WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 06-Jul-13

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW13_T103_03**

Investigator(s): WAD, BAB | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Footslope

Local relief (concave, convex, none): hummocky | Slope: 21.2 % / 12.0 ° | Elevation: 819

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 62.784126759 | Long.: -147.806881785 | 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 ○	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** **Yes ◉ No ○**
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ◉ No ○	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ◉ No ○	

Remarks: Photo number 10067, 1068 photo time 1302

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

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

50% of Total Cover: 2.5 | 20% of Total Cover: 1

	Sapling/Shrub Stratum			
1.	Betula nana	5	☐	FAC
2.	Spiraea stevenii	5	☐	FACU
3.	Vaccinium uliginosum	10	☐	FAC
4.	Alnus viridis ssp. crispa	0.1	☐	FAC
5.	Vaccinium vitis-idaea	0.1	☐	FAC
6.	Cornus suecica	10	☐	FAC
7.	Picea mariana	50	☑	FACW
8.		0	☐	
9.		0	☐	
10.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	80.2		

50% of Total Cover: 40.1 | 20% of Total Cover: 16.04

	Herb Stratum			
1.	Rubus chamaemorus	0.1	☐	FACW
2.	Equisetum sylvaticum	80	☑	FAC
3.	Mertensia paniculata	0.1	☐	FACU
4.	Petasites frigidus	1	☐	FACW
5.	Calamagrostis canadensis	0.1	☐	FAC
6.		0	☐	
7.		0	☐	
8.		0	☐	
9.		0	☐	
10.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	81.3		

50% of Total Cover: 40.65 | 20% of Total Cover: 16.26

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	56.1	x 2 =	112.2
FAC Species	105.3	x 3 =	315.9
FACU Species	5.1	x 4 =	20.4
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	166.5 (A)		448.5 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.694

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

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

Remarks:

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW13_T103_03

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 %	Type [1]	Loc [2]	Texture	Remarks
0-4			100%						Fibric Organics	
4-8	2.5Y	4/1	80%	7.5YR	3/3	20%	RM	PL	Silt Loam	
8-10			100%						Hemic Organics	
10-13	2.5Y	4/1	55%	7.5YR	4/6	45%	C	PL	Silty Clay	negative aadp tests

[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: seasonal frost

Depth (inches): 19

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Remarks:

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): 5
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 3

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks:

Pit is still filling with water and will probably fill to saturation level.