WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 25-Aug-15

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW15_T209_08**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat | Slope: 0.0 % / 0.0 ° | Elevation:

Subregion : Interior Alaska Mountains | Lat.: | Long.: | Datum: WGS84

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification: PEM1F**

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: apparent thermokarst near point - trees collapsing into water

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

Tree Stratum	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Picea mariana	5	☑	FACW
2.	0	☐	
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	5		

Sapling/Shrub Stratum — 50% of Total Cover: 2.5 — 20% of Total Cover: 1

1. Picea mariana	5	☑	FACW
2. Salix pulchra	5	☑	FACW
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
6.	0	☐	
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	10		

Herb Stratum — 50% of Total Cover: 5 — 20% of Total Cover: 2

1. Calamagrostis canadensis	30	☑	FAC
2. Equisetum fluviatile	10	☐	OBL
3. Comarum palustre	5	☐	OBL
4. Polemonium acutiflorum	0.1	☐	FAC
5. Carex aquatilis	20	☑	OBL
6. Viola palustris(IAM)	1	☐	FAC
7. Carex utriculata	1	☐	OBL
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	67.1		

50% of Total Cover: 33.55 — 20% of Total Cover: 13.42

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 5 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 5 (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	36	x 1 =	36
FACW Species	15	x 2 =	30
FAC Species	31.1	x 3 =	93.30
FACU Species	0	x 4 =	0
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	82.1 (A)		159.3 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.940

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 20

Total Cover of Bryophytes 10

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

Remarks: wet graminoid meadow with scattered sapling to medium picmar, several dead trees.

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW15_T209_08

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
0-16							Mucky Peat	

[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:
Depth (inches):

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Remarks:

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (any one is sufficient)

- [x] Surface Water (A1)
- [x] High Water Table (A2)
- [x] Saturation (A3)
- [ ] Water Marks (B1)
- [ ] Sediment Deposits (B2)
- [ ] Drift Deposits (B3)
- [ ] Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- [x] 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)
- [x] FAC-neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present?	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 2
Water Table Present?	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 0
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:
B5-biogenic sheen, iron floc.