

that was why they were leaving and it must have been those who stayed later who did better. Mr Taylor said that shooters interviewed next morning, considered it to have been a huge success. They included many who were attending a really controlled opening for the first time and they seemed to appreciate the organisation even though the birds flew high after the opening signal.

Other reports from shooters and honorary wardens indicated that some very successful shoots were held at the lakes on the coastal plain out of Coorow, particularly at Lake Eganu which is reserved as waterfowl habitat under the Department's programme of wetland conservation.

WHALING

At pages 263 and 264 are tables setting out whaling production during 1961 and 1962.

Reporting on the Cheynes Beach Whaling Company's 1962 season, Inspector B.A. Carmichael points out that whaling in Albany is carried out in three phases. The first is on sperm whales during the autumn months, the second during the winter months on humpbacks, and the third in spring and early summer again on sperm whales. He said that, last year, after a good first phase, it soon became obvious that humpbacks were not as plentiful as in previous years. There was a general lack of sightings right through the season and only 40 were taken. Later, a few more could have been captured, but it was more profitable for the company to resume taking sperm whales.

The company operated a Cessna float plane during the whole of the whaling period and considered that it contributed materially to the successful year. It assisted not only in the finding of schools of sperms, but also in selecting the largest ones and later in picking up the buoyed kills.

Inspector Carmichael reminds us that this company purchased two chasers from Tangalooma in Queensland. They arrived in Albany in December. Previously known as Looma II and Looma III, they were re-named Cheyne II and Cheyne III. Built in 1947, the 134 ft. vessels were not commissioned until 1950. They are radar-equipped and it is anticipated that they will be the only chasers worked by the company in the coming season although Kos VII will be used to chase and tow if and when the situation

WHALING PRODUCTION IN W.A. - 1961

	Whales Taken			Average Length			Production			
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Oil (barrels)	Meal (tons)	Sol- ubles (tons)	Other (tons)
<u>Nor'-West Whaling Co.</u>										
Humpbacks	254	219	475*	37'	38'3"	37'6"	21850	1189	925	-
Sperm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1	1	2	34'6"	31'3"	32'9"	(Included in Humpback prod.)			
Sub Total	255	220	477*				21850	1189	925	
<u>Cheyne Beach Whaling Co.</u>										
Humpbacks	53	52	105	37'5"	38'6"	37'11"	5043	171.6	-	-
Sperm	450	4	454	43'7"	35'6"	43'5"	18929	752.5	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	503	56	559				23972	924.1	-	-
TOTALS	758	276	1036*				45822	2113.1	925	-
* Includes 2 whales of unknown sex.										

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WHALING PRODUCTION IN W.A. - 1962

	Whales Taken			Average Length			Production			
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Oil (barrels)	Meal (tons)	Sol- ubles (tons)	Other (tons)
<u>Nor'-West Whaling Co.</u>										
Humpbacks	277	226	503	37'10"	38'10"	38'3"	21427	1166.8	1245.2	-
Sperm	23	3	26	41'2"	35'	30'5"	970	69.4	-	-
Other	4	2	6	66'3"	40'	57'6"	390	13.3	-	-
Sub Total	304	231	535				22787	1249.5	1245.2	-
<u>Cheyne's Beach Whaling Co.</u>										
Humpbacks	25	15	40	38'3"	41'1"	39'8"	1859	76.3	-	-
Sperm	556	9	565	43'10"	36'1"	43'9"	22169	904.3	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	581	24	605				24028	980.6	-	-
TOTALS	885	255	1,140				46815	2230.1	1245.2	-

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warrants it. Information is lacking on the fate of the company's old chasers.

Improvements and additions to plant included the supply of two additional decanters and an additional oil polisher. The old glue water separator was replaced and the company expects to be able to handle up to 15 whales a day as a result of the increased capacity in all departments. Last year a new office was erected and a complex system of loud speakers relayed information around the factory. Additional wireless facilities allowed the manager to direct all facets of the company's activities from his own office and this was said to have led to much greater efficiency.

CONVICTIONS
OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1962

Date	Defendant	Court	Charge	Result
<u>FISHERIES ACT</u>				Fined -
21.11.62	KRISTENSEN, Albert	Bunbury	Netting closed waters	£5
8.10.62	CASTROVINCI, Salvatore	Fremantle	U/s crayfish	£55.7.6.
19.11.62	LIZA FISHERIES	"	U/s cray-tails	£41.10.0.
17.12.62	HOLDEN, Leslie James	"	Netting closed waters	£5
16.10.62	SWADDLING, Douglas	Geraldton	U/S crayfish	£13.1.0.
11.10.62	CHITTY, Neil Murray	Perth	" " "	£10.17.0.
11.10.62	NYGH, Rein	"	" " "	£21.
11.10.62	MOOREHOUSE, Peter A.	"	" " "	£11.14.0.
11.10.62	HOLLAND, Eric	"	" " "	} £11.10.0.
11.10.62	FRASER, Francis John	"	" " "	
30.11.62	REYNOLDS, William E.	Esperance	Unlicensed fishing	£5.
30.11.62	ABBOTT, Ernest Gerald	"	" "	£5.
<u>FAUNA PROTECTION ACT</u>				
25.10.62	WHITE, Alfred Thomas	Midland	Taking	£5.
25.10.62	WHITE, Frederick C.	Perth	Protected	£5.
14.12.62	TURNBULL, Kevin Henry	Perth	Fauna	£5.