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_08**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): hummocky | Slope: % / 2.0 ° | Elevation: 441

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 62.8243381626 | Long.: -148.624545709 | Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification: PSS4E**

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: picmar forested wetland w trees and shrubs on well developed hummocks, water between hummocks.

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. Picea glauca	5	☑	FACU
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	20		

50% of Total Cover: 10 | 20% of Total Cover: 4

Sapling/Shrub Stratum			
1. Picea mariana	15	☑	FACW
2. Vaccinium uliginosum	7	☑	FAC
3. Vaccinium vitis-idaea	7	☑	FAC
4. Betula nana	3	☐	FAC
5. Salix pulchra	5	☐	FACW
6. Linnaea borealis	3	☐	FACU
7. Rosa acicularis	3	☐	FACU
8. Viburnum edule	2	☐	FACU
9. Picea glauca	5	☐	FACU
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	50		

50% of Total Cover: 25 | 20% of Total Cover: 10

Herb Stratum			
1. Equisetum sylvaticum	5	☑	FAC
2. Arctagrostis latifolia	2	☐	FACW
3. Rumex arcticus	2	☐	FAC
4. Rubus chamaemorus	3	☑	FACW
5. Cornus suecica	2	☐	FAC
6. Rubus arcticus (IAM)	1	☐	FACU
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	15		

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

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 6 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 7 (B)

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 85.7% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL Species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW Species	40	x 2 =	80
FAC Species	26	x 3 =	78
FACU Species	19	x 4 =	76
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	85 (A)		234 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.753

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 7

Total Cover of Bryophytes 90

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

Remarks: arclat id based on last season inflorescence. many dead down trees and snags. facu veg growing on well developed hummocks.

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW12_T06_08

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 %	Type [1]	Loc [2]	Texture	Remarks

[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:
no soil pit due to standing water throughout site. assume hydric soils due to hydrophytic vegetation and primary hydrology indicators.

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): 4
Water Table Present?	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 0
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 throughout site, avg 4in deep. water in hollows btwn hummocks, fine substrates, tannin colored water.