

5. Can processing vessels from the Northern Territory area working under the joint venture, move into waters either 3 to 12 miles off Western Australia or more than 12 miles off the Western Australian coast?

No. The Commonwealth policy is to support the authority of the State over the fishing industry in the interests of good fisheries management and to avoid excessive pressure on the limited facilities available in more remote areas. The Commonwealth is also very anxious to develop a uniform policy in these respects to avoid the difficulties which may otherwise arise near inter-state boundaries.

The Minister added that both the Federal authorities and the Department of Fisheries and Fauna wish to stress that the situation is fluid and that changes in policy cannot be discounted. Local conditions and changing situations might necessitate this.

#### FISH & WILDLIFE RESEARCHERS ARE UNIQUE!

The Fish and Wildlife researcher has a tough row to hoe. He stands unique among his counterparts in other scientific fields in that his qualifications are not accepted by those he serves - the thousands of fishermen and shooters who are already experts in fish and wildlife management by virtue of the experience they have accumulated with rod and gun.

What fisherman or sportsman, particularly those of Old Timer vintage, doesn't rate himself an expert? He usually has all the answers, or most of them. He's been around for more years than he can remember, he's solved just about every problem and he knows what he's talking about.

His conclusions are pretty well firmed up and no college upstart with specialized training is going to tell him what's right and what's wrong.

A chemist, for example, can make any number of mistakes in his search for a better product. A series of failures is accepted in the trial-and-error process of finding an unknown. He enjoys the privilege of being the sole expert among laymen observers.

Not so the fish and game researcher. His audience is composed of self-styled experts who allow no room for error and who use the slightest miscue as a springboard for denouncing the role of research in fish and wildlife management.

It is important for fishermen and sportsmen to remember first that fish and wildlife management is a science, not a job that any license holder can qualify for or carry out. Secondly, it is important to realize that research biologists are trained specialists in their field. Finally, and perhaps most important, biologists are entitled to make mistakes, as other researchers are, as you and I are.

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An attempt has been made to try to keep it as brief as clarity permits.

A few things that can be excluded from your writing include:-

Jargon is the slang terminology within a line of business, unfamiliar to outsiders.

Cliches are hackneyed or overworked phrases "many and varied", each and every one of us".

Archaisma are quaint words and phrases from ancient times. "Whilst awaiting", "Behoves".

Verbiage too many words for efficiency.

Irritants words which irritate the reader and therefore reduce the efficiency of the report.

Formulae in reports, are stock expressions considered part of report writing tradition.

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	attached hereto	attached
	enclosed herewith	enclosed
	letter under date of	letter of
	letter with regard to	letter about
	cheque in the amount of	cheque for
	during the course of	during
	in the event that	if
	in reference to	about