WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 03-Aug-12

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW12_T38_01**

Investigator(s): SLI, KMK | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Bench

Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat | Slope: 0.0 % / 2.0 ° | Elevation: 549

Subregion : Southcentral Alaska | Lat.: 62.8393732448 | Long.: -149.526758302 | Datum: WGS84

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification:** PSS3/4B

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: zone of picgla invasion along pond margin, difficult to find appropriate viereck code. shallow water zone (outside plot) with caraqu, compal, eriang, mentri, carmag, carutr, carsax. aerial photo shows pond to be PEM or barren ground, but beaver dam has created flooded wetland.

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

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
Tree Stratum			
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. Picea glauca	7	☑	FACU
2. Ledum decumbens	2	☐	FACW
3. Vaccinium uliginosum	2	☐	FAC
4. Betula nana	5	☐	FAC
5. Andromeda polifolia	1	☐	FACW
6. Empetrum nigrum	15	☑	FAC
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	32		
Herb Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 16	20% of Total Cover: 6.4	
1. Carex pauciflora	10	☑	OBL
2. Rubus chamaemorus	2	☐	FACW
3. Equisetum pratense	1	☐	FACW
4. Carex aquatilis	5	☑	OBL
5. Vaccinium oxycoccos	2	☐	OBL
6. Eriophorum angustifolium	2	☐	OBL
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	22		
	50% of Total Cover: 11	20% of Total Cover: 4.4	

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 3 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 4 (B)

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 75.0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL Species	19	x 1 =	19
FACW Species	6	x 2 =	12
FAC Species	22	x 3 =	66
FACU Species	7	x 4 =	28
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	54 (A)		125 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.315

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)

% Bare Ground 0

Total Cover of Bryophytes 95

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

Remarks: trace pedcap.

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW12_T38_01

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
0-4							Fibric Organics	
4-10							Hemic Organics	
10-20							Sapric Organics	

[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)

- [ ] 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)
- [x] Geomorphic Position (D2)
- [ ] Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- [ ] Microtopographic Relief (D4)
- [x] FAC-neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present?	Yes ○	No ◉	Depth (inches):
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:
site at margin of pond.