

PRAWN TRAWLING POLICY

As a matter of policy the Government has made the following decisions:

1. (a) That as and when considered desirable the coast of W.A. will be divided into several major prawning areas. The timing of this action will depend on the rate of development of the industry; area No. 2 (incorporating Nickol Bay) to be implemented as from January 1969.

(b) That in this connection it is likely that some type of control in fishing effort in each zone will have to be introduced.
2. In conjunction with (1) industry will be advised that processing establishments will be limited in order to maintain a balance between the number of boats operating and the processing capacity.
3. (a) That crayfish "freezer boats" will be encouraged to enter the prawn fishery.

(b) That factory ships designed to produce the final processed article will not be permitted in the Western Australian prawn fishing industry.

(c) That motherships which freeze and hold catcher boat production prior to it being transported to a shore-based plant for final processing will be permitted to operate on the Western Australian coast; such vessels to be regarded as an extension of the shore-based plants which they supply; the shore base to be nominated and approved.

STUBBLE QUAIL SEASON

The Stubble Quail season for that area of the State lying North of the 31st parallel of south latitude opens on December 1. The season lasts for four months and closes on March 31, 1969.