WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 01-Aug-12

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW12_T52_06**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave | Slope: 5.2 % / 3.0 ° | Elevation: 713

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 62.7894899084 | Long.: -148.526239969 | Datum: WGS84

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification: PSS1B**

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.

	Tree Stratum	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.	Picea mariana	8	☑	FACW
2.		0	☐	
3.		0	☐	
4.		0	☐	
5.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	8		
	Sapling/Shrub Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 4	20% of Total Cover: 1.6	
1.	Dasiphora fruticosa	40	☑	FAC
2.	Myrica gale	40	☑	OBL
3.	Betula nana	5	☐	FAC
4.	Salix barclayi	1	☐	FAC
5.	Viburnum edule	1	☐	FACU
6.	Rosa acicularis	2	☐	FACU
7.		0	☐	
8.		0	☐	
9.		0	☐	
10.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	89		
	Herb Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 44.5	20% of Total Cover: 17.8	
1.	Thalictrum occidentale	0.1	☐	FACU
2.	Sanguisorba canadensis	3	☐	FACW
3.	Rubus arcticus (IAM)	1	☐	FACU
4.	Aconitum delphinifolium	0.1	☐	FAC
5.	Cornus canadensis	1	☐	FACU
6.	Equisetum arvense	20	☑	FAC
7.	Equisetum sylvaticum	2	☐	FAC
8.	Swertia perennis	0.1	☐	FACW
9.	Viola epipsila	0.1	☐	FACW
10.	Calamagrostis canadensis	0.1	☐	FAC
	Total Cover:	27.5		
	50% of Total Cover: 13.75	20% of Total Cover: 5.5		

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 4 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 4 (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	40	x 1 =	40
FACW Species	11.2	x 2 =	22.40
FAC Species	68.2	x 3 =	204.6
FACU Species	5.1	x 4 =	20.4
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	124.5 (A)		287.4 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.308

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) 2

% Bare Ground 0

Total Cover of Bryophytes 2

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

Remarks: Rumex arcticus = 0.1 cover

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW12_T52_06

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		100					Fibric Organics	
4-5		100					Hemic Organics	
5-9		100					Sapric Organics	
9-16								rnd cobbles, ang-rnd gravel, water

[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:
9-16: water flowing between cobbles and gravel. No soil in pore space

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): 3
Water Table Present?	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 7
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 4

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks:
surface water present only in stream channel which goes through plot.