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_05**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat | Slope: % / 5.5 ° | Elevation: 592

Subregion : Southcentral Alaska | Lat.: 62.7296881899 | Long.: -148.825865786 | Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification: PFO4B**

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:

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

	Tree Stratum	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.	Picea mariana	30	☑	FACW
2.		0	☐	
3.		0	☐	
4.		0	☐	
5.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	30		

50% of Total Cover: 15 | 20% of Total Cover: 6

	Sapling/Shrub Stratum			
1.	Picea mariana	10	☑	FACW
2.	Salix pulchra	20	☑	FACW
3.	Vaccinium uliginosum	5	☐	FAC
4.	Vaccinium vitis-idaea	5	☐	FAC
5.	Rhododendron groenlandicum	2	☐	FAC
6.	Empetrum nigrum	3	☐	FAC
7.	Spiraea stevenii	3	☐	FACU
8.	Betula neoalaskana	1	☐	FACU
9.		0	☐	
10.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	49		

50% of Total Cover: 24.5 | 20% of Total Cover: 9.8

	Herb Stratum			
1.	Rubus chamaemorus	5	☑	FACW
2.	Equisetum sylvaticum	10	☑	FAC
3.	Petasites frigidus	5	☑	FACW
4.	Arctagrostis latifolia	3	☐	FACW
5.	Cornus suecica	3	☐	FAC
6.		0	☐	
7.		0	☐	
8.		0	☐	
9.		0	☐	
10.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	26		

50% of Total Cover: 13 | 20% of Total Cover: 5.2

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 6 (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	73	x 2 =	146
FAC Species	28	x 3 =	84
FACU Species	4	x 4 =	16
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	105 (A)		246 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.343

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 10

Total Cover of Bryophytes 60

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

Remarks: abundant peltigera lichens

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW12_T20_05

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
0-3		100					Fibric Organics	
3-10	10YR 3/2	100					Sandy Clay Loam	positive rxn to a,a-dipyridol

[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:
alpha,alpha-dipyridol reaction positive in 75+% of uppper 12in within 60 seconds.

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):
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:
ponded water in game trails

Remarks:
hiked past several seeps in this community. standing water (2in) in game trails. Rain, difficult to tell depth of saturation/water table, but within upper 12in.