WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Denali Borough | Sampling Date: 01-Aug-13

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW13_T145_07**

Investigator(s): SLI, EAC | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Hillside

Local relief (concave, convex, none): hummocky | Slope: 5.2 % / 3.0 ° | Elevation: 740

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 63.400964618 | Long.: -148.648083091 | 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.

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
Tree Stratum			
1. Picea glauca	7	☑	FACU
2. Picea mariana	5	☑	FACW
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	12		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 6	20% of Total Cover: 2.4	
1. Picea mariana	10	☑	FACW
2. Picea glauca	5	☐	FACU
3. Salix pulchra	7	☑	FACW
4. Salix reticulata	2	☐	FAC
5. Vaccinium uliginosum	5	☐	FAC
6. Salix richardsonii	5	☐	FACW
7. Ledum decumbens	2	☐	FACW
8. Ledum groenlandicum	3	☐	FAC
9. Arctostaphylos rubra	10	☑	FAC
10. Empetrum nigrum	3	☐	FAC
Total Cover:	52		
Herb Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 26	20% of Total Cover: 10.4	
1. Petasites frigidus	1	☐	FACW
2. Equisetum arvense	2	☐	FAC
3. Calamagrostis canadensis	5	☑	FAC
4. Carex bigelowii	15	☑	FAC
5.	0	☐	
6.	0	☐	
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	23		
50% of Total Cover:	11.5	20% of Total Cover: 4.6	

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 6 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 7 (B)

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 85.7% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL Species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW Species	30	x 2 =	60
FAC Species	45	x 3 =	135
FACU Species	12	x 4 =	48
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	87 (A)		243 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.793

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 7

Total Cover of Bryophytes 90

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

Remarks: 1% vacvit. trace vacoxy, pyrola sp,

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW13_T145_07

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
0-6	7.5YR	2.5/1	100						Fibric Organics	
6-12	5YR	2.5/1	100						Hemic Organics	
12-15	10G	4/1	75	10R	4/6	25	C	PL	Silty Clay	

[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: silty clay, active layer

Depth (inches): 12, 15

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Remarks:

Saturation at 10 inches.

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): 15
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 10

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks: