

Cape Peron and Cape Bellefin. He explained that these areas were considered to include the nursery grounds where the young prawns spent their adolescence.

#### PORT GREGORY FISHERMEN FIND SUPPORT

As reported in the March, 1962, issue of this Bulletin, the Fishermen's Advisory Committee visited Port Gregory last March to take evidence from fishermen in a dispute which they said had arisen between them and the Northampton Shire Council concerning crayfishing operations on the beach at Port Gregory. The fishermen feared that they would be denied use of the section of the beach opposite the island jetty, the use of which they also thought might be withdrawn.

On the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, representations were made to the Departments of Local Government and Public Works setting out the fishermen's need for certain freedom of action in the use of both facilities. It was pointed out, as an example, that the fishermen at Horrocks Beach, not many months ago, were excluded by the same Shire Council from carrying out fish-landing operations there and had been forced to land their catches three miles farther north and to blaze new trails across extensive sand drifts to the new anchorage. Port Gregory fishermen had developed the area and were using the island jetty extensively during their operations. Our letter stressed that the fishermen were engaged principally in the production of crayfish, a dollar-earning commodity, and depended upon fishing for their livelihood. Local authorities, which were frequently dominated by sectional interests, did not always appreciate the value of the fishing industry nor the needs of the persons engaged in it.

As a result of these representations the Local Government Department has agreed to submit to this Department for comment any by-law submitted by the Northampton Shire Council for the control of crayfishing on the foreshore of Pakington townsite. The Under Secretary for Works has written that while his Department does not desire to undertake responsibility for the jetty in its present condition, any request for its future control will be referred to this Department.

#### FAUNA PROTECTION AND GREY KANGAROOS

Some officers may have noted in the Government Gazette of July 13 a proclamation referring to grey

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kangaroos. The effect of the proclamation was merely to renew the so-called grey kangaroo reserve which is established in the south-west corner by a line drawn from Lancelin Island to Merredin, then south to Gnowangerup, then east to the coast. Outside this area there are no restrictions on the taking of grey kangaroos unless they are being taken for gain or reward, in which case, the taker must be licensed. Within the grey kangaroo reserve, open seasons have been declared in some districts - see page 107 of the June, 1962, issue. If and when the open seasons lapse or are cancelled, full protection will be restored to kangaroos in the areas concerned. Within the reserve and outside the "open season areas" they are fully protected and may only be taken by holders of a current scientific license, or a damage license, or, in rare cases, a food license.