WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 20-Jun-12

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW12_T06_04**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): hummocky | Slope: % / 2.3 ° | Elevation: 479

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 62.8278781612 | Long.: -148.617615707 | Datum: NAD83

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: open picmar along small rise. steep hillside to the SW, small drop to wetter community to the NE. varied thrush calling, ptarmigan sign.

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

Tree Stratum	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Picea mariana	15	☑	FACW
2.	0	☐	
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	15		

50% of Total Cover: 7.5 | 20% of Total Cover: 3

Sapling/Shrub Stratum			
1. Vaccinium vitis-idaea	50	☑	FAC
2. Vaccinium uliginosum	25	☑	FAC
3. Rhododendron tomentosum	5	☐	FACW
4. Rhododendron groenlandicum	2	☐	FAC
5. Betula nana	2	☐	FAC
6. Empetrum nigrum	2	☐	FAC
7. Salix commutata	1	☐	FAC
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	87		

50% of Total Cover: 43.5 | 20% of Total Cover: 17.4

Herb Stratum			
1. Geocaulon lividum	1	☐	FACU
2.	0	☐	
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
6.	0	☐	
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	1		

50% of Total Cover: 0.5 | 20% of Total Cover: 0.2

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	0	x 1 =	0
FACW Species	20	x 2 =	40
FAC Species	82	x 3 =	246
FACU Species	1	x 4 =	4
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	103 (A)		290 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.816

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 90

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Remarks: 5% lichen cover. No dominant herbs as herb stratum had less than 5% total cover.

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW12_T06_04

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
0-2			100						Fibric Organics	
2-5			100						Hemic Organics	charcoal at 5inches
5-7	10YR	4/2	60						Sandy Loam	40% charcoal and heavy staining (2.5/10Y)
7-10	5YR	3/3	100						Sandy Loam	few charcoal
10-16	10YR	4/6	90						Sandy Loam	10% 2.5Y5/2 in patches and few charcoal

[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:
area has burned in the past - charcoal in profile and highly oxidized upper mineral soils. refusal at 16in (cobbles).

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:
animal burrows in hummocks at base of picea trees. no wetland hydrology indicators.