WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 02-Jul-13

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW13_T139_03**

Investigator(s): WAD, BAB | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Gulch or Gully

Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave | Slope: % / 2.4 ° | Elevation: 452

Subregion : Southcentral Alaska | Lat.: 62.8225482703 | Long.: -149.59715426 | Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification: PSS4/3B**

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: trough at the crest of ridge.

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

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
Tree Stratum			
1. Picea mariana	20	☑	FACW
2.	0	☐	
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	20		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (50% of Total Cover: 10 / 20% of Total Cover: 4)			
1. Picea mariana	25	☑	FACW
2. Rhododendron tomentosum	25	☑	FACW
3. Empetrum nigrum	15	☐	FAC
4. Chamaedaphne calyculata	10	☐	FACW
5. Vaccinium uliginosum	10	☐	FAC
6. Betula nana	5	☐	FAC
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	90		
Herb Stratum (50% of Total Cover: 45 / 20% of Total Cover: 18)			
1. Eriophorum angustifolium	2	☐	OBL
2.	0	☐	
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
6.	0	☐	
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	2		
50% of Total Cover: 1 / 20% of Total Cover: 0.4			

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	80	x 2 =	160
FAC Species	30	x 3 =	90
FACU Species	0	x 4 =	0
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	112 (A)		252 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.250

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 75

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

Remarks:

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW13_T139_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
0-10		100					Fibric Organics	
10-12		100					Sapric Organics	
12-16		100					Fibric Organics	

[1] Type: C=Concentration. D=Depletion. RM=Reduced Matrix [2] Location: PL=Pore Lining. RC=Root Channel. M=Matrix

Hydric Soil Indicators:

- [x] 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:

no seasonal frost within 45 inches

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)
- [x] Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)
- [x] Geomorphic Position (D2)
- [ ] Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- [ ] Microtopographic Relief (D4)
- [x] 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): 9

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks:

lowest point within trough is innundated. 50ft from plot. No water table or shallow aquitard observed, thus not checking A3, but water table likely present below 16in.