

NEW REGULATION ON CRAY PROCESSING

Regulation 14A relating to the processing of crayfish at sea has been rescinded. It has been replaced by a new regulation bearing the same number which does three things -

- (1) It prohibits processing or otherwise cutting up any crayfish anywhere - on land as well as at sea - except in an export establishment registered under Commonwealth law.
- (2) It prohibits registered export establishments from receiving crayfish tails or severed portions of crayfish.
- (3) It prohibits the carriage by vehicle, boat or other means, of tails or severed portions of crayfish which have not been processed in a registered export establishment.

The new regulation provides for a penalty of £100 for any breach, and empowers inspectors to seize any tails or severed portions referred to above. Any tails or portions so seized will be forfeited to the Crown.

Copies of the new regulation will be forwarded to every inspector in the next day or two. It is already enforceable with the full weight of the law.

SPEED BID ON FAUNA RESERVE

The announcement just before going to press that Donald Campbell, in his jet speed boat "Bluebird", would attempt to break the world's water speed record on Lake Dumbleyung caused more than a flutter in the departmental ^{cores} dovecoats. The major portion of Dumbleyung is vested in the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee as a reserve for the conservation of flora and fauna and special permission had to be granted to allow the bid to take place there. In addition, the Minister for Fisheries (Mr. Hutchinson) agreed to close to duckshooting the whole of Dumbleyung Lake and all land and water within three miles of its shores. This was done to reduce risks to Campbell and his craft and also for the safety of the many spectators expected in the environs of the lake on and after opening day.