WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 04-Jul-13

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW13_T109_03**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): hummocky | Slope: % / 2.6 ° | Elevation: 695

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 62.8720350269 | Long.: -148.272683741 | 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: Game trail, hare scat, sandpiper.

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		

Sapling/Shrub Stratum (50% of Total Cover: 0 / 20% of Total Cover: 0)			
1. Betula nana	25	☑	FAC
2. Vaccinium uliginosum	35	☑	FAC
3. Vaccinium vitis-idaea	7	☐	FAC
4. Empetrum nigrum	10	☐	FAC
5. Rhododendron tomentosum	7	☐	FACW
6. Andromeda polifolia (IAM)	2	☐	OBL
7. Picea mariana	0.1	☐	FACW
8. Arctous ruber	0.1	☐	FAC
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	86.2		

Herb Stratum (50% of Total Cover: 43.1 / 20% of Total Cover: 17.24)			
1. Carex bigelowii	15	☑	FAC
2. Pedicularis labradorica	1	☐	FACW
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
6.	0	☐	
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	16		
50% of Total Cover: 8 / 20% of Total Cover: 3.2			

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	2	x 1 =	2
FACW Species	8.1	x 2 =	16.20
FAC Species	92.1	x 3 =	276.3
FACU Species	0	x 4 =	0
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	102.2 (A)		294.5 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.882

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) 25

% Bare Ground 5

Total Cover of Bryophytes 40

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

Remarks: Lichen 20

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW13_T109_03

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
0-2			100						Fibric Organics	Fibric Organics
2-4.5			100						Hemic Organics	Hemic Organics
4.5-6			100						Sapric Organics	Oa, some silt
6-8	5YR	3/2	100						Coarse Sandy Silt	
8-14									Coarse Sand	
14+	10YR	3/2	100						Coarse Sandy Silt	

[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:

Thixotrophic soil - difficult to keep pit open - evidence of cryoturbation. No primary hydric soil indicators present, coarse soil profile points to a low organic soil content problematic soil. Coarse sediments recently deposited due to lacustrine deposition from nearby lake.

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): 5
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 4

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks:

pit water
pH 5
EC 20
SMALL PATCHES OF SURFACE WATER