

7,350,000 lb. which was an increase of 100,000 lb. on the previous year. Part of the increase was due to the greater quantity of salmon taken for canning. Some fishermen refrained from catching tuna and ruffs as they considered the price offered here did not justify the heavy outlay in gear and although blue-fin tuna were plentiful, only 12,146 lb. was marketed which was less than one fifth of the previous year's production. Medium and large crayfish made up a bigger percentage of the catch than in former years and the known production of crayfish at 3,850,000 lb. was 350,000 lb. more than last year.

KANGAROOS AND MARRON - EXPIRY OF SEASONS

(a) The attention of all officers is directed to the closing on November 30 of the open season for grey kangaroos in certain road districts in the lower South-West. As from December 1, therefore, kangaroos are protected in the whole of the grey kangaroo reserve and may only be taken under the authority of a license, except in the Wagin, Dumbleyung, Moora, Lake Grace, Wongan-Ballidu, Mingenew, Mt Marshall and Kondinin vermin districts, where they have been declared vermin.

(b) Officers are also reminded that on November 30 the close season for marron expired and these fish now may be taken by any person (and by any means other than by unattended traps) providing that the legal minimum length of 3", measured from the tip of the rostrum to the posterior margin of the carapace, is observed.

OPEN SEASON FOR WILD DUCKS

On November 2 the Chief Warden of Fauna, Mr. A.J. Fraser, and Dr. D.L. Serventy, members of the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee, accompanied by the Secretary, Mr. H.B. Shugg, and Inspector A.V. Green, of Bunbury, attended a meeting at the Elgin Hall to hear the case put by seventy two local residents for an evening opening.