WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 02-Aug-13

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW13_T177_03**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave | Slope: 7.0 % / 4.0 ° | Elevation: 1061

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 63.0757881794 | Long.: -148.07008652 | Datum: WGS84

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification: PEM1/SS1B**

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: Small active channel [<2 ft] running through drainage

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

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

50% of Total Cover: 0 | 20% of Total Cover: 0

Sapling/Shrub Stratum			
1. Salix pulchra	70	☑	FACW
2.	0	☐	
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
6.	0	☐	
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	70		

50% of Total Cover: 35 | 20% of Total Cover: 14

Herb Stratum			
1. Carex aquatilis	20	☑	OBL
2. Luzula parviflora	3	☐	FAC
3. Equisetum arvense	15	☑	FAC
4. Calamagrostis canadensis	10	☐	FAC
5. Rubus arcticus (IAM)	5	☐	FACU
6. Sedum rosea	3	☐	FAC
7. Parnassia kotzebuei	1	☐	FACW
8. Polemonium pulcherrimum	2	☐	UPL
9. Sanguisorba canadensis	15	☑	FACW
10. Arctagrostis latifolia	5	☐	FACW
Total Cover:	79		

50% of Total Cover: 39.5 | 20% of Total Cover: 15.8

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 4 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 4 (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	20	x 1 =	20
FACW Species	91	x 2 =	182
FAC Species	31	x 3 =	93
FACU Species	5	x 4 =	20
UPL Species	2	x 5 =	10
Column Totals:	149 (A)		325 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.181

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

Total Cover of Bryophytes 20

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

Remarks: chaang 3%, verwor 0.1%, rumarc 1%

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW13_T177_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 %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-4		100					Fibric Organics	Fibric Organics
4-8		100					Hemic Organics	Hemic Organics
8-15		50					Hemic Organics	hemic w 10y 2.5/1 sandy loam iclsns and flu
15-24		100					Sapric Organics	Sapric Organics

[1] Type: C=Concentration. D=Depletion. RM=Reduced Matrix [2] Location: PL=Pore Lining. RC=Root Channel. M=Matrix

Hydric Soil Indicators:

- [x] Histosol or Histel (A1)
- [ ] Histic Epipedon (A2)
- [x] 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:

fluvaquent soils. looks like the stream was flowing here for a time. the layers are sandwiched between organics and have organics in them. very odorus.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (any one is sufficient)

- [x] Surface Water (A1)
- [x] High Water Table (A2)
- [x] 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)
- [x] 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)
- [x] Geomorphic Position (D2)
- [ ] Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- [ ] Microtopographic Relief (D4)
- [x] FAC-neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present?	Yes ◉ No ○	Depth (inches):	1
Water Table Present?	Yes ◉ No ○	Depth (inches):	3
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ◉ No ○	Depth (inches):	0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks:

surface water in scattered depressions and small active channel (r3ubh)