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_T136_03**

Investigator(s): SLI, SCB | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Toeslope

Local relief (concave, convex, none): none | Slope: % / 7.5 ° | Elevation: 567

Subregion : Southcentral Alaska | Lat.: 62.9392181628 | Long.: -149.155198693 | 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 ○	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** **Yes ◉ No ○**
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ◉ No ○	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ◉ No ○	

Remarks:

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.	Alnus viridis	80	☑	FAC
2.		0	☐	
3.		0	☐	
4.		0	☐	
5.		0	☐	
6.		0	☐	
7.		0	☐	
8.		0	☐	
9.		0	☐	
10.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	80		
	Herb Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 40	20% of Total Cover: 16	
1.	Dryopteris expansa	15	☑	FACU
2.	Veratrum viride	5	☑	FAC
3.	Heracleum maximum	2	☐	FACU
4.	Sanguisorba officinalis	2	☐	FACW
5.	Streptopus amplexifolius	1	☐	FACU
6.	Geranium erianthum	0.1	☐	FACU
7.	Gymnocarpium dryopteris	5	☑	FACU
8.	Equisetum arvense	2	☐	FAC
9.	Viola palustris	2	☐	FACW
10.	Equisetum sylvaticum	2	☐	FAC
	Total Cover:	36.1		
	50% of Total Cover: 18.05	20% of Total Cover: 7.22		

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 2 (A)

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

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 50.0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL Species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW Species	4	x 2 =	8
FAC Species	89	x 3 =	267
FACU Species	23.1	x 4 =	92.40
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	116.1 (A)		367.4 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.165

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) 5x10m

% Cover of Wetland Bryophytes (Where applicable)

% Bare Ground 30

Total Cover of Bryophytes 10

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

Remarks: no flowers on viola. dryexp, gymdil, and merpan grow on micro-highs of site. wet lows w sparse cover of viola, trace chrysosplenium tetrandum and galium.

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW13_T136_03

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
0-11	10YR	2/2	100						Loam	v.high organic content
11-17	5Y	3/2	90	5Y	4/6	10	C	PL	Silty Clay Loam	compacted w ang fine gr. till?

[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: compacted si cl lo

Depth (inches): 11

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Remarks:

believe organic content in 0-11 is high enough to meet A2 requirements.

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): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks:

sat at surface. water perched atop compacted silty clay loam at 11in bgs. sink to ankles in sat organics, boot tracks fill w water.