WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 20-Aug-15

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW15_T301_01**

Investigator(s): SLI, ATH | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Hillside

Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave | Slope: 3.0 % / 1.7 ° | Elevation:

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

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 ○

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? **Yes** ◉ **No** ○

Remarks: Hiking from SW15_T301_V01 to here - spruce woodland with scattered pools of open water, eriang/caraqu between hummocks.

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

	Tree Stratum	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.	Picea glauca	10	☑	FACU
2.	Picea mariana	5	☑	FACW
3.		0	☐	
4.		0	☐	
5.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	15		

Sapling/Shrub Stratum 50% of Total Cover: 7.5 20% of Total Cover: 3

1.	Betula nana	20	☑	FAC
2.	Rhododendron tomentosum	10	☑	FACW
3.	Vaccinium uliginosum	7	☐	FAC
4.	Vaccinium vitis-idaea	7	☐	FAC
5.	Empetrum nigrum	7	☐	FAC
6.	Picea glauca	5	☐	FACU
7.	Spiraea stevenii	1	☐	FACU
8.	Arctous ruber	1	☐	FAC
9.		0	☐	
10.		0	☐	FAC
	Total Cover:	58		

Herb Stratum 50% of Total Cover: 29 20% of Total Cover: 11.6

1.	Carex bigelowii	15	☑	FAC
2.	Rubus chamaemorus	5	☐	FACW
3.	Carex aquatilis	3	☐	OBL
4.	Petasites frigidus	3	☐	FACW
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: 4 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 5 (B)

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 80.0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL Species	3	x 1 =	3
FACW Species	23	x 2 =	46
FAC Species	57	x 3 =	171
FACU Species	16	x 4 =	64
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	99 (A)		284 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.869

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 7

Total Cover of Bryophytes 85

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

Remarks: Sphagnum the dominant moss in low area (squorosum) and hummocks (russ. and ?). Caraqu in low areas.

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW15_T301_01

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
0-2			100						Peat	
2-4			100						Mucky Peat	
4-15	5Y	5/3	75	10YR	4+/4	15	C	PL	Sandy Clay Loam	
+Mottle				5GY	4/1	10	D	PL		

[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: sandy clay loam

Depth (inches): 4

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Remarks:

small organic inclusion at bottom of 4-15in layer - 10YR 2/1, sapric with mineral content

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): 3
Water Table Present?	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 8.5
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 4

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks:

Small scattered pools of surface water. D3 - sandy clay loam.