WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Denali Borough | Sampling Date: 08-Aug-13

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW13_T203_06**

Investigator(s): CTS, AMD | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Flat

Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat | Slope: 4.0 % / 2.3 ° | Elevation: 696

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 63.396538377 | Long.: -148.587241888 | 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	10	☑	FACU
2. Picea mariana	10	☑	FACW
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	3	☐	FACU
2. Picea mariana	3	☐	FACW
3. Salix richardsonii	35	☑	FACW
4. Dasiphora fruticosa	8	☐	FAC
5. Ledum groenlandicum	10	☐	FAC
6. Shepherdia canadensis	5	☐	FACU
7. Salix reticulata	45	☑	FAC
8. Empetrum nigrum	8	☐	FAC
9. Vaccinium uliginosum	10	☐	FAC
10. Vaccinium vitis-idaea	2	☐	FAC
Total Cover:	129		
Herb Stratum (50% of Total Cover: 64.5 / 20% of Total Cover: 25.8)			
1. Rubus chamaemorus	20	☑	FACW
2. Equisetum arvense	40	☑	FAC
3. Tofieldia pusilla	2	☐	FAC
4. Parnassia palustris	1	☐	FACW
5. Tephroseris atropurpurea	1	☐	FAC
6. Carex aquatilis	3	☐	OBL
7. Listera cordata	0.1	☐	FACU
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	67.1		
50% of Total Cover: 33.55 / 20% of Total Cover: 13.42			

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	3	x 1 =	3
FACW Species	69	x 2 =	138
FAC Species	126	x 3 =	378
FACU Species	18.1	x 4 =	72.40
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	216.1 (A)		591.4 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.737

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: 0

Total Cover of Bryophytes: 80

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

Remarks: Lichen = 10, Arcrub = 5, Vacoxy = 0.1

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW13_T203_06

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			100						Hemic Organics	
6-13	5Y	3/1	80	7.5YR	4/6	20	C	PL	Silt Loam	

[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): 13

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):

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ◉ No ○ Depth (inches): 7

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks: