WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 05-Aug-12

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW12_T35_09**

Investigator(s): CTS, EKJ | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Flat

Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat | Slope: 1.7 % / 1.0 ° | Elevation: 1009

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 62.8939699087 | Long.: -148.65974997 | Datum: WGS84

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification: PEM1E**

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ◉ No ○ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation ☐ , Soil ☐ , or Hydrology ☐ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ◉ No ○

Are Vegetation ☐ , Soil ☐ , or Hydrology ☐ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ◉ No ○	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** **Yes ◉ No ○**
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ◉ No ○	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ◉ No ○	

Remarks: Hgwslm, subarctic lowland wet sedge meadow bordering on wet sedge willow tundra, shrubs almost entirely on scattered hummocks = Whimbrel breeding habitat

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants. List all species in the plot.

Tree Stratum	**Absolute % Cover**	**Dominant Species?**	**Indicator Status**
1.	0	☐	
2.	0	☐	
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	0		

Sapling/Shrub Stratum — 50% of Total Cover: 0 — 20% of Total Cover: 0

1. Vaccinium uliginosum	3	☑	FAC
2. Vaccinium vitis-idaea	2	☐	FAC
3. Ledum decumbens	3	☑	FACW
4. Spiraea stevenii	2	☐	FACU
5. Empetrum nigrum	4	☑	FAC
6. Salix fuscescens	2	☐	FACW
7. Andromeda polifolia	2	☐	FACW
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	18		

Herb Stratum — 50% of Total Cover: 9 — 20% of Total Cover: 3.6

1. Trichophorum alpinum	30	☑	OBL
2. Carex aquatilis	30	☑	OBL
3. Carex rariflora	2	☐	OBL
4. Sedum rosea	1	☐	FAC
5. Swertia perennis	1	☐	FACW
6. Eriophorum angustifolium	2	☐	OBL
7. Comarum palustre	1	☐	OBL
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	67		

50% of Total Cover: 33.5 — 20% of Total Cover: 13.4

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 5 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 5 (B)

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL Species	65	x 1 =	65
FACW Species	8	x 2 =	16
FAC Species	10	x 3 =	30
FACU Species	2	x 4 =	8
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	85 (A)		119 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.400

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

☑ Dominance Test is > 50%

☑ Prevalence Index is ≤3.0

☐ Morphological Adaptations [1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation [1] (Explain)

[1] Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Plot size (radius, or length x width): 10m

% Cover of Wetland Bryophytes (Where applicable): 30

% Bare Ground: 3

Total Cover of Bryophytes: 30

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? **Yes ◉ No ○**

Remarks:

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW12_T35_09

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-5		80					Fibric Organics	20% roots
5-16		80					Hemic Organics	20% roots

[1] Type: C=Concentration. D=Depletion. RM=Reduced Matrix [2] Location: PL=Pore Lining. RC=Root Channel. M=Matrix

Hydric Soil Indicators:

- [x] Histosol or Histel (A1)
- [ ] Histic Epipedon (A2)
- [ ] Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- [ ] Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- [ ] Alaska Gleyed (A13)
- [ ] Alaska Redox (A14)
- [ ] Alaska Gleyed Pores (A15)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils:[3]

- [ ] Alaska Color Change (TA4)[4]
- [ ] Alaska Alpine swales (TA5)
- [ ] Alaska Redox With 2.5Y Hue
- [ ] Alaska Gleyed Without Hue 5Y or Redder Underlying Layer
- [ ] Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3] One indicator of hydrophytic vegetation, one primary indicator of wetland hydrology, and an appropriate landscape position must be present

[4] Give details of color change in Remarks

Restrictive Layer (if present):
Type:
Depth (inches):

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Remarks:

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (any one is sufficient)

- [x] Surface Water (A1)
- [x] High Water Table (A2)
- [x] Saturation (A3)
- [ ] Water Marks (B1)
- [ ] Sediment Deposits (B2)
- [ ] Drift Deposits (B3)
- [ ] Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- [ ] Iron Deposits (B5)
- [ ] Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- [ ] Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- [ ] Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- [ ] Marl Deposits (B15)
- [ ] Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- [ ] Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- [ ] Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (two or more are required)

- [ ] Water Stained Leaves (B9)
- [ ] Drainage Patterns (B10)
- [ ] Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)
- [ ] Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- [ ] Salt Deposits (C5)
- [ ] Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)
- [ ] Geomorphic Position (D2)
- [ ] Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- [ ] Microtopographic Relief (D4)
- [x] FAC-neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present?	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 1
Water Table Present?	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 4
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitor well, aerial photos, previous inspection) if available:

Remarks:
Patchy surface water