

took fish for sale. Similarly, all fishing-boats engaged in the taking of fish for sale must be licensed and their license number must be clearly painted on the boats. It should be a relatively simple matter to obtain evidence for prosecution, provided there is co-operation between all inspectors, particularly sea-going inspectors.

While the primary responsibility for ensuring that all fishermen and fishing-boats in his district are licensed rests with the district inspector, all other inspectors (including assistant and cadet inspectors) are responsible for assisting in policing these provisions. They must make written notes of the names and addresses of all persons found to be engaged in the taking of fish for sale, irrespective of whether they are licensed or not. A report setting out the names of such, and particulars of boats engaged in the taking of fish, must be recorded by the inspectors in their diaries. They should remember when they are making their original notes that they might be required, subsequently, to produce them in Court to substantiate charges. Every inspector must always, when ascertaining the fisherman's name and address, enquire whether he holds a current fisherman's license and obtain the license number to quote later in his diary. Full names (not initials) of all fishermen reported must be furnished.

Compliance with these instructions is a major responsibility of all inspectors.

WHALE MARK RECOVERIES

Details of the firing of two whale marks recovered last July at the Nor'-West Whaling Company's station at Carnarvon, have been received from the Division of Fisheries and Oceanography, C.S.I.R.O. Writing from Cronulla, N.S.W., Dr R.G. Chittleborough, research officer in charge of whale studies, has advised that both marks had been fired in Shark Bay from our research vessel "Lancelin".

The first, No.11906, had been fired on August 2, 1955. It was recovered on July 9, 1961, from the back meat of a pregnant female humpback measuring 39'6". Its foetus was a 12'6" male.

The second, No.14202, had been fired on September 11, 1957. This mark was found in a cooker on July 31, 1961, hence no details of the whale which had carried it for nearly four years are available.