WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 26-Jun-12

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW12_T20_02**

Investigator(s): SLI, LMF | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Flat

Local relief (concave, convex, none): hummocky | Slope: % / 1.1 ° | Elevation: 567

Subregion : Southcentral Alaska | Lat.: 62.7263781901 | Long.: -148.824425788 | Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification: PSS1E**

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: characterizing picmar wetland. small emergent (caraqu, compal, equflu) wetland to the N, similar community to the S.

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.	Picea mariana	17	☑	FACW
2.	Vaccinium uliginosum	5	☐	FAC
3.	Empetrum nigrum	2	☐	FAC
4.	Betula nana	3	☐	FAC
5.	Salix pulchra	15	☑	FACW
6.	Salix polaris	5	☐	FACW
7.	Vaccinium oxycoccos	1	☐	OBL
8.	Arctous ruber	7	☐	FAC
9.		0	☐	
10.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	55		

50% of Total Cover: 27.5 | 20% of Total Cover: 11

	Herb Stratum			
1.	Sanguisorba officinalis	0.1	☐	FACW
2.	Comarum palustre	5	☐	OBL
3.	Cornus suecica	1	☐	FAC
4.	Rubus chamaemorus	5	☐	FACW
5.	Equisetum fluviatile	1	☐	OBL
6.	Carex aquatilis	20	☑	OBL
7.	Carex microglochin	0.1	☐	OBL
8.	Trientalis europaea	1	☐	FACU
9.		0	☐	
10.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	33.2		

50% of Total Cover: 16.6 | 20% of Total Cover: 6.64

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	27.1	x 1 =	27.1
FACW Species	42.1	x 2 =	84.2
FAC Species	18	x 3 =	54
FACU Species	1	x 4 =	4
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	88.2 (A)		169.3 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.920

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 5

Total Cover of Bryophytes 90

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

Remarks: trace unidentified carex. 2% picmar trees included in shrub stratum, as tree total cover <5%

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW12_T20_02

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
0-12							Hemic Organics	

[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 (frozen)

Depth (inches): 12

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):	2
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:

standing water between hummocks