



TED CHARLES

Regional Director at Tok

The Upper Tanana Development Corporation has recently hired Ted Charles as regional director. The Tok based office will serve six villages that were formerly under the Rural CAP Copper Valley-Tanana Regional Development Corporation which has since merged with the Copper River Native Association.

The Board of Directors for the Upper Tanana Development Corporation are Carl Charles from Dot Lake; Betty Thomas of Tok for Tanacross; Charlie David, Sr. from Tetlin, and John Summar from Tok. Ken Baker from Northway, president of the board, has been very active in the formation of the new

corporation.

Charles was born in Tanana, spent grammar school years at Dot Lake, and went to Ben Eielson High School. He has also attended the University of Alaska.

The new director is interested in helping villages in the Tok region with problems brought about by the pipeline impact: one of which is an increase in crime. He said that the State is hiring a constable for each village in the Tok area. Other problems include alcoholism, housing and the fact that pipeline hiring is taking so many people from the villages. He plans to work with village residents and learn their priorities.

No newcomer to regional development and planning, and a

member of the Village Council, he is a past president of the United Crow Band, and previously worked with the Doyon Corporation for several years.

His favorite pastimes include hunting, fishing, and basketball. He is married to Darlene Summar of Tok.