

The figures show a considerable increase over those for the previous year. This is largely the result of the upward trend in opossums destroyed.

The introduction of air transport of supplies to personnel engaged in operations against deer has resulted in facilitating operations against these animals in more remote and inaccessible areas and, in conjunction with the fact that the improving staff position has made it possible to commence operations in additional areas, has resulted in a considerable increase in the number of deer destroyed. It is evident, however, that operations against these animals must be further intensified.

(8) *Personnel*

All officers have had a strenuous year and their efficiency in their work is most commendable.

E. ROTORUA ACCLIMATIZATION DISTRICT

(1) *The 1949-50 Fishing Season*

Many limit bags of well-conditioned fish were taken during the season, more especially in the Taupo Trout-fishing District where fishing at the mouths of some of the main rivers and streams was, at times, good.

In the Rotorua Trout-fishing District during the middle portion of the season fishing was particularly good at the mouths of some of the streams.

A large number of anglers visited both districts.

In all, for the 1948-49 season, 5,736 licences were sold for the Rotorua Trout-fishing District and 10,007 for the Taupo Trout-fishing District. An analysis of the sales was made according to the angler's address given on each cash licence. The extent to which anglers from neighbouring acclimatization districts visit the Rotorua Acclimatization District is shown by the following table :—

ROTORUA TROUT-FISHING DISTRICT

Place of Residence, by Acclimatization Districts.	Number of Licences Sold.
Auckland	2,473
Rotorua Trout-fishing District	1,863
Tauranga	335
East Coast	347
Wellington	344
Hawke's Bay	242

TAUPO TROUT-FISHING DISTRICT

Place of Residence, by Acclimatization Districts.	Number of Licences Sold.
Wellington	3,356
Auckland	2,543
Hawke's Bay	1,492
Wairarapa	650
Taupo Trout-fishing District ..	559
Rotorua Trout-fishing District	431
Wanganui	488

Numbers of excellent-conditioned fish were taken, as will be evident from the following records of fish for both districts :—

(a) TAUPO

Weight, lb.	Numbers of Fish Recorded.
16	1
15	1
14	1
12	2
11	3
10	14
9	26
8	57

(b) ROTORUA

Weight, lb.	Numbers of Fish Recorded.
18	1
15	1
14	3
10	5
9	3
7	33
6	63