WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Denali Borough | Sampling Date: 05-Aug-13

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW13_T201_02**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave | Slope: 0.0 % / 0.0 ° | Elevation: 680

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 63.366482973 | Long.: -148.936679721 | 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: level swale, mesic shrubby community connecting wet graminoid communities. relatively narrow (ca 20-50ft wide), w fnwws w birch understory along small hillsides (kames?) at bounds.

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

Tree Stratum	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Picea glauca	5	☑	FACU
2. Picea mariana	2	☑	FACW
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	7		

50% of Total Cover: 3.5 | 20% of Total Cover: 1.4

Sapling/Shrub Stratum			
1. Picea mariana	2	☐	FACW
2. Picea glauca	5	☑	FACU
3. Salix barclayi	5	☑	FAC
4. Salix pulchra	5	☑	FACW
5. Betula nana	10	☑	FAC
6. Salix reticulata	3	☐	FAC
7. Empetrum nigrum	5	☑	FAC
8. Ledum decumbens	5	☑	FACW
9. Vaccinium uliginosum	10	☑	FAC
10. Betula glandulosa	1	☐	FAC
Total Cover:	51		

50% of Total Cover: 25.5 | 20% of Total Cover: 10.2

Herb Stratum			
1. Petasites frigidus	1	☐	FACW
2. Equisetum arvense	3	☐	FAC
3. Calamagrostis canadensis	1	☐	FAC
4. Carex bigelowii	15	☑	FAC
5. Tofieldia pusilla	0.1	☐	FAC
6. Saussurea angustifolia	0.1	☐	FAC
7. Equisetum scirpoides	0.1	☐	FACU
8. Rubus chamaemorus	0.1	☐	FACW
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	20.4		

50% of Total Cover: 10.2 | 20% of Total Cover: 4.08

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 8 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 10 (B)

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 80.0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL Species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW Species	15.1	x 2 =	30.20
FAC Species	53.2	x 3 =	159.6
FACU Species	10.1	x 4 =	40.40
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	78.4	(A)	230.2 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.936

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) 2m x 10m

% Cover of Wetland Bryophytes (Where applicable)

% Bare Ground 7

Total Cover of Bryophytes 80

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

Remarks: 5% lichen cover. 1% arcrub. trace pedicularis. collected carex (carbig? carsty?) at 3%.

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW13_T201_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
0-4	5YR	2.5/1	100						Fibric Organics	
4-8	7.5YR	2.5/1	100						Hemic Organics	
8-12	7.5YR	3/1	100						Coarse Sandy Loam	Lot of root content. Subrounded cobbles 80

[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:
Depth (inches):

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): 10
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 4

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks: