WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Denali Borough | Sampling Date: 04-Aug-13

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW13_T150_02**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): hummocky | Slope: 3.5 % / 2.0 ° | Elevation: 764

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 63.335434556 | Long.: -148.284998775 | 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: olive-sided flycatcher, white winged crossbills, redpolls

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

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
Tree Stratum			
1. Picea glauca	20	☑	FACU
2.	0	☐	
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	20		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 10	20% of Total Cover: 4	
1. Picea glauca	5	☐	FACU
2. Salix pulchra	5	☐	FACW
3. Salix barclayi	20	☑	FAC
4. Salix glauca	5	☐	FAC
5. Salix reticulata	7	☐	FAC
6. Salix richardsonii	10	☑	FACW
7. Dasiphora fruticosa	0.1	☐	FAC
8. Vaccinium uliginosum	15	☑	FAC
9. Empetrum nigrum	7	☐	FAC
10. Arctostaphylos rubra	1	☐	FAC
Total Cover:	75.1		
Herb Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 37.55	20% of Total Cover: 15.02	
1. Equisetum arvense	10	☐	FAC
2. Equisetum sylvaticum	15	☑	FAC
3. Carex bigelowii	25	☑	FAC
4. Petasites frigidus	1	☐	FACW
5. Calamagrostis canadensis	3	☐	FAC
6. Mertensia paniculata	0.1	☐	FACU
7. Boykinia richardsonii	3	☐	UPL
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	57.1		
50% of Total Cover:	28.55	20% of Total Cover:	11.42

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 5 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 6 (B)

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 83.3% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL Species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW Species	16	x 2 =	32
FAC Species	108.1	x 3 =	324.3
FACU Species	25.1	x 4 =	100.4
UPL Species	3	x 5 =	15
Column Totals:	152.2 (A)		471.7 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.099

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 3

Total Cover of Bryophytes 30

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Remarks: 1% dodecatheon, trace anemone. 15% lichen cover (mostly cladina/cladonia)

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW13_T150_02

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	5YR	2.5/1	100						fibric organics	
6-16	2.5Y	3/2	75	10YR	3/4	25	C	PL	Clay Loam	w organics

[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: active layer

Depth (inches): 16

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ○ No ◉

Remarks:

organic content in clay loam not high enough to qualify as a histic epipedon. 2.5Y matrix w 3/4 motles does not meet ak redox. 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:

only one secondary hydrology indicator observed