

3. Change of Ownership

When there is a change in ownership, the purchaser must apply for a boat license in his own right. If granted, he shall be entitled to a quota of three pots per foot of the boat length unless a restriction has been placed on the entitlement of that boat.

SPERM WHALING

Reporting on the Cheynes Beach Whaling Company's 1965 whaling season, Inspector D. P. Gordon says that the company commenced operations on March 2 and concluded on December 10. During that period 752 sperm whales were taken. Of these 668 were of or above the legal minimum length of 35 feet and 84 undersize whales were taken under Government permit for the purposes of research by C.S.I.R.O.

A Cessna 172 float plane was used for whale spotting

The oldest of the company's chasers, the "Kos VII", which was taken out of service in 1963 was recommissioned for the 1964 season following an extensive refit, but she has now finished her days as a whale chaser and will be sold for scrap. A replacement chaser, the "Gascoyne", has been purchased from the Nor'-West Whaling Company.

The new soluble plant came into operation in May, 1965.

Through an accident during rough weather on October 31 the company's tow boat was blown ashore and broken up on the beach by the rough seas. Fortunately it was possible to salvage the motor. A new 28 foot steel tow boat, powered by a 30-h.p. diesel engine, has been purchased.

Two new laboratories were built during the year, one for use by departmental and C.S.I.R.O. personnel and the other for the use of the company. Extensions were also made to the meal storage shed.

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The company anticipates commencing the 1966 season operations on March 1.