WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 08-Aug-12

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW12_T44_51**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat | Slope: % / 3.5 ° | Elevation: 737

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 62.8895631425 | Long.: -148.462458996 | Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification: PSS1B**

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: local high almost due south of here w taller shrubs/trees. this point appears representative of shrubby signature in aerials. level shrubby terrain among complex of ponds and emergent wetlands, with saturated soils and near surface water table.

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	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Betula nana	10	☐	FAC
2. Betula glandulosa	30	☑	FAC
3. Vaccinium uliginosum	25	☑	FAC
4. Spiraea stevenii	5	☐	FACU
5. Rhododendron tomentosum	25	☑	FACW
6. Picea glauca	3	☐	FACU
7. Picea mariana	3	☐	FACW
8. Empetrum nigrum	10	☐	FAC
9. Vaccinium vitis-idaea	3	☐	FAC
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	114		

50% of Total Cover: 57 | 20% of Total Cover: 22.8

Herb Stratum	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Carex bigelowii	5	☑	FAC
2. Cornus canadensis	2	☑	FACU
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

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 5 (B)

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 80.0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL Species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW Species	28	x 2 =	56
FAC Species	83	x 3 =	249
FACU Species	10	x 4 =	40
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	121 (A)		345 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.851

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 0

Total Cover of Bryophytes 95

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

Remarks:

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW12_T44_51

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
0-3									Fibric Organics	
3-4									Hemic Organics	
4-7									Sand	well-graded sand w 20% fine gravel and co
7-10	10YR	4/3.5							Sandy Loam	
10-16	2.5Y	4/3		10YR	4/6				Silt Loam	small pockets of 10YR6/3 silt, possibly teph

[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:

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): 10
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 10

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks: