

State Land Director Roscoe Bell Resigns

Roscoe E. Bell, Director of the Alaska Division of Lands since its establishment in 1959, has tendered his resignation in a letter to outgoing Natural Resources' Commissioner Phil R. Holdsworth.

Bell's resignation follows by two days the resignation of Holdsworth. Bell declared in his letter, "In the light of your resignation as Commissioner of Natural Resources, I believe that it is in the State's interest that I, at this time, also tender my resignation from my position as Director of the Division of Lands."

Bell expressed his conviction that the administrat-

ion of Alaska's land resources in such an exacting task that the new Commissioner should be completely free to select men of his own choosing to share the responsibilities.

Bell indicated he is willing to serve the state for a limited period of time. He has requested Acting Natural Resources' Commissioner Dale Wallington to advise him of an effective date for resignation "which may best serve the State's interest."

Bell, who is 62, has no immediate plans for employment elsewhere, but does not plan to retire before he reaches age 65.