insists on job protection for existing staff. There should be a people plan developed with provision for voluntary redundancy and early retirement and transfers where appropriate.

6 Initially the Corporation should concentrate on the present operations. Future diversification should be a considered move.

7 There will be a need for individual profit centres with transparent and uniform accounting systems.

8 The Corporation must manage its forests for long-term sustained wood supply. There should be annual auditable state of the forest reports.

9 There is a need for a coordinated and internationally uniform radiata marketing organisation now.

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FROM DUSKY SOUND TO MANAPOURI
SOUTHLAND BRANCH TRIP

On Wednesday evening, February 5, 1986 a party of 16 assembled at Te Anau. The following morning two float planes took the party, in two trips, to Supper Cove. Fortunately the flight was smooth and the bacon and eggs stayed down but after viewing the steep terrain some may have questioned the notion that tramping can be fun.

Because the hut was occupied at Supper Cove, seven of the party stayed on to fish and the other nine went on to Loch Maree. The day was fine and the track, formed in 1903, was good. During the night it poured and the alternative route up the Seaforth River flats disappeared under a metre or two of water. With only 15 in the 12-bunk hut we were reasonably comfortable. The next day was showery but the fittest explored the track to Hauroko. Strangely the hill is called Pleasant Range, but the track starts off very steeply and some described it as similar to walking up a waterfall. That day the rest of the group arrived soaked, but as the hut resembled Wellington Railway Station four went on to the next hut. Even then with 23 in the hut it was a little crowded.

On Saturday we sloshed on to Kintail hut while part of the group kept one hut ahead of us.

The next day we went on over the feared Centre Pass to Spey Hut. As we fought our way up a vertical tangle of tree roots then great slabs of bare rock, we were rewarded with great views as the mist cleared. The pass above the bushline was quite easy except for the steep parts on each side. Going down the Spey River, the sides of the track were very steep, especially where a recent large slip had wiped off a swathe of forest. However, in the valley a forest of Hoheria was in full bloom. Masses of white flowers covered the trees; the scent was a nice change from dirty wet socks!

The photographs taken cannot capture the vast majesty of the area but will keep memories alive and prove that we've been there.

— Ted Ramsay

Fishing on Loch Maree. Photo: S. Rae.