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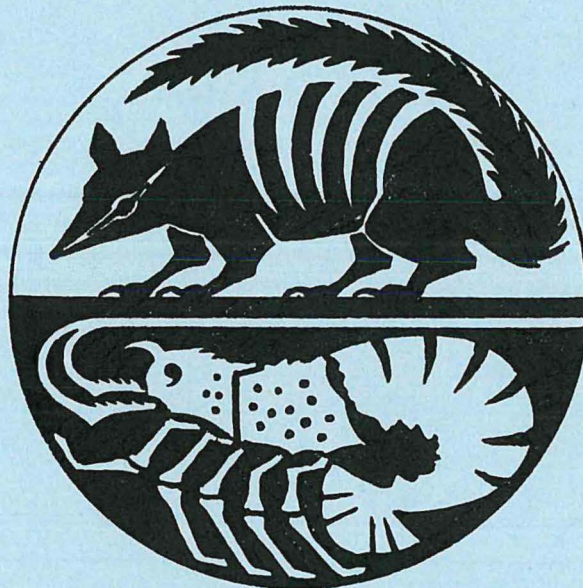
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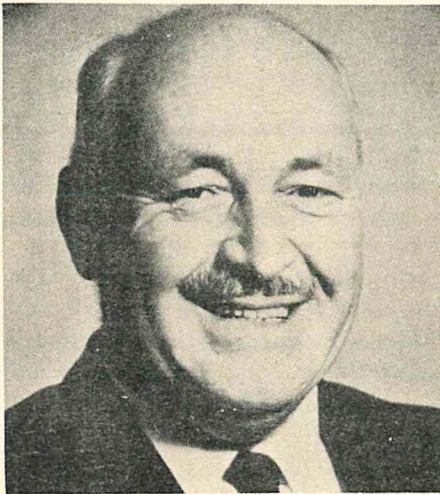


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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND FAUNA
108 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, Western Australia

MINISTER ATTENDS IMPORTANT FISHERIES MEETING AT DARWIN



Minister for Fisheries and Fauna

HON. G. C. MacKINNON, M.L.C.

The Minister for Fisheries and Fauna, Mr. G.C. MacKinnon, M.L.C., is to attend a Fisheries Conference to be held at Darwin on Monday, June 9, and Tuesday, June 10, 1969. The Director, Mr. B.K. Bowen, the Administrative Officer, Mr. B.R. Saville and the Research Officer heading the Development Team, Mr. J.P. Robins, will also be at Darwin during the period from Monday, June 2, to Wednesday, June 11. During this time various fisheries meetings are to be held at that centre. The Inaugural Australian Fisheries Council Meeting is one, and others are the Commonwealth - State Fisheries Conference and the meeting of the Standing Committee on Fisheries.

On returning from Darwin, the Minister's touring party, comprising Mrs. MacKinnon, Mr. Bowen and Mr. Saville, will visit the Ord River Project at Kununurra, and from there travel by car to Wyndham. A number of important wildlife sanctuaries are to be visited en route to Wyndham, namely Point Spring, Wild Goose Lagoon and Farry Lagoon.

Cockatoo Island and Kuri Bay are also to be visited during the return journey to Perth, arriving there on Monday, June 16.

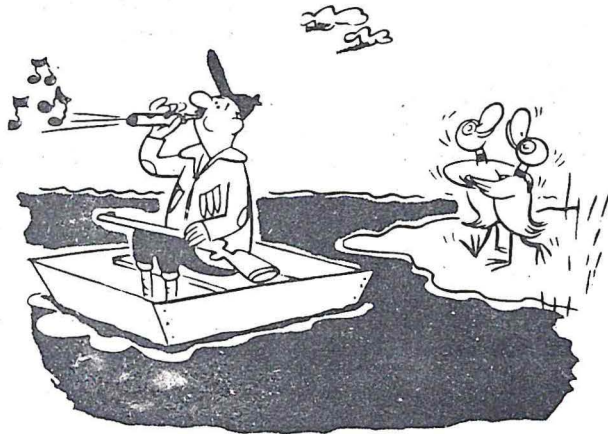
FISHERMAN FINED FOR FISHING IN ABROLHOS AREA BEFORE MARCH 15

Mr. A.J. Cassidy, Professional Fisherman of Geraldton, was found guilty of a breach of the Commonwealth Fisheries Act in the Geraldton Court of Petty Sessions on May 27, 1969. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$200 with \$10.90 professional costs and \$80 for witness expenses and air fares. He also ordered confiscation of 5 bags of crayfish found in the defendant's possession at the time of the breach.

During an aerial patrol of the Abrolhos waters on February 26, the fishing vessel "Tringa", operated by Mr. A.J. Cassidy, was observed working crayfish pots approximately 30 miles north north-west of North Island. The P.V. "Dampier" departed that evening from Geraldton for this area. The crew of the P.V. "Dampier" constantly checked the vessel's course by means of radar fixes and recorded its position on the Admiralty chart. At 6.00 a.m., February 27, the radar detected a vessel 34 miles distant from North Island - this being 15 miles south of the northern limit of the proclaimed Abrolhos Island crayfishing area.

At 7.20 that morning, the vessel could be observed with the aid of binoculars. The radar measured the distance to be 4.8 miles between the patrol vessel and fishing vessel. The P.V. "Dampier" moved alongside the F.V. "Tringa" at 8.20 a.m., its position then being 13 miles south of the northern line defining the Abrolhos crayfishing area.

Weather conditions in these waters during this period were hot with calm seas and a low swell. Visibility was excellent and the sky clear.



Honorary Fauna Wardens' Regional Conference Dardanup, May 9, 1969

The second conference was held on Friday, May 9, 1969, in Fauna Districts No's 8 and 11. Approximately one third of the Honorary Wardens invited attended. The total number of people present was 62. The town of Dardanup was selected because of its central position within these Districts and the suitability of the facilities available.

The Minister for Fisheries and Fauna, Mr. G.C. MacKinnon, M.L.C., was also in attendance, together with the Member for Bunbury, Mr. M.C. Williams, M.L.A., the Members of the South-West Province, Mr. V.J. Ferry, M.L.C., and Mr. F. Willmott, M.L.C., and the Member for Lower West Province, Mr. M. McNeil, M.L.C. Four representatives of the Western Australian Wild Life Authority were also in attendance, as well as the Dardanup Shire President and Shire Clerk.

The value of this type of Conference was expressed in similar terms as was at the inaugural Conference at the town of Beverley earlier this year. It provided most fruitful and informative discussion sessions. Possibly the best gauge of the Conference's success was that 90% of those present participated in lively discussions during the break periods that followed the talks. These periods developed into most useful "two-way" communication sessions.

A number of interesting issues were aired. One of these was the concern expressed over aerial burning that is being carried out by the Forest Department, which normally consists of one single massive area on the one day. Many of those present considered that small animals had not sufficient time to escape the fire. The opening and closing date for the Duck Shooting Season received a fair share of comment. Pollution of farm dams by wild ducks, the erection of duck nesting boxes, the proposed introduction of duck shooters' licenses, and marron in farm dams were other topics under discussion by the Conference.

NORTHERN AND INLAND AREAS DUCK SHOOTING SEASON

On April 18, 1969, the proclamation renewing the open season for wild ducks in the areas of the State other than the parts of the State that lie within the boundaries of the South-West and Eucla Land Divisions, was published in the Government Gazette. It opens to duck shooting the areas within the boundaries of the Eastern, North-West and Kimberley Land Divisions for the period from 5.00 a.m., January 1, 1969 to 7.00 p.m., December 31, 1970.

The Western Australian Wild Life Authority recommended to the Minister that the open season for wild ducks should be for the duration of that period. It considered representations made by various observers and Honorary Wardens for the introduction of a closed season in the Kimberley Land Division. Questionnaires had been sent to a number of persons to obtain their opinions on when breeding takes place in the Kimberleys and when they thought the season should be opened. The Authority resolved that further information was required and that no alteration be made in these Land Divisions except to exclude fauna sanctuaries or other important refuges known to the Department. Parry's Lagoon and its associated waters were closed last year and will remain closed as a result of this proclamation.

The only two changes from the previous proclamation are that the use of any boat, raft, launch or other type of boat which is powered by any type of motor or is powered by any other means other than by hand, be not permitted for the taking of wild duck. The second is the deletion of the Burdekin Duck or White-headed Shelduck from the list of wild ducks that may be taken during the open season. This particular species is considered to be the rarest of all our wild ducks. Serious consideration will be given before the proclamation is renewed to delete the names of other rare ducks from the open season.

Other Restrictions

Wild ducks are not to be kept in captivity.

The sale of wild ducks is forbidden.

A person shall not drive any bird over shooters by means of motor vehicles, aircraft, power boats or other means.

Eggs of any wild duck shall not be taken for any purpose.

Bag Limit

15 ducks per person per day.

Illegal Means of Capture

That a person shall not take any wild duck by any means other than a shotgun, provided that this restriction shall not prohibit a person who is a native, within the meaning of the Native Welfare Act, 1905-1954, from using any native artifact in the taking of wild ducks.

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NEW WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES

MANJIMUP SHIRE

The Governor in Executive Council has approved that Nelson Location 7636, located in the Manjimup Shire, be set aside as Reserve No. 29681 for the purpose of "Conservation of Flora and Fauna". This reserve comprises an area of 10 acres and is locally known as "Little Chudalup".

Notice to this effect was published in the Government Gazette on March 14, 1969.

COOROW SHIRE

In the Shire of Coorow, Roe Location 2705, comprising an area of 5,704 acres, has been set aside for the "Conservation of Flora and Fauna". Previously this area was only a flora reserve. A notice informing that the Governor in Council approved of this was published in the Government Gazette on January 17, 1969.

Both of these two new fauna sanctuaries have been vested in the Western Australian Wild Life Authority for control and management purposes.

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FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENTS

By virtue of the Fisheries Act Amendment Bill assented to by the Governor on April 21, the principal Act as amended may be sighted as the "Fisheries Act 1905-1969".

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Notice of Accident and of Claim for Compensation

When an officer suffers an injury during the performance of his normal duties, the necessary claim papers should be completed and forwarded to Head Office without delay. The Workers' Compensation Act requires that Form 1, Form 2, Form 5 and the required Medical Certificates be completed before consideration can be given.

In the past a considerable amount of time has elapsed in having claims finalised due to the non-compliance with the above requirements. If you require any of the above listed forms then contact the Staff Office.

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DUPLICATE ORDER FORMS

Officers who use an Order Form (or Direct Order Book) with which to purchase goods, are reminded to submit without delay, to Head Office the duplicate of the order issued. For the benefit of those who may not know, the account when submitted by the trader, cannot be paid until it is "paired off" with the duplicate. You can well imagine the situation that occurs when an officer takes the duplicates with him on a six weeks' voyage somewhere off the Kimberley Coast, and the firm requires payment for goods purchased by the officer prior to leaving Perth. Believe it or not - this is only one of a number of examples.



BUNBURY

FISHERIES RESTRICTIONS

DEPARTMENT OF
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FISHERIES ACT REGULATIONS

LAWFUL NETS

[Extract from Government Gazette (No. 18) of
24th February, 1956.]

NETS

Restriction on Use of Certain Nets.

11A. A person when catching or attempting to catch in Western Australian waters any marron or prawns shall not use in the taking of marron more than six drop nets or traps or more than one landing net, and in the taking of prawns more than one scoop net, dredge net or dip net.

"Meshing" or "Set" Nets.

12. No person shall cast, shoot, fix, or set any "meshing" net, or any "set" net—

- (a) in the waters of Peel Inlet, or of Harvey Estuary within fifteen fathoms (30 yards) of any other "meshing" net or any other "set" net already cast, shot, fixed, or set in the waters aforesaid;
- (b) in the waters of the Leschenault Inlet (Bunbury) within twenty-five fathoms (50 yards) of any other "meshing" net or any other "set" net already cast, shot, fixed, or set in the waters aforesaid;

Mesh of Set Nets.

12A. No person shall in any of the waters in this regulation mentioned use for the purpose of taking fish any set net which is not lifted and cleaned at least once in every hour during the time the net is set and which net has—

- (a) in the case of the waters of the Swan River, Peel Inlet (including Harvey Estuary) and Leschenault Inlet and any of their affluents or tributaries meshes less than two and one-half inches throughout; and

Prohibited Method of Land Nets.

12B. No person shall in any Western Australian waters draw ashore or on board any boat any net in such a manner that undersize fish in such net are or may be killed.

Testing the Length, Depth, or Mesh of Nets.

14. For the purpose of testing the length of any fishing net, such net shall be measured along the cork line upon which the net is hung. The depth of any net shall be ascertained by counting the number of meshes situated between opposite points upon the cork and leadlines. The size of the mesh shall be determined by measuring from knot to knot on the inside of the mesh when wetted ready for use and stretched so that the opposite knots on the alternate corners are in contact. In cases of dispute a half-pound weight shall be slung or attached to one knot of the mesh to be measured and the space between that and the opposite knot shall be measured. In the event of the net being dry, the part to be measured shall be soaked either in fresh or salt water for not less than ten minutes, and the dimensions of a mesh or meshes of the portion so soaked shall thereupon be determined.

Fisheries Act, 1905-1951.

PROCLAMATION

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, } By His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir Charles
TO WIT, } Henry Gairdner, Knight Commander of the Most
CHARLES HENRY } Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint
GAIRDNER, } George, Knight Commander of the Royal Vic-
Governor. } torian Order, Companion of the Most Honour-
[L.S.] } able Order of the Bath, Commander of the Most
 } Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor
 } in and over the State of Western Australia and
 } its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of
 } Australia.

F.D. 193/21, Ex. Co. No. 188.

IN pursuance of the provisions of section 19 of the Fisheries Act, 1905-1951, I, the Governor of the State of Western Australia, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, do hereby declare as follows:—

(a) That with respect to nets known as or called "set nets" for catching all species of marine fish, nets of 100 fathoms in length having meshes throughout of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches shall, when used or intended to be used in the waters of Leschenault Inlet, be lawful nets.

(b) That with respect to nets known as or called "pilchard nets," for catching yellow-eye mullet or pilchard, nets of 100 fathoms in length having meshes throughout of 2 inches shall, when used or intended to be used in the waters of Leschenault Inlet, be lawful nets.

(c) That with respect to nets known as or called "whiting nets" for catching all species of whiting, nets of 50 fathoms in length having meshes throughout of 2 inches shall, when used or intended to be used in the waters of Leschenault Inlet, be lawful nets.

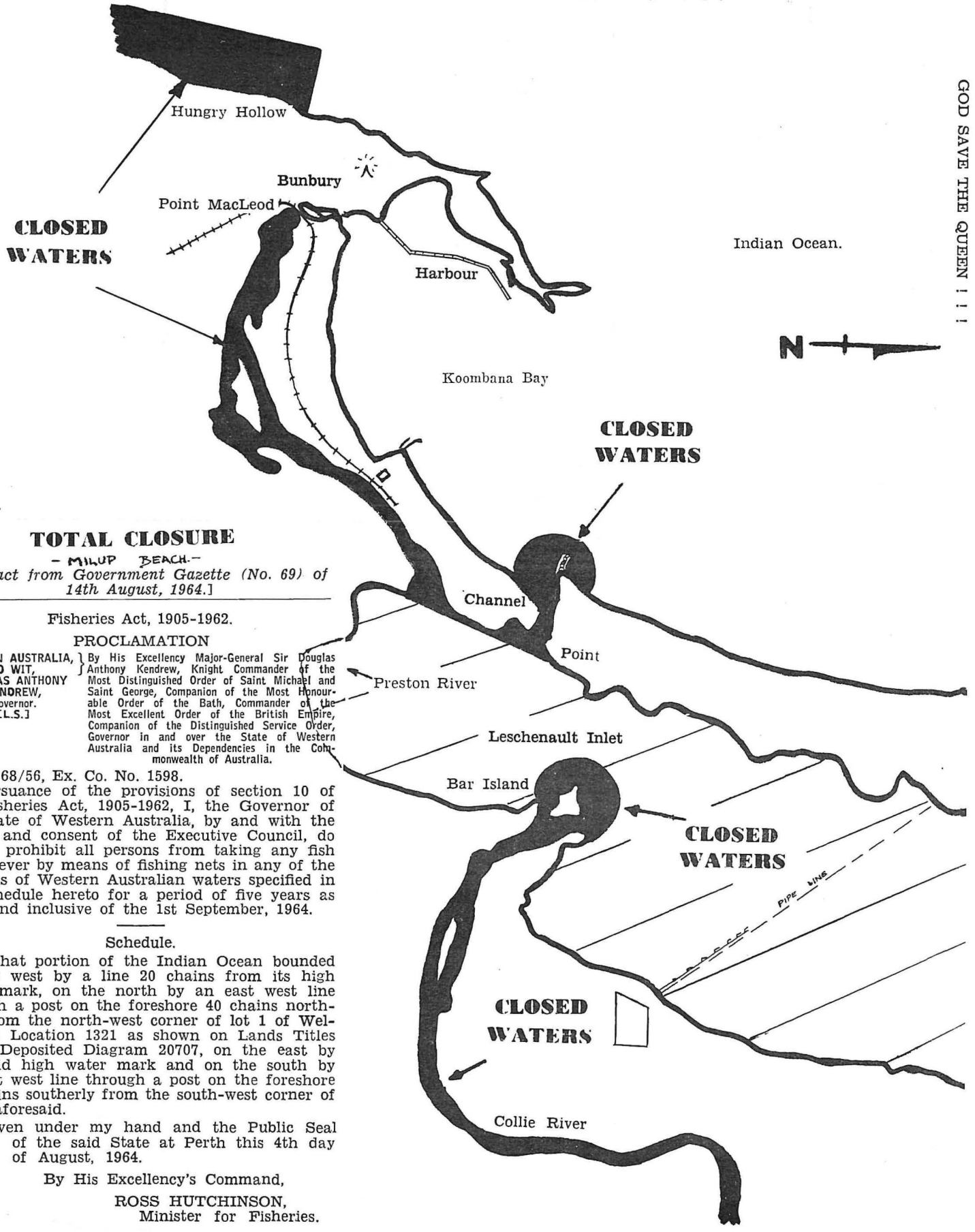
The proclamation dated 20th February, 1952, and published in the *Government Gazette* of 29th February, 1952, is hereby revoked.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State, at Perth, this 9th day of February, 1956.

By His Excellency's Command,

L. F. KELLY,
Minister for Fisheries.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN ! ! !



CLOSED WATERS

Indian Ocean.



CLOSED WATERS

TOTAL CLOSURE

- MILUP BEACH -

[Extract from Government Gazette (No. 69) of 14th August, 1964.]

Fisheries Act, 1905-1962.

PROCLAMATION

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, } By His Excellency Major-General Sir Douglas
 TO WIT, } Anthony Kendrew, Knight Commander of the
 DOUGLAS ANTHONY } Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and
 KENDREW, } Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable
 Governor. } Order of the Bath, Commander of the
 [L.S.] } Most Excellent Order of the British Empire,
 Companion of the Distinguished Service Order,
 Governor in and over the State of Western
 Australia and its Dependencies in the Com-
 monwealth of Australia.

F.D. 68/56, Ex. Co. No. 1598.

IN pursuance of the provisions of section 10 of the Fisheries Act, 1905-1962, I, the Governor of the State of Western Australia, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, do hereby prohibit all persons from taking any fish whatsoever by means of fishing nets in any of the portions of Western Australian waters specified in the schedule hereto for a period of five years as from and inclusive of the 1st September, 1964.

Schedule.

All that portion of the Indian Ocean bounded on the west by a line 20 chains from its high water mark, on the north by an east west line through a post on the foreshore 40 chains northerly from the north-west corner of lot 1 of Wellington Location 1321 as shown on Lands Titles Office Deposited Diagram 20707, on the east by the said high water mark and on the south by an east west line through a post on the foreshore 40 chains southerly from the south-west corner of lot 1 aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State at Perth this 4th day of August, 1964.

By His Excellency's Command,

ROSS HUTCHINSON,
Minister for Fisheries.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN ! ! !

The Fisheries Act, 1905-1949.

PROCLAMATION

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, } By His Excellency The Honourable Sir James
TO WIT, } Mitchell, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor in and over the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

2825/21, Ex. Co. No. 1612.

IN pursuance of the provisions of Section 19 of the Fisheries Act, 1905-1949, I, the Governor of the State of Western Australia, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, do hereby declare as follows:—That with respect to nets known as or called "meshing nets" for catching all species of marine fish, nets of 225 fathoms in length having meshes throughout of 2½ inches shall, when used or intended to be used in the waters of Koombana Bay and Leschenault Estuary, be lawful nets.

The paragraph (a) of the proclamation dated October 24, 1940 (published in the *Government Gazette*, November 1, 1940), is hereby revoked.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State, at Perth, this 26th day of July, 1950.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. V. R. ABBOTT,
Minister for Fisheries.

[Extract from Government Gazette (No. 15) of
25th February, 1955.]

Fisheries Act, 1905-1951.

PROCLAMATION

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, } By His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir Charles
TO WIT, } Henry Gairdner, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor in and over the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

F.D. 193/21, Ex. Co. No. 284.

IN pursuance of the provisions of section 19 of the Fisheries Act, 1905-1951, I, the Governor of the State of Western Australia, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, do hereby declare that with respect to nets known as or called "garfish nets" for catching garfish, nets of 50 yards in length having meshes throughout of 1½ inches shall, when used or intended to be used in the waters of Leschenault Estuary, be lawful nets.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State, at Perth, this 18th day of February, 1955.

By His Excellency's Command,

L. F. KELLY,
Minister for Fisheries

TOTAL CLOSURE

and

WEEKEND CLOSURE

(Extract from Government Gazette (No. 42)
of 2nd May, 1969)

FISHERIES ACT, 1905-1967.

Department of Fisheries and Fauna,
Perth, 22nd April, 1969.

F.D.193/21.

1. The Minister for Fisheries and Fauna, pursuant to the powers conferred by sections 10 and 11 of the Fisheries Act, 1905-1967, does hereby prohibit all persons from taking any fish whatsoever by means of fishing nets, except nets known as or called "hand trawl nets" when used or intended to be used for catching prawns only, in those portions of Western Australian waters described in schedules A, B, C and D hereto.

2. The Minister for Fisheries and Fauna, pursuant to the powers conferred by the sections aforesaid, does hereby prohibit all persons from taking any fish whatsoever by means of fishing nets, except nets known as or called "hand trawl nets" when used or intended to be used for catching prawns only, in those portions of Western Australian waters described in schedule E hereto during the following periods:—

- Commencing at 8 o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday in each week and ending at 7 o'clock in the forenoon of the Sunday next following from 1st April to 30th September, inclusive, in each and every year.
- Commencing at 8 o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday in each week and ending at 5 o'clock in the forenoon of the Sunday next following from 1st October to 31st December, inclusive, and from 1st January to 31st March, inclusive, in each and every year.

Schedules.

Schedule A.

All that portion of the waters of Leschenault Inlet bounded on the west by the railway bridge at Point MacLeod on the east by a line of posts extending north-north-easterly from an unnamed point on the southern shore of the inlet, situate adjacent to and north-easterly from the mouth of

Indian Ocean.

the Preston River, to a point on the northwestern shore of the inlet situate adjacent to the northern shore of the channel connecting the inlet to the sea.

Schedule B.

The whole of the waters of the Collie River and all its tributaries and all that portion of Leschenault Inlet lying within a radius of 30 chains of the northernmost extremity of Bar Island.

Schedule C.

The whole of the coastal waters in the vicinity of Bunbury known as "Hungry Hollow," being those waters lying between the westerly extensions of Clifton Street and Beach Road, in the Municipality of Bunbury, and within a distance measured rectangulary from the foreshore of half a mile.

Schedule D.

The whole of the waters of that part of Koombana Bay lying within a radius of one-quarter of a mile of the groyne adjacent to the channel connecting Leschenault Inlet with the Indian Ocean.

Schedule E.

The whole of the waters of Leschenault Inlet lying to the north of a line of posts extending north-northeasterly from an unnamed point on the southern shore of the inlet situate adjacent to and northeasterly from the mouth of the Preston River to a point on the northwestern shore of the inlet situate adjacent to the northern shore of the channel connecting the inlet to the sea.

The proclamation dated 17th September, 1964, and published in the *Government Gazette* (No. 81) of 25th September, 1964, is hereby cancelled.

G. C. MacKINNON,
Minister for Fisheries and Fauna.

Leschenault Inlet

WEEKEND CLOSURE



REGULATIONS

CRABS

15A. No person shall, for the purpose of sale, taken any female crabs from any West Australian waters during the months of January, February and March in any year.

15C. (1) No person shall, for the purpose of taking crabs, use or cause to be used in the waters of Leschenault Inlet any crab net exceeding seventy yards in length and having meshes of less than four inches throughout. No crab net used for the taking of crabs in Leschenault Inlet shall be set within a distance less than seventy yards of any other crab net set in those waters.

(2) No person shall in or on the waters of Leschenault Inlet—

(a) use or carry, or permit to be used or carried, in any boat at any one time, more than three (3) crab nets; or

(b) use any crab net for the taking of crabs except during the period commencing at sunrise and ending at sunset on any day.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation "crab net" means a net which is used, or intended to be used, or capable of being used, for taking crabs of any species.

Destruction of Fish by Use of Firearms.

16. No person shall capture, kill, or destroy, or attempt to capture, kill, or destroy any fish in any Western Australian waters by the discharge or use of any gun, rifle, or other firearm whatsoever, or by the use of any explosive howsoever ignited or exploded. Provided that this regulation shall not apply to the capture, killing, or destruction or the attempted capture, killing, or destruction of fish which do not belong to any species mentioned the Second Schedule to the Act.

Deposit of Refuse.

17. No person shall deposit any filth, refuse, or other deleterious matter in any tidal or inland waters or into any watercourse, whether dry or not, leading into any tidal or inland waters where fish are or are likely to be.

18. No person shall deposit any filth, refuse, or other deleterious matter, or discharge any matter from mining works, sawmills, gas-works or other manufactories or boiling-down or wool-washing establishments in any place in a manner which will cause or be likely to cause the destruction of fish in waters near or adjacent to the place in which the matter aforesaid is deposited or discharged or injury to any fishing grounds.

TROUT

No person shall in any waters—

take or attempt to take trout by any means other than a single rod held in the hand and line with an artificial or natural bait as lure;

take any trout in excess of twelve in any one day;

take or attempt to take any trout that are immature or bear "par marks";

take or attempt to take any trout for the purpose of sale, or sell or expose, offer or consign for sale any trout taken in any such waters;

take or attempt to take any trout by means of any fixed engine or device in any waters, or by means of any fixed engine or device obstruct or attempt to obstruct the free movement of trout in any waters; or

interfere with or disturb trout when spawning or when on or near their spawning beds.

Penalty.

27. Every person who by any act or omission contravenes any of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations, and, where no particular penalty is prescribed by these regulations in respect of any such offence, such person on conviction shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

MARRON

[Extract from Government Gazette (No. 89) of
20th November, 1959.]

Fisheries Act, 1905-1956.

PROCLAMATION

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, } By His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir Charles
TO WIT, } Henry Gairdner, Knight Commander of the Most
CHARLES HENRY } Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint
GAIRDNER, } George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victoria
Governor, } Order, Companion of the Most Honourable
[L.S.] } Order of the Bath, Commander of the Most
 } Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor
 } in and over the State of Western Australia and
 } its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of
 } Australia.

F.D. 11/29, Ex. Co. No. 2008.

(1) IN pursuance of the provisions of section 9 of the Fisheries Act, 1905-1956, I, the Governor of the State of Western Australia, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, do hereby prohibit the taking of marron by any means whatsoever in all that portion of Western Australian waters specified in the Schedule hereto, from 1st May to 31st December in every year.

(2) In pursuance of the provisions of section 10 of the Act aforesaid, I do further prohibit all persons from taking any fish whatsoever in all that portion of Western Australian waters specified in the Schedule hereto, by means of fishing nets intended to be used or capable of being used for the taking of marron, from 1st May to 31st December in each year.

(3) In pursuance of the provisions of section 9 of the Act aforesaid, I do hereby prohibit the taking of marron by means of unattended traps in all that portion of Western Australian waters specified in the Schedule hereto from 1st January to 30th December in each year.

Schedule.

All freshwater rivers, streams and brooks in the South-West Land Division, including the waters of the Harvey, Stirling, Wellington, Samson and Canning Dams.

The Proclamation dated 2nd August, 1955, and published in *Government Gazette* (No. 68) of 12th August, 1955, is hereby revoked.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State, at Perth, this 11th day of November, 1959.

By His Excellency's Command,

ROSS HUTCHINSON,
Minister for Fisheries.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN ! ! !

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES

Your claim for mileage, travelling and other allowances is to be submitted to Head Office during the first week of the ensuing month for which the claim is made. There are a number of good reasons why this must be adhered to, and all officers are requested to comply with this instruction.

Frequently, claims reaching Head Office are not completed when submitted. To ensure prompt attention and payment of the claim, it must be in duplicate and completed by you on both sides of the form.

I certify that this account, as regards computations, castings, and rates, is correct, and that the service has been faithfully performed.

.....
Officer incurring the expense.

I certify that this account is correct within the meaning of section 33 of the Audit Act, 1904.

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Certifying Officer.

One other point concerning this form: Officers submitting a claim should not sign in the section shown above, nor should their senior officer. This section is for use by Administration. The officer submitting a claim should sign at the provision near where it says "Total of Claim", and his senior officer should initial alongside the signature.

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ANNUAL STAFF SOCIAL

The Social Club Committee, at a meeting held on May 14, confirmed its arrangements for the Annual Staff Social to be held to coincide with the Annual Staff Conference.

The venue for this year's Social is Venezia House, Geddes Street, Victoria Park (just over the causeway). It is to be held on Friday, October 24, 1969 and commences at 8.00 p.m. Members of the Committee who inspected the venue were impressed and considered it ideal. Admission on the evening will probably be limited to Social Club Members, and invited guests.

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INDONESIAN FISHING VESSELS AT CAPE BOSSUT CREEK

It was reported by a Broome Navy Coast Watcher that a lugger towed three disabled Indonesian fishing vessels to Cape Bossut Creek on May 1, and May 2, 1969.

An investigation party, comprising Commonwealth officials, a police constable and two interpreters, a Malaysian and an Indonesian, left Broome for La Grange Mission. There the party engaged the services of a native tracker and proceeded to Cape Bossut Creek. At the "Creek" were six Broome registered luggers, and their crew provided the following information:

The Indonesian vessels in question were approximately 35' in length and powered only by sail, very similar to a Chinese junk. There were only two vessels involved and not three as originally reported. The crew totalled about 21 persons. The two vessels departed from Cape Bossut Creek, on Sunday May 4, travelling in a westerly direction. It was thought that they headed for Mermaid Reef some 150-160 miles offshore. It was thought that the Indonesian crew dived only for trochus shell.

Investigation revealed that this was evidently the first time in the last decade that a foreign vessel had used Cape Bossut as an anchorage.

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Changed Your Address

If you have changed your private address or intend to change it please advise the Staff Clerk so that our records can be amended.

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Staff Note

A warm welcome is extended to Mr. Ross Gardiner, Cadet Warden, who commenced duties with the Department on May 13. Mr. Gardiner had shown a keen interest in fauna conservation before he joined the team and is well-known for the way he cares for injured and derelict birds.

NEW HONORARY FISHERIES INSPECTORSWINDY HARBOUR

In the March 1969 issue of this Bulletin, on page 12, it was stated that Mr. L.J. Donohue, of Manjimup, was appointed to police the Window Harbour Closure. This should have read "to police the "Windy" Harbour Closure." Notices have been erected at each end of the closure by the Shire of Manjimup, informing the public of the area that is closed to the use of nets for the taking of fish.

LAKE DUMBLEYUNG

Mr. Colin Jack Ward of Dumbleyung has been appointed as an Honorary Inspector of Fisheries, under the Fisheries Act, to assist with the policing of Lake Dumbleyung. A notice to this effect appeared in the Government Gazette dated May 16, 1969.

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Trout in Western Australia

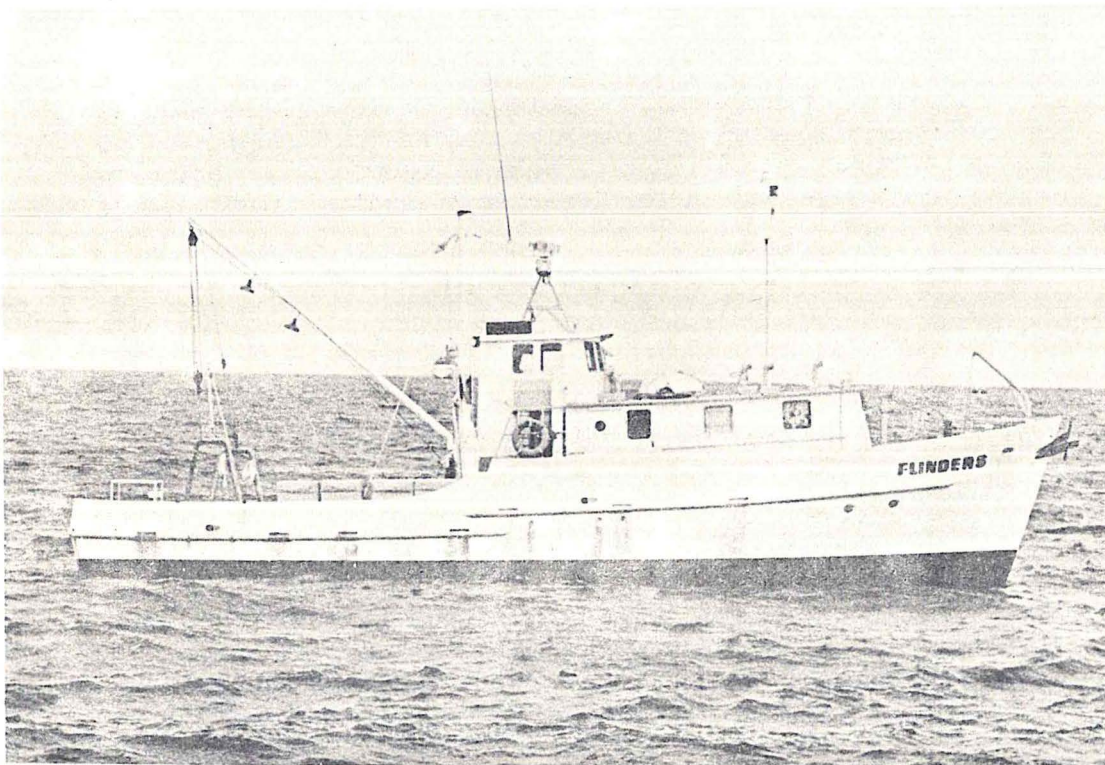
The Department has prepared a booklet, which is available for distribution, on trout in Western Australia. It has been compiled from information supplied by Research Officer, Dr. N.M. Morrisy, as a means of fulfilling the many requests received concerning this freshwater sport fishery. Information contained therein includes the trout's range of distribution in Western Australia, the regulations governing the fishery, the possibility of establishing trout in dams, the type of fishing gear to be used and a good method of cooking them.



HAAKON PEDERSEN TO COMMAND R.V. "FLINDERS"
DURING REGULAR SKIPPER'S ABSENCE ON LEAVE

Mr. Jim Seabrook, the skipper of the research vessel "Flinders", is to commence Long Service Leave as from June 10, 1969. Mr. Seabrook will also take his Annual Recreation Leave and is not expected to resume duties until December 5.

During his absence the R.V. "Flinders" will be under the command of Mr. Haakon Pedersen, who normally is the skipper of the P.V. "Lancelin".



R.V. "Flinders"

The R.V. "Flinders" has given excellent service since she was launched on November 10, 1967. This research vessel has conducted prawn research programmes off the Kimberley coast, it has participated in the prawn tagging programme in the Shark Bay area, it has continued the crayfish research programme in the Abrolhos Islands area and off Dongara, as well as assisted on research work off the mainland coast in the Jurien Bay area. At times it also assists Fauna Research

Officers and University personnel by providing transport and accommodation while they conduct research programmes on off-shore islands.

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Staff Note

Mr. Bevan Kerr is at present attending a five weeks Assistant Programmer's Course conducted by the State Treasury A.D.P. Centre.

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There are now five clerical officers in the Department who have been awarded the Diploma in Public Administration (and one the Associateship in Public Administration - Institute of Technology) out of a total of 12 clerical male officers. When considering that there are only about 100 officers in the Public Service who have been awarded these qualifications, the Department can be very pleased with its rank of clerical officers.

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Congratulations are extended to Mr. Barry Phillips, the Clerk at Waterman, for completing his requirements at the Perth Technical College for the Diploma in Public Administration.

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Recent promotions include that of Mr. Leon Silvester to the position of Fauna Warden, Wongan Hills. Mr. Silvester will take up duty at that centre after he completes his training course. Mr. John Cresswell has been promoted to the permanent staff as Assistant Inspector at Mandurah.

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The new Fauna Warden for Patrol District No. 1, Mr. Geoff Hanley sailed for Wyndham with his family on the S.S. "Kalbarli" on May 30.



C.S.A. COUNCILLOR

Mr. H.B. Shugg who has been this Department's C.S.A. Council representative for many years declined to be nominated for a further term of three years. Over the years Mr. Shugg has given excellent service to the Council and to the members he represented. On behalf of all members we wish to thank Mr. Shugg.

Mr. A.R. Marshall has accepted nomination to represent the Department as a Councillor and we wish him every success for a fruitful term of office.

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ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

On Friday, May 2, Mr. Kitch Godfrey, Technical Officer, called at Head Office. Mr. Godfrey had just returned to Perth from the Kimberley area. He and Mr. Trevor Johns, Technical Officer, are alternatively on board the chartered fishing vessel "Nanango" gathering development research data. The "Nanango" has been engaged by the Department to carry out a research programme from May to October of this year. The area of operation is in the waters off the Kimberley coast.

Mr. Godfrey was on his way to Albany to join the tuna vessel "Torbay" for about a week to monitor the Department's work on that vessel. The "Torbay" is under charter to the Department to conduct a development research survey for tuna off the south coast. Towards the end of June, Mr. Godfrey will again fly north to relieve Mr. Johns.

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Staff Note

Mr. Jim Mearns, the Clerk-in-Charge, took a month's Long Service Leave during May, and from all reports a very nice holiday was spent by Mr. Mearns and his family at Kalbarri on the Murchison. During Mr. Mearns' absence, Mr. Kurt Ammerer relieved in his position.

