Grade 1	G. II. 3	975	
Traynor, J.	Technical Officer Grade 2	G. II. 1/2	915	
Simpson, J. S.	Technical Officer Grade 2	G. II. 1/2	915	

Name of Officer	Title of Office	Classification on January 1, 1954		
		Division, Class and Group	Gross Salary	Allow- ances
<u>INSPECTION</u>				
Bramley, J.E.	Supervising Inspector	G.II.4	995	
Munro, J.E.	Senior Inspector	G.II.3	955	
Goodlad, M.	Inspector, Grade 1	G.II.3 <sup>***</sup>	975	15 <sup>++</sup>
Davidson, W.	" , " 1	G.II.2	915	
Murray, H.J.	" , " 1	G.II.2	915	15 <sup>++</sup>
Bowler, S.W.	" , " 1	G.II.2	915	15 <sup>++</sup>
Melson, A.K.	" , " 1 (Relieving)	G.II.2	915	
Jeffery, G.C.	Inspector, Grade 2	G.II.1	895	15 <sup>++</sup>
Connell, F.A.L.	" , " 2	G.II.1	895	40 <sup>oo</sup>
Bateman, A.J.	" , " 2	G.II.1	895	40 <sup>oo</sup>
Green, A.V.	" , " 2	G.II.1	880	15 <sup>++</sup>
Baird, R.J.	" , " 2	G.II.1	880	
(Vacant)	" , " 2 <sup>+</sup>	G.II.1	...	
(Vacant)	" , " 2 <sup>+</sup>	G.II.1	...	
Gallop, J.L.	Assistant Inspector	G.VII.1/2	763	15 <sup>++</sup>
Thair, J.C.	" "	G.VII.1/2	742	
Sinclair, V.J.	" "	G.VII.1/2	727	15 <sup>ee</sup>
McLaughlan, N.E.	" "	G.VII.1/2	727	40 <sup>oo</sup>
Carmichael, B.A.	Cadet Inspector	G.VII.1	675	
Simpson, M.J.	" "	G.VII.1	611	
(Vacant)	" " +	G.VII.1	...	

- <sup>\*\*</sup>H.B.S. Shugg appointed to position 11.3.54
- <sup>+</sup> New office created at Reclassification
- <sup>o</sup> C.M. Paramor acting.
- <sup>e</sup> Qualifications allowance
- <sup>\*\*\*</sup> Classification to be reviewed when position vacated.
- <sup>++</sup> Allowance for duties under Marine Act
- <sup>oo</sup> Special allowance
- <sup>ee</sup> Temporary allowance