

in some of the local dams. The largest he has taken with a fly was 12 in. in length, about 18 months after planting as fry. He avers that the fish are in splendid condition, "equal to any that I have seen or caught in England and Scotland."

ABROLHOS CRAYFISHERY

As will be seen from the table on page 135, the total production for the 1956 Abrolhos season was slightly less than for the previous year. As there was a slight increase in the number of men fishing, the catch per man also declined. The drop in production and the fall in the catch-per-man, however, cannot be considered as serious nor are they any indication that the fishery is failing. It will be recalled that the March cyclone delayed the opening of the season by a fortnight and this restricted fishing operations to some extent.

WILD LIFE EXHIBITIONS

Senior Inspector J.E. Munro during September was in charge of departmental exhibits at two wild-life shows, that held in Perth Town Hall from September 10 to 15 under the auspices of the W.A. Naturalists' Club and the Gould League, and that in the Kalgoorlie Town Hall from September 25 to 28, organised by the Australasian Inland Mission.

Many thousands of visitors, predominantly organised groups of school children, saw the Perth exhibition. The departmental exhibit was one of the centres of attraction, and Mr. Munro was kept particularly busy answering the myriad questions fired at him.

The following extract from the "Kalgoorlie Miner" of September 26 refers to our exhibit at the A.I.M. Show -

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"Scores of school children who were conducted around the exhibits by their schoolteachers, regarded the section arranged by the Fisheries and Game Department as one of the most popular in the hall."

The Superintendent (Mr. Fraser), as Chief Warden of Fauna, has accepted an invitation to perform the official opening ceremony at a similar Show to take place at Katanning on October 25.