

Bay by Inspector G.C. Jeffery on the p.v. "Garbo". It was a very pleasant day and some excellent fishing was enjoyed. On Monday, October 20, the Committee met representatives of the Shark Bay Fishermen's Association to hear evidence on a number of domestic matters including proposals to ban the use of wire-mesh fish traps and to close a portion of the Bay to visiting freezer boats. After visiting the Monkey Mia fishery in the afternoon, the Committee met at night to hear evidence given separately by the proprietors of two of the Shark Bay freezer works. On the following day the Committee returned to Geraldton, reaching Perth on the evening of October 22.

#### OPEN SEASON FOR WILD DUCKS

After hearing the evidence obtained from various duck shooters, honorary wardens and individuals on the breeding position of wild ducks this year, the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee, at its last meeting, decided to recommend that the 1958/59 open season for wild ducks should commence on the traditional weekend before Christmas, but should close on April 30, 1959, a month earlier than usual. The Committee was impressed by recommendations from shooters and non-shooters alike that an earlier closure was desirable because (a) there was very little shooting carried out during May in any normal year; and (b) that any late season shooting which did occur tended to delay nesting. An early decision on the Committee's recommendations is anticipated.