WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 30-Jul-12

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW12_T49_02**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): hummocky | Slope: % / 1.3 ° | Elevation: 718

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 62.8111631313 | Long.: -148.425649058 | 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: water temp 9.3C, EC 91, pH 6.1

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

Tree Stratum	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Picea mariana	20	☑	FACW
2.	0	☐	
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	10	☐	FACW
2. Betula nana	10	☐	FAC
3. Vaccinium uliginosum	7	☐	FAC
4. Salix pulchra	50	☑	FACW
5. Salix commutata	0.1	☐	FAC
6. Empetrum nigrum	1	☐	FAC
7. Rhododendron tomentosum	1	☐	FACW
8. Vaccinium vitis-idaea	2	☐	FAC
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	81.1		

50% of Total Cover: 40.55 | 20% of Total Cover: 16.22

Herb Stratum			
1. Equisetum sylvaticum	5	☑	FAC
2. Cornus canadensis	5	☑	FACU
3. Petasites frigidus	7	☑	FACW
4. Carex magellanica	2	☐	OBL
5. Carex media	2	☐	FACW
6. Carex loliacea	3	☐	OBL
7. Rubus chamaemorus	5	☑	FACW
8. Carex aquatilis	5	☑	OBL
9. Eriophorum scheuchzeri	1	☐	OBL
10. Arctagrostis latifolia	3	☐	FACW
Total Cover:	38		

50% of Total Cover: 19 | 20% of Total Cover: 7.6

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	11	x 1 =	11
FACW Species	98	x 2 =	196
FAC Species	25.1	x 3 =	75.30
FACU Species	5	x 4 =	20
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	139.1 (A)		302.3 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.173

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 85

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

Remarks: carex canescens 3%. Unknown carex sp at 1%. Collected carex and salix spp for confirmation. Bare ground includes open water. Trace gallium and ranlap. 1% calcan

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW12_T49_02

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
0-1.5			100						Hemic Organics	Oi, common roots
1.5-3.5			100						Hemic Organics	Oe, common roots
3.5-5			100						Sapric Organics	Oe, few roots
5-18	2.5Y	3/2	50	5YR	4/4	10	C	PL	Loam	40% gravels and cobbles

[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): 3
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 3

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks:
hiking through community, notice many interhummock areas w standing water.