

AREA	APRIL 1956			APRIL 1957		
	No. of Men	Total Catch lb.	Catch Per Man	No. of Men	Total Catch	Catch Per Man
North Island	36	175,989	4,888	26	157,594	6,061
Wallabi Group	38	293,483	7,722	47	288,161	6,131
Southern Group	38	199,737	5,256	48	231,107	4,814
Rat Island	41	347,619	8,478	64	415,782	6,496
Totals ...	153	1,016,828	6,646	185	1,092,644	5,906

TROUT DELIVERIES

During June 24,000 yearling trout will be transported from Pemberton to centres in the South-West. 4,000 will be delivered to Beverley and to Harvey and to Bridgetown and 12,000 to Jarrahdale.

Technical Officer J. Traynor will be in charge of deliveries but, for part of the period at least, will be assisted by Fauna Warden S.W. Bowler.

DUCK SEASON CLOSES

The attention of all officers is directed to the closure at midnight on May 31 of the 1956/57 open season for wild ducks. Until the season opens again on the Sunday preceding Christmas, the taking of wild ducks will be totally prohibited. From reports it is understood that shooters enjoyed a good average year. Although many complained of poor opening shoots, conditions improved as the summer progressed and towards the close of the season good bags were obtained.