WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 30-Jul-12

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW12_T49_06**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): hummocky | Slope: 0.0 % / 0.0 ° | Elevation: 734

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 62.8139565781 | Long.: -148.420636642 | Datum: WGS84

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification: PSS4B**

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

Remarks:

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

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
Tree Stratum			
1. Picea mariana	20	☑	FACW
2.	0	☐	
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	20		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 10	20% of Total Cover: 4	
1. Picea mariana	25	☑	FACW
2. Salix pulchra	7	☐	FACW
3. Vaccinium uliginosum	10	☑	FAC
4. Vaccinium vitis-idaea	7	☐	FAC
5. Empetrum nigrum	5	☐	FAC
6. Ledum decumbens	5	☐	FACW
7. Betula nana	5	☐	FAC
8. Ledum groenlandicum	1	☐	FAC
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	65		
Herb Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 32.5	20% of Total Cover: 13	
1. Equisetum sylvaticum	7	☑	FAC
2. Rubus chamaemorus	10	☑	FACW
3. Carex bigelowii	5	☐	FAC
4. Petasites frigidus	3	☐	FACW
5. Cornus suecica	3	☐	FAC
6.	0	☐	
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	28		
	50% of Total Cover: 14	20% of Total Cover: 5.6	

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	0	x 1 =	0
FACW Species	70	x 2 =	140
FAC Species	43	x 3 =	129
FACU Species	0	x 4 =	0
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	113 (A)		269 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.381

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 2

Total Cover of Bryophytes 85

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

Remarks: w 5% lichen cover

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW12_T49_06

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)		%	Redox Features Color (moist)		%	Type [1]	Loc [2]	Texture	Remarks
0-2									Fibric Organics	common roots
2-4									Hemic Organics	common roots
4-5									Sapric Organics	common roots
5-16	2.5Y	4/2	70	7.5YR	4/4	20	C	PL	Sandy Loam	addtl matrix: 10YR3/4 at 5%, 5% gravels, f

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

Hydric Soil Indicators:

- ☐ 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:
refusal at 16in.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (any one is sufficient)

- ☐ Surface Water (A1)
- ☑ High Water Table (A2)
- ☑ 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)
- ☑ FAC-neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present?	Yes ○	No ◉	Depth (inches):
Water Table Present?	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 10
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 7

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks:
one area within plot that meets definition for B8 - concave, bare ground w 1% petfri, 1% carbig, and 38% moss. remainder of site well-vegetated and relatively flat.