WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 30-Jul-12

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW12_T05_06**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat | Slope: % / 6.1 ° | Elevation: 518

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 62.7802280381 | Long.: -147.903055749 | Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification: PSS1C**

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:

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		
	Sapling/Shrub Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 0	20% of Total Cover: 0	
1.	Salix barclayi	20	☑	FAC
2.	Dasiphora fruticosa	15	☑	FAC
3.	Myrica gale	15	☑	OBL
4.	Betula neoalaskana	5	☐	FACU
5.	Betula glandulosa	2	☐	FAC
6.	Vaccinium uliginosum	1	☐	FAC
7.	Rhododendron groenlandicum	0.1	☐	FAC
8.	Rosa acicularis	0.1	☐	FACU
9.		0	☐	
10.		0	☐	FACU
	Total Cover:	58.2		
	Herb Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 29.1	20% of Total Cover: 11.64	
1.	Hedysarum alpinum	2	☐	FACU
2.	Arctagrostis latifolia	0.1	☐	FACW
3.	Eurybia sibirica	0.1	☐	FAC
4.	Galium boreale	0.1	☐	FACU
5.	Artemisia tilesii	0.1	☐	FACU
6.	Equisetum pratense	0.1	☐	FACW
7.	Mertensia paniculata	0.1	☐	FACU
8.	Valeriana capitata	0.1	☐	FAC
9.	Sanguisorba canadensis	0.1	☐	FACW
10.	Parnassia palustris	0.1	☐	FACW
	Total Cover:	2.9		
	50% of Total Cover: 1.45	20% of Total Cover: 0.58		

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 3 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 3 (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	15	x 1 =	15
FACW Species	0.4	x 2 =	0.800
FAC Species	38.3	x 3 =	114.9
FACU Species	7.4	x 4 =	29.6
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	61.1 (A)		160.3 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.624

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) 0

% Bare Ground 0

Total Cover of Bryophytes 0

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

Remarks: total herb cover <5%, thus no herbs considered dominant.

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW12_T05_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
0-2									Fibric Organics	w mineral sand
2-3	2.5Y	5/1	50	10YR	5/8	50	C	PL	Loamy Sand	
3-4									Fibric Organics	w mineral sand
4-14	5Y	4/1	30	10YR	4/6	70	C	PL	Loamy Sand	depletion along roots

[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:
4-14in: including 2% oxidized rhizospheres around living roots.

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: