

### AVAILABILITY OF FISHERMAN'S LICENSE

A question has been asked by an inspector (a new appointee) as to whether a current fisherman's license issued in one area is available elsewhere in the State. The answer, of course, is that any such license is, during the term of its currency, valid in any part of Western Australia, subject, of course, to any restrictive conditions which may have been endorsed in pursuance of section 17 of the Fisheries Act. This question and answer are published for the information of newer members of the staff.

### UNDERSIZE SPERM WHALES

It will be remembered that in the May issue of this Bulletin it was mentioned that the Minister for Primary Industry, Canberra, had approved of the taking for scientific purposes of five undersize sperm whales each month by the Cheynes Beach Whaling Company during the 1964 season.

A recent application by Dr. G.L. Kesteven, Assistant Chief (Fisheries) of the Division of Fisheries and Oceanography, C.S.I.R.O., to have the total number of undersize sperm whales increased to 140 has now been approved by the Acting Minister for Primary Industry. The permit issued on March 10 last has now been revoked and a new permit has been issued authorizing the same company to take a maximum of 25 undersize whales each month in the five-month period beginning June 1, 1964.