WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 02-Aug-12

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW12_T54_04**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex | Slope: 17.6 % / 10.0 ° | Elevation: 761

Subregion : Southcentral Alaska | Lat.: 62.8338015786 | Long.: -149.156528306 | Datum: WGS84

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

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: tall closed canopy alder-willow community near head of drainage.

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. Alnus viridis ssp. crispa	50	☑	FAC
2. Ribes triste	5	☐	FAC
3. Salix barclayi	10	☐	FAC
4. Salix pulchra	20	☑	FACW
5. Oplopanax horridus	5	☐	FACU
6.	0	☐	
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	90		
Herb Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 45	20% of Total Cover: 18	
1. Athyrium filix-femina	50	☑	FAC
2. Cystopteris montana	5	☐	FAC
3. Phegopteris connectilis	5	☐	FACU
4. Dryopteris expansa	10	☐	FACU
5. Arctagrostis latifolia	3	☐	FACW
6. Cornus canadensis	3	☐	FACU
7. Streptopus amplexifolius	5	☐	FACU
8. Thalictrum sparsiflorum	5	☐	FACU
9. Carex microchaeta	1	☐	FAC
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	87		
50% of Total Cover: 43.5	20% of Total Cover: 17.4		

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 3 (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	23	x 2 =	46
FAC Species	121	x 3 =	363
FACU Species	33	x 4 =	132
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	177 (A)		541 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.056

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) 5m

% Cover of Wetland Bryophytes (Where applicable)

% Bare Ground 85

Total Cover of Bryophytes 10

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Remarks: all shrubs heavily browsed by insects. trace unid solidago collected at aw12_t54_02. tr acodel, pyrola secunda. 3% unid viola sp.

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW12_T54_04

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	
2-4	5YR	3/3	100						Silt Loam	
4-5			100						Sapric Organics	
5-6	7.5YR	5/2	100						Silt	
6-8			100						Sapric Organics	
8-8.5	5YR	3/4	100						Fine Sand	
8.5-16	5YR	3/2	100						Silt Loam	

[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:
heterogeneous soil profile, many colors / textures in patches rather than distinct horizons. buried sapric organic lenses throughout. No hydric soil indicators.

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):
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ○	No ◉	Depth (inches):

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ○ No ◉

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

Remarks: