

The naval survey vessel H.M.N.Z.S. "Lachlan," at present engaged in the work of surveying and recharting the coastal waters, has already made special contributions. In January, 1950, the Marine Biologist was privileged to accompany H.M.N.Z.S. "Lachlan" on a special survey of the Mernoo Bank bearing 080° and distant some 95 miles from Godley Head. A committee set up to formulate and handle the biological and oceanographic collections which are being made in the course of the survey work has already received several consignments of material.

The Seventh Pacific Science Congress held at Auckland and Christchurch during 1949 permitted a valuable interchange of views with leading overseas fisheries scientists.

LEGISLATION

Pursuant to the Fisheries Act, 1908, the following regulations were enacted during the year :

- (1) The Fresh Water Fisheries Regulations 1936, Amendment No. 7 (Serial No. 1949/146).
- (2) The Fresh Water Fisheries (North Canterbury) Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 2 (Serial No. 1949/147).
- (3) The Fresh Water Fisheries (Hawera, Stratford, Taranaki, and Wanganui) (Revocation) Regulations 1950 (Serial No. 1950/10).
- (4) The Fresh Water Fisheries (Hawera, Stratford, Taranaki, and Wanganui) Modification Notice 1950. (Serial No. 1950/11).

Pursuant to the Whaling Industry Act, 1935, the following regulations were enacted during the year :—

- (1) The Whaling Industry Regulations, 1949 (Serial No. 1949/149).

There were no amendments to the Act itself, nor were there any amendments to the Sea Fisheries Regulations.

STAFF

Additions to the field staff during the year consisted of the appointment of Inspectors of Fisheries in the new sub-districts of Nelson-Marlborough and the West Coast. For the laboratory we were fortunate in obtaining the services of a qualified research assistant to help the Marine Biologist with the laboratory and analytical work. Other appointments were all in the nature of transfers or replacements of staff who had resigned or retired.

APPENDIX

The appendix to this report sets out the grouping of the various fishing ports as used in this report.

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