WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 18-Jun-12

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW12_T08_01**

Investigator(s): JGK | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Floodplain

Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex | Slope: % / 1.0 ° | Elevation: 403

Subregion : Southcentral Alaska | Lat.: 62.7670381939 | Long.: -148.833505756 | Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification:** R3USC

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: Gravel bar adjacent to Susitna River - site floods regularly (drift deposits, sediment deposits, geomorphic position). Sparse vegetation appears to be FACU colonizers between flood events. Low organic content of sandy soils appear to preclude development of redoximorphic features.

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		

50% of Total Cover: 0 | 20% of Total Cover: 0

Sapling/Shrub Stratum			
1. Populus balsamifera	5	☑	FACU
2. Salix alaxensis	2	☑	FAC
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
6.	0	☐	
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	7		

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

Herb Stratum			
1. Hedysarum alpinum	1	☑	FACU
2. Calamagrostis canadensis	5	☑	FAC
3. Artemisia tilesii	1	☑	FACU
4. Lupinus arcticus	1	☑	FACU
5. Equisetum variegatum	1	☑	FACW
6. Potentilla anserina	1	☑	FACW
7. Solidago spathulata	1	☑	UPL
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	11		

50% of Total Cover: 5.5 | 20% of Total Cover: 2.2

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 4 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 9 (B)

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 44.4% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL Species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW Species	2	x 2 =	4
FAC Species	7	x 3 =	21
FACU Species	8	x 4 =	32
UPL Species	1	x 5 =	5
Column Totals:	18 (A)		62 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.444

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 80

Total Cover of Bryophytes 0

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

Remarks: popbal small sapling--most species only trace cover. Problematic hydrophytic vegetation - likely FACU colonizers between flood events.

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW12_T08_01

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
0-5	5Y	2.5/1	95					Loamy Sand	5% subang coarse gravel-- 1 in band at 1.
5-11	5Y	2.5/1	50					Sand	60% rounded to subang cobble and coarse

[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:

Refusal at 11" due to cobbles, but not a restrictive layer from a hydrologic perspective. Hydric soil assumed due to strong hydrologic indicators and geomorphic position.

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): 7
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 6

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks: