

OPEN SEASON FOR KANGAROOS AND EMUS

The Minister for Fisheries (Mr. Kelly) recently announced that he had accepted a recommendation from the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee and that a long open season for grey kangaroos and emus had been proclaimed in a number of road districts in the lower South-West. The season will open on June 1, 1957, and will not close until May 31, 1959, unless control measures prove more effective than was anticipated.

The effect of the open season will be to allow property owners to destroy kangaroos and emus without having to apply for a license, although it will not relieve the necessity for any person to be in possession of a license before he can legally sell the meat or skins. Any person desiring to take kangaroos or emus for gain or reward in the open areas will have to obtain a professional hunter's license, the fee for which is £2.

It is anticipated that in addition to professional hunters operating solely for skins, others who desire to sell kangaroo and emu meat to the pet food processors will be attracted to the open areas.

The road districts included in the open season for both kangaroos and emus are as follows -

Albany, Augusta-Margaret River, Balingup,
Bridgetown, Collie, Cranbrook, Denmark,
Greenbushes, Kojonup, Manjimup, Nannup,
Plantagenet, Preston, Upper Blackwood,
and West Arthur.

In addition, an open season for grey kangaroos for the same period has been proclaimed in the Gingin Road District.