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the industry very intelligently. Provided fishermen and processors co-operate with the Government, a prosperous future is assured for the industry".

WESTERN FISHERIES RESEARCH COMMITTEE TO MEET

The next meeting of this Committee, of which the Director is chairman, and Mr B.R. Saville, secretary, will be held at Head Office on November 20 and 21. Business on the agenda includes a review by the project leader, Dr J.M. Thomson, of the research reports on crayfish, prawns, salmon and whales. Other items to be discussed will be the testing of monofilament nylon nets and the organization of the Committee.

VACANCY FOR SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER

Consequent upon the retirement of Mr L.G. Smith, applications have been called to fill the item he vacated, which is known officially as Technical Officer Grade 1, and carries the classification G-II-3. The duties of this position include responsibility in the absence of a research officer, for the supervision of the work of the other Technical officers; general technical duties in connection with the applied research programmes on the crayfish and prawn fisheries; trawling and trolling surveys; trout acclimatisation; and studies on the distribution of Australian fish species.

FAUNA RESEARCH PROGRAMME UNDER WAY

A detailed programme of research into the ecology of the important fauna sanctuary at East Pingelly was commenced last month. This was revealed in a report prepared for the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee by the programme leader, Dr A.R. Main, reader in zoology at the University of Western Australia.

Dr Main said he and Mr R.D. Royce, Officer-in-Charge, Botanical Section, Department of Agriculture, had worked on the reserve from September 17 to 21. They spent their time traversing it and mapping its vegetation, collecting specimens of the flora and making a preliminary assessment of the vegetation from the point of view of the needs of its animals, such as tamar and woiilie. Both were impressed, as others had been, with the remarkable richness and diversity of the plants in such a small area. An example of this was afforded by the orchids, of which there were collected no less than 23 species. Additionally,

many of the plant species found to occur in small colonies within the reserve seemed to be singularly isolated, for their nearest known neighbours were far distant. Such isolated occurrences are of great interest to botanists and others concerned with plant distributions.

Other items of considerable interest and importance noted by the party were a decline in the numbers of the small marsupials on the reserve and the finding of a small and unusual burrowing skink previously known only from Cheyne Beach, on the south coast and from Jurien Bay. The decline in marsupials fitted in with the pattern in other areas, including Rottnest, and is considered to have resulted directly from the long dry summer experienced last year in most of the South-West Land Division.

This visit was the first of a series planned in the programme for the detailed study of the reserve and its flora and fauna. The programme was developed by the Advisory Committee, which is responsible for the carrying out of fauna research in the State, for the express purpose of ensuring that the remarkable fauna of the reserve is conserved.

CONVICTIONS

JULY-SEPTEMBER 1962

Date	Defendant	Court	Charge	Result
<u>FISHERIES ACT</u>				
2.7.62	PARKIN, Edward	Fremantle	U/s crayfish	Fined £61.10s.
2.7.62	PELL, John	"	" "	£55.7.6.
2.7.62	AMATO, Corrado	"	" "	£24.2.6.
2.7.62	ALLEGRETTO, Modesto	"	" "	£30.
2.7.62	RIGGS, Edward G.	"	" "	£28.7.6.
2.7.62	RIGGS, Edward G.	"	" "	£27.1s.
2.7.62	RIGGS, Edward G.	"	" "	£20.
26.7.62	ALLEGRETTO, Modesto	"	" "	£30.14s.
26.7.62	ALLEGRETTO, Modesto	"	" "	£29.
26.7.62	ALLEGRETTO, Modesto	"	" "	£32.12s.
26.7.62	ALLEGRETTO, Modesto	"	" "	£31.14s.
30.7.62	GIGLIA, Albert	"	" "	£13.5s.
30.7.62	COLICA BROS.	"	" craytails	£17.2.6.
30.7.62	FEDELLE, Gennaro	"	" "	£26.12.6.
13.8.62	RULJANCICH, Mikula)	"	" "	£13.5s.
	RULJANCICH, Luke)			
13.8.62	DE CEGLIE, Guiseppe)	"	" "	£20.15s.
	DE CEGLIE, Giovanni)			