

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Brown Trout Fry</u>	<u>Rainbow Trout Fry</u>
Balingup	1,500	5,000
Bridgetown	2,500	5,000
Harvey	5,000	10,000
Waroona	2,000	3,000
Dwellingup	3,000	7,000
Jarrahdale	5,000	10,000
	<u>19,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>

#### FISHERMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meetings of the Fishermen's Advisory Committee were held over most of October in Bunbury, Busselton, Manjimup, Fremantle, Geraldton and, finally, Dongara.

The response in most centres, particularly Geraldton and Dongara, was indeed gratifying and Inspector B.A. Carmichael deserves full praise for his efforts in seeking more than adequate representation from the fishermen.

Several matters were discussed during the meetings. The more important items were possibly the suggestion put forward for the banning of set nets within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of the coast between Dunsborough and the mouth of the Capel River, the total closure of Broke Inlet to net fishing, the prohibition of taking crayfish in the Abrolhos area by means of skindiving, the return of the opening of the Abrolhos crayfish season to March 1 in lieu of March 15, the banning of fish-traps to take snapper, and aerial patrols over the Abrolhos during the months of January and February.

#### COMPLAINTS OF DAMAGE BY FAUNA

Staff members are advised that henceforth all inquiries and complainants must be informed that the Department is not responsible for the destruction of fauna causing damage to property or being a nuisance in some other way.

From time to time complaints are received that possums are damaging ceilings, magpies are attacking people, kookaburras are breaking windows, crows and eagles are taking chickens and so on. With the exception only of waterfowl causing damage and magpies attacking or frightening children, all inquiries are to be told that the Department accepts no responsibility for the destruction of fauna nor for the protection of property. Unless specific approval is issued from Head Office to the contrary, no mileage is to be incurred and no time is to be spent on these matters.

Possum traps will still be loaned to house holders who are troubled with possums but traps will only be loaned for a period of up to six weeks and must be picked up and returned by the persons requiring them.

In the case of magpies attacking children the established practice of destroying the offending bird may be continued provided that no objections are lodged and that there is no other alternative. If anyone in the neighbourhood objects, the matter is to be left to the people to settle. In cases of bird attacks on adults no action is to be taken but no objection will be made if the local police destroy the birds in the interest of public safety.

Cases of damage by waterfowl are to be referred to the Fauna Officer for his consideration.