WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 05-Jul-13

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW13_T114_05**

Investigator(s): WAD, BAB | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): crest

Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex | Slope: % / 17.1 ° | Elevation: 557

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 62.7812091112 | Long.: -148.022281171 | Datum: NAD83

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

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: top of steep south facing slope. Bone dry, cliff in places.

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

Tree Stratum	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Populus tremuloides	5	☐	FACU
2. Picea glauca	20	☑	FACU
3. Betula neoalaskana	40	☑	FACU
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	65		

50% of Total Cover: 32.5 | 20% of Total Cover: 13

Sapling/Shrub Stratum			
1. Juniperus communis	5	☐	UPL
2. Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	5	☐	UPL
3. Populus tremuloides	10	☐	FACU
4. Vaccinium vitis-idaea	45	☑	FAC
5. Shepherdia canadensis	5	☐	FACU
6. Rhododendron groenlandicum	2	☐	FAC
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	72		

50% of Total Cover: 36 | 20% of Total Cover: 14.4

Herb Stratum			
1. Geocaulon lividum	4	☑	FACU
2. Chamaenerion angustifolium	1	☐	FACU
3. Mertensia paniculata	1	☐	FACU
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
6.	0	☐	
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	6		

50% of Total Cover: 3 | 20% of Total Cover: 1.2

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 1 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 4 (B)

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 25.0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL Species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW Species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC Species	47	x 3 =	141
FACU Species	86	x 4 =	344
UPL Species	10	x 5 =	50
Column Totals:	143 (A)		535 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.741

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

Total Cover of Bryophytes

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ○ No ◉

Remarks:

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW13_T114_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
0-1			100						Fibric Organics	
1-3	10YR	5/4	100						Silt Loam	
3-5	10YR	5/8	100						Silt Loam	
5-8	2.5YR	5/4							Sand	75 percent rounded subangular cobbles 1 t

[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: none

Depth (inches):

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ○ No ◉

Remarks:

sand and gravels suggest glaciofluvial feature. esker? No hydric soil indicators

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):
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:

Remarks:

no hydrology indicators observed