

would be difficult to imagine one that had aroused a greater total verbiage than has raged around the bar at Wilson Inlet. We refer to the sand-bar, of course.

In recent years, the Public Works Department, which has assumed responsibility for opening the bar, has opened it in the middle. Vociferous complaints against this practice finally led to the recent conduct of a referendum among the local populace. Inspector Carmichael, of Albany, has now advised that the referendum resulted in a solid expression of opinion in favour of opening the bar under the cliffs on the west side - the voting being 289 to 69. Anyone who is rash enough to prognosticate the effects of this vote may do so - but not in this Bulletin!

#### CRAYMEAT TRADE DISAPPEARS

Amendments to the Fisheries Act Regulations which prohibited from last November the processing of crayfish into craymeat for retail trading appear to have been most effective.

This opinion is held following a series of thorough inspections carried out in this State and reports on investigations in Melbourne. The inspections included checks at all known fishing centres and freezer works up and down the coast, in the metropolitan area and in country centres as far afield as Kalgoorlie, as well as on interstate bound freezer trucks. Investigations in Melbourne were carried out by the Director and the Chief Clerk personally, and also by an officer of the Victorian Department, through the co-operation of that State's Director of Fisheries and Wildlife. It seems that if there is any local or interstate dealing in craymeat at all, it is of negligible proportions.

#### OPEN SEASON FOR GREY KANGAROOS EXTENDED

Accepting a recommendation to that effect from the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee, the Minister for Fisheries has decided to allow the open season for grey kangaroos to continue for a further two years in certain areas of the South-West. The season will operate in the following shires -

Albany, Augusta-Margaret River, Balingup, Cranbrook, Bridgetown, Busselton, Capel, Collie, Dardanup, Denmark, Gingin, Kojonup, Nannup, Plantagenet, Preston, West Arthur, Upper Blackwood, Northcliffe ward of the Manjimup Shire and part of Woodanilling.

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Despite the open season in those districts, any person wishing to take kangaroos for gain or reward, or to sell their meat or skins, must be licensed. The open season has the effect of allowing farmers to destroy kangaroos causing damage without the need to apply for individual licenses and to authorise licensed professional hunters to operate. It also, of course, permits sporting shooters to follow their sport within the affected districts.