

Angoon village corporation picks new directors

The village corporation of Angoon, Kootznoowoo, Inc., has elected new officers for the coming year. The Board of Directors was also expanded from nine to 12 members. "In order to allow more participation by our shareholders," says Richard W. George, Sr., newly elected chairman of the board.

Peter Jack, Sr., who replaced Daniel G. Johnson, Sr., as president of the corporation, stressed the importance of continuity. "We have no major changes in mind," he said. "Our first responsibility is to the land and we will continue to follow the policies that we have developed in the past three years."

Kootznoowoo has objected to land selections on Admiralty Island by the Juneau and Sitka Urban Corporations and, along with the City of Angoon, are contesting those selections in Anchorage District Court. The corporation has also had legis-

lation introduced in Congress that would make Admiralty Island a National Preserve.

"There are five or six proposals for Admiralty," according to Sterling Bolima, land planner for the village corporation. The Carter Administration and the Forest Service favor instant wilderness for the island but under

Forest Service protection. We could live with that," said Bolima, "if we had the assurance that the culture and heritage of the Angoon people would be protected."

The other directors and officers of Kootznoowoo are: Peter Jack, Sr., president; Cyril George, Sr., vice president;

Richard W. George, Sr., chairman of the board; Charlie Jim, Sr., vice-chairman; Dr. Walter Soboleff, treasurer; Ivan P. Gamble, Sr., secretary, and board members Daniel G. Johnson, Sr., Charlie Jim, Jr., Edward G. Gamble, Sr., Carolyn Nease, Arnold Walker, Sr., and Wally R. Frank, Sr.