

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region**

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough Sampling Date: 05-Jul-13  
 Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority Sampling Point: SW13\_T105\_02  
 Investigator(s): JER Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Shoulder slope  
 Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex Slope: 7.0 % / 4.0 ° Elevation: 776  
 Subregion: Interior Alaska Mountains Lat.: 62.758756399 Long.: -147.920164108 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.

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| Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/><br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/><br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <b>Is the Sampled Area<br/>within a Wetland?</b> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Remarks: <u>shoulder of knob, fnwvs w lichen-rich understory. caribiu trail, moose poop</u>   |  |

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

| Tree Stratum                       | Absolute % Cover              | Dominant Species?                   | Indicator Status | <b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b>  |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. <u>Picea glauca</u>             | 12                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | FACU             | Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC:  | <u>4</u> (A)                      |
| 2. _____                           | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            | Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata:   | <u>5</u> (B)                      |
| 3. _____                           | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            | Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:   | <u>80.0%</u> (A/B)                |
| 4. _____                           | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            |   |                                   |
| 5. _____                           | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            |   |                                   |
| <b>Total Cover:</b>                |                               |                                     | <u>12</u>        |   |                                   |
| <b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b>       | 50% of Total Cover: <u>6</u>  | 20% of Total Cover: <u>2.4</u>      |                  |   |                                   |
| 1. <u>Picea glauca</u>             | 1                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | FACU             | <b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b>  |                                   |
| 2. <u>Betula glandulosa</u>        | 30                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | FAC              | Total % Cover of:   | Multiply by:                      |
| 3. <u>Vaccinium uliginosum</u>     | 25                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | FAC              | OBL Species <u>0</u>  | x 1 = <u>0</u>                    |
| 4. <u>Empetrum nigrum</u>          | 20                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | FAC              | FACW Species <u>30</u>  | x 2 = <u>60</u>                   |
| 5. <u>Ledum decumbens</u>          | 30                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | FACW             | FAC Species <u>95.1</u>   | x 3 = <u>285.3</u>                |
| 6. <u>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</u>    | 20                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | FAC              | FACU Species <u>15</u>  | x 4 = <u>60</u>                   |
| 7. <u>Loiseleuria procumbens</u>   | 2                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | FACU             | UPL Species <u>0</u>  | x 5 = <u>0</u>                    |
| 8. _____                           | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            | Column Totals:  | <u>140.1</u> (A) <u>405.3</u> (B) |
| 9. _____                           | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            | Prevalence Index = B/A =  | <u>2.893</u>                      |
| 10. _____                          | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            |   |                                   |
| <b>Total Cover:</b>                |                               |                                     | <u>128</u>       |   |                                   |
| <b>Herb Stratum</b>                | 50% of Total Cover: <u>64</u> | 20% of Total Cover: <u>25.6</u>     |                  |   |                                   |
| 1. <u>Calamagrostis canadensis</u> | 0.1                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | FAC              | <b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>   |                                   |
| 2. _____                           | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dominance Test is > 50%   |                                   |
| 3. _____                           | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prevalence Index is ≤ 3.0   |                                   |
| 4. _____                           | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            | <input type="checkbox"/> Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) |                                   |
| 5. _____                           | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            | <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)  |                                   |
| 6. _____                           | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            | <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.              |                                   |
| 7. _____                           | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            | Plot size (radius, or length x width)   | <u>10m</u>                        |
| 8. _____                           | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            | % Cover of Wetland Bryophytes (Where applicable)  | _____                             |
| 9. _____                           | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            | % Bare Ground   | <u>1</u>                          |
| 10. _____                          | 0                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____            | Total Cover of Bryophytes   | <u>15</u>                         |
| <b>Total Cover:</b>                |                               |                                     | <u>0.1</u>       |   |                                   |
| 50% of Total Cover:                |                               |                                     | <u>0.05</u>      | 20% of Total Cover: <u>0.02</u>   |                                   |

Remarks: masric 10, flacuc 5, stereo 5, cladi 20, neparc 5, total lichen 30, plesch 10,

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: **SW13\_T105\_02**

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

| Depth (inches) | Matrix        |       | Redox Features |   |                   |                  | Texture        | Remarks                                       |
|----------------|---------------|-------|----------------|---|-------------------|------------------|----------------|---|
|                | Color (moist) | %     | Color (moist)  | % | Type <sup>1</sup> | Loc <sup>2</sup> |                |   |
| 0-2            |               | 100   |                |   |                   |                  | Hemic Organics |   |
| 2-3            | 2.5YR         | 2.5/2 | 90             |   |                   |                  | Sandy Loam     | thin layers 7.5yr 3/4, 10yr 6/2 and fine grav |
| 3-6            | 10YR          | 3/4   | 100            |   |                   |                  | Sandy Loam     | some gravel                                   |
| 6-13           | 10YR          | 5/4   | 100            |   |                   |                  | Sandy Loam     |   |
| 13-19          | 2.5Y          | 4/2   | 100            |   |                   |                  | Sandy Loam     | lots of gravel                                |
|                |               |       |                |   |                   |                  |                |   |
|                |               |       |                |   |                   |                  |                |   |
|                |               |       |                |   |                   |                  |                |   |

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration. D=Depletion. RM=Reduced Matrix <sup>2</sup> 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:<sup>3</sup>**

- Alaska Color Change (TA4)<sup>4</sup>
- Alaska Alpine swales (TA5)
- Alaska Redox With 2.5Y Hue
- Alaska Gleyed Without Hue 5Y or Redder Underlying Layer
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup> One indicator of hydrophytic vegetation, one primary indicator of wetland hydrology, and an appropriate landscape position must be present

<sup>4</sup> Give details of color change in Remarks

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type:  
Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes  No

Remarks:

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:

no wetland hydrology indicators