

NEW ZEALAND FISHING INDUSTRY DELEGATION TO
VISIT WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A delegation representing the New Zealand Fishing industry will arrive in Western Australia during April for a ten-day visit.

The party consists of :-

- Mr. J.S. Campbell - Leader of the Delegation and General Manager, Fishing Industry Board.
- Mr. J. Thompson - Fishermen and Processor.
- Mr. J.B. Hayward - Secretary, Bluff Fishermen's Association.
- Mr. A.C. Kaberry - Director of Fisheries, Marine Department.
- Mr. G.P. Topp - Agriculture Department (quality control).

The Department will be arranging an itinerary looking after the needs of the party while they are in Western Australia. The Minister, the Director and the Senior Research Officer will accompany the members to Geraldton and the Abrolhos.

The purpose of the visit is to inspect methods of crayfish fishing and processing used in this State. Inspections of crayfishing, processing works, fishing harbour facilities and wholesale fish merchandising at Geraldton and Fremantle are included in their itinerary.

Official receptions to the delegation will be given by the Geraldton Town Council and the Minister for Fisheries and Fauna, Mr. MacKinnon.

The delegation will commence its return journey to New Zealand on April 11.

INSPECTION TOUR

Fauna Officer H.B. Shugg and Senior Warden S.W. Bowler will be inspecting the Koolyanobbing area with Dr. Storr and Mr. K.G. Buller of the W.A. Museum, in early April. The party will investigate a request from local residents for a fauna reserve at Koolyanobbing and will also visit Chiddarcooping and other reserves whilst in the area.

SEALS

Senior Inspector B.A. Carmichael has received reports of seals being shot on Beagle Island.

Fishermen in the area have been asked to assist the Department by keeping a watch on these animals so that further destructive acts do not occur.

Beagle Island is situated north-west of Snag Island.