# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 07-Aug-13

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW13_T142_04**

Investigator(s): WAD, RWM | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Toeslope

Local relief (concave, convex, none): planar | Slope: % / 7.4 ° | Elevation: 122

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: 63.0940188167 | Long.: -148.277464867 | 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: graminoid shrub meadow on lower slopes, hummocky.

## 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. Vaccinium vitis-idaea | 4 | ☐ | FAC |
| 2. Empetrum nigrum | 10 | ☑ | FAC |
| 3. Salix polaris | 5 | ☐ | FACW |
| 4. Vaccinium uliginosum | 5 | ☐ | FAC |
| 5. Salix reticulata | 8 | ☐ | FAC |
| 6. Dryas ajanensis | 15 | ☑ | UPL |
| 7. | 0 | ☐ | |
| 8. | 0 | ☐ | |
| 9. | 0 | ☐ | |
| 10. | 0 | ☐ | |
| **Total Cover:** | 47 | | |

| Herb Stratum (50% of Total Cover: 23.5 / 20% of Total Cover: 9.4) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Festuca altaica | 15 | ☑ | FAC |
| 2. Artemisia norvegica | 2 | ☐ | FACU |
| 3. Carex microchaeta | 5 | ☐ | FAC |
| 4. Carex bigelowii | 4 | ☐ | FAC |
| 5. | 0 | ☐ | |
| 6. | 0 | ☐ | |
| 7. | 0 | ☐ | |
| 8. | 0 | ☐ | |
| 9. | 0 | ☐ | |
| 10. | 0 | ☐ | |
| **Total Cover:** | 26 | | |
| 50% of Total Cover: 13 / 20% of Total Cover: 5.2 | | | |

**Dominance Test worksheet:**

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

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 3 (B)

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 66.7% (A/B)

**Prevalence Index worksheet:**

| Total % Cover of: | | Multiply by: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OBL Species | 0 | x 1 = | 0 |
| FACW Species | 5 | x 2 = | 10 |
| FAC Species | 51 | x 3 = | 153 |
| FACU Species | 2 | x 4 = | 8 |
| UPL Species | 15 | x 5 = | 75 |
| Column Totals: | 73 (A) | | 246 (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.370

**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 15

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

Remarks: 10 percent lichen and litter.

## SOIL

**Sampling Point: SW13_T142_04**

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 | | | 100 | | | | | | Hemic Organics | |
| 3-10 | 7.5YR | 3/4 | 100 | | | | | | Coarse Sand | 50% coarse fragments |
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[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:
no hydric soil indicators observed

## 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