

Mr. Karlovsky and his field associate, Mr. Ben Matthews, first commenced operation in the trade about 5 years ago. Since then a holding depot has been erected at Agnew and the number of carcasses processed had risen to 18,000 a year. With at least three other companies purchasing carcasses from hunters, the professional kangaroo shooter, who had become almost a legendary figure, seems now to be coming back into his own. Annual production of kangaroo meat processed as pet food is estimated to total about 1,500,000 lb., while the overall sales must be well in excess of that figure.

CONFERENCE ON UNIFORM FAUNA CONTROL

A conference of State and Commonwealth officials to consider common policies on the protection and export of fauna will be called shortly, the Commonwealth Minister for Customs, Mr. Henty, announced recently. An effort would be made, he said, to iron out anomalies which occur partly as a result of the division of control on exports between the Commonwealth and States, and partly because of the different protection laws which apply in each of the States. Approval has been given by the Minister for Fisheries (Mr. Hutchinson) for a delegate to attend from this State.

RECOVERIES OF GIANT PETRELS

Although the winter storms set in late this year, the number of giant petrels appearing along our shores appears to be much the same as in past years. The recovery of birds banded by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has, however, caused considerable interest. One found at Port Beach just north of the Fremantle Mole on June 22 was believed to be the first American banded bird ever discovered in Australia. It later transpired, however, that band 528-10845 had been recovered the day before. Altogether, four American and seven British banded birds were reported during the month.

It is presumed the American bands were placed on nestlings in the Antarctic by the United States scientists who spent many months in the Antarctic in connection with the International Geophysical Year.

The Fauna Warden, Mr. S.W. Bowler, has again maintained, at his home, a small "hospital" to care for petrels picked up in an exhausted condition. One of his patients this year was an albatross, but it received short shrift from one of the petrels and is now a museum specimen.

In keeping with the practice of past years, Dr. D.L. Serventy, Principal Research Officer, Wildlife Survey Section, C.S.I.R.O., has placed ANARE bands on giant petrels released from Mr. Bowler's hospital. Unfortunately two of the three he banded later succumbed.

The tables on pages 102-104 set out the details of band recoveries and also of sightings of banded and white-phase birds.

International Whaling Commission in London towards the end of last month. While both countries have refused to observe the quota of blue whale units as allocated to them, both have agreed to observe the remainder of the Convention.

The next Antarctic whaling season will probably commence on December 28, 1959, and the overall blue whale unit quota will remain at 15,000. This figure will determine the end of the season, but Norway and the Netherlands will probably continue operations until they reach 4,850 and 1,200 blue whale units respectively.

The Antarctic humpback season will again be restricted to 4 days but will commence on January 20 instead of February 1.

As the Australian whaling industry will receive virtually the same protection as in the past, there would seem to be no reason for altering the arrangements at present operating in Australia.

GIANT PETRELS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 92)

F.I.D.S. & U.S.F. & W.S. BAND RECOVERIES

<u>Band No.</u>	<u>Details</u>
FIDS. 500222	Found alive near Breaksea Island, Albany. Yellow band and metal band both removed and bird released immediately.
FIDS. 57021	Found dead on 21/6/59 at Coogee Beach south of Fremantle. Yellow band and metal bands both removed.
FIDS. 56220	Found alive on 3/6/59 at Point Moore Lighthouse, Geraldton. Bird released with yellow and metal bands intact on 4/6/59.
FIDS. 57225	Found alive on 27/6/59 in the Dongara district. Yellow metal bands removed and bird released.
FIDS. 54854	Found dead in September 1958 20 miles south of Geraldton. Bands removed (Red plastic band and metal band).
USA. 528-10194	Found alive on 26/6/59 out from Safety Bay, south of Fremantle. Band removed and bird released.

<u>Band No.</u>	<u>Details</u>
USA. 528-10845	Found alive on 21/6/59 at Woodman Pt. Jetty, Naval Base. Band removed and bird released.
USA. 528-10468	Found alive on 24/6/59 at Fremantle Harbour. Bird released with band intact at Fremantle on June 26, 1959.
USA. 528-10835	Found dead on 22/6/59 at Port Beach, North Fremantle. Band removed.
FIDS. 57112	Found alive near Breaksea Island, Albany. Bird released with band intact.
FIDS. 56889	Found alive at Fremantle on 6/6/59. Band removed by Neil Gugeri and bird released. (Newspaper report).
USA. 528-10985)	Found alive on 9/7/59 35°0' South 118° 13' East Lured to ship's side by F. & N. Swarbrick of Emu Point, Albany, and released after details noted.
FIDS. 57278)	

UNBANDED PETRELS FOUND AND BANDED BY DR. SERVENTY

<u>Band No.</u>	<u>Details</u>
ANARE. 10300	Found on 17/6/59 at Leighton Beach north of Fremantle. Released at the North Mole, Fremantle, on June 22, 1959. Found dead at Leighton 2 miles north of Fremantle on 23/6/59.
ANARE. 10301	Found on 17/6/59 at City Beach north of Fremantle. Released at the North Mole, Fremantle, on June 22, 1959.
ANARE. 10302	Found on 25/6/59 at Freshwater Bay about 5 miles up Swan River. Found again at Naval Base 29/6/59 and picked up in the water dead near Garden Island a day or so later.

WHITE-PHASE AND BANDED BIRDS SIGHTED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
22/6/59	Observed at Fremantle Mole by Messrs. H.B. Shugg and S.W. Bowler (Fisheries Department). Bird in white-phase seen to be carrying a yellow plastic band. Ten other black petrels (no bands seen) were in the area when releasing 10300 and 10301.
23/6/59	Observed at Robbs Jetty, Fremantle, by Mr. Dickson of Willagee. Mr. Dickson phoned that of 5 petrels seen one bore a yellow band and one an aluminium band. (Not known if same bird).
5/6/59	Observed at Bunbury Estuary by Inspector T.B. Baines, Fisheries Department, Bunbury. One unbanded bird in white-phase found and released some days later.

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Date	Defendant	Court	Charge	Result
23/3/59	Bivi, L.	Fremantle	Undersize c/fish	Fined £3
6/4/59	Paparello, C.	do	do	" £2
do	Luito, G.	do	do	" £15
do	Tickle, D.W.	do	do	" £2
do	Mazzeo, F.	do	do	" £2
do	Pittorino, G.	do	do	" £10
do	Larner, J.	do	do	" £2
20/4/59	Cicerello, S.	do	do	" £2