

# Kootznoowoo elects Sharp president

ANGOON — Kootznoowoo Inc., the village corporation for Angoon, reorganized and elected new officers following the company's annual meeting, including Frank Sharp as president.

Sharp replaces retiring president Dr. Walter Soboleff. As president of Kootznoowoo, Sharp is responsible for administering a corporation with nearly 700 shareholders, \$50 million in assets, 32,000 acres of land and two active subsidiaries.

Sharp retired in 1982 from the Alaska Department of Public Safety after 20 years of service. He had attained the rank of captain and, at the time of his retirement, was in charge of enforcement of fish and game laws for all coastal areas of Alaska.

He said his prior experience of managing a state agency with a multi-million dollar budget and hundreds of employees will help him guide the village corporation as it continues to grow.

The decline in state assistance to villages makes Kootznoowoo's role in Angoon's economy critical in the years to come, according to Sharp.

"Through our computer manufacturing company, Kootznoowoo Government Services, our land and timber management firm, Kanalku Development Corp., and our corporate office, we are second only to the school district as an employer in Angoon," Sharp said.

"Kootznoowoo is also the largest private land owner on Admiralty. And while I am intent on running a pro-



*Kootznoowoo Inc.'s top officers are Peter Jack Sr., chairman of the board, and Frank Sharp, president.*

fitable corporation, I also recognize our role as a steward of the land and a provider of employment opportunities for our shareholders."

Other officers elected during Kootznoowoo's reorganization were board members Peter Jack as chairman of the board; Maxine Thompson, vice chairman; George Paul, vice president; and

Dennis Starr, treasurer. All of the officers are residents of Angoon.

Both Sharp and Richard George were re-elected to the board during Kootznoowoo's annual meeting in November. New directors elected were Loretta Pittman and Gabriel George.

Kootznoowoo is an Alaska Native

Claims Settlement Act corporation that was organized in 1973. Most of its 700 shareholders are Tlingit Indians, about half of whom reside in Angoon, located about 65 air miles south of Juneau. The corporation owns about 11,000 acres of land near Angoon on Admiralty Island and another 21,000 acres of timberland on Prince of Wales Island.