

### CRAYFISH REGULATIONS IN MAINE, U.S.A.

The April 1965 issue of the American commercial fisheries journal, "National Fisherman", gives details of new legislation introduced in the 102nd legislature of Maine. Hereunder are examples which give some indication of regulations adopted or recommended for the management of that State's crustacean fisheries. It is interesting to note the similarity of their suggested restrictions to ours, and that their penalties and fees are even more severe.

1. The penalty for possessing short lobsters has been increased from \$5 to \$25 for each lobster involved.
2. The number of lobster traps per person has been limited to 250 at any one time.
3. A York County Lobster and Crab Fishing License is to be created. It is proposed to provide that it would be unlawful for any person to take lobsters or crabs in any manner from the waters of York County without a license.

The license fee is to be £50, unless the applicant is 65 years or over, when the fee is to be allocated to the State Lobster Fund and £40 is to be allocated to the York County Lobster Fund.

4. It is also suggested that lobster licenses be suspended for molestation of lobster traps. On conviction, the violator's license is to be suspended for a period not exceeding three years.

### WOOD DUCKS

This species, which is usually classified as an aberrant member of the tribe of perching ducks, appears each year to become more common throughout the southern part of the State. On a number of occasions last summer, Inspector D.P. Gordon and Assistant Inspector I.L. Cardon, both of Albany, reported considerable concentrations of wood ducks on farm dams in the south coast region.

They are also showing up in the metropolitan area. Cadet Fauna Warden K.D. Morrison reported the sighting of one female on Shenton Park Lake during visits in July and August, while Fauna Officer H.B. Shugg has noted the presence of a pair in a Queen's Gardens Lake for some months past. Previously, reports of their occurrence in the city parks were very rare. Mr. Shugg also reported observing a wood duck on the newly established dam at the Tuttanning Fauna Research Station, on August 15.