WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 21-Aug-15

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW15_T312_02**

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

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

Subregion : Cook Inlet Mountains | Lat.: | Long.: | Datum: WGS84

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification:** PEM1E

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: Alder fringe between here and previous plot is wet-PSS1B.

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 uliginosum	2	☑	FAC
2.	Empetrum nigrum	2	☑	FAC
3.	Betula nana	1	☐	FAC
4.	Salix pulchra	1	☐	FACW
5.	Vaccinium oxycoccos	0.1	☐	OBL
6.	Andromeda polifolia	0.1	☐	FACW
7.	Spiraea stevenii	0.1	☐	FACU
8.		0	☐	
9.		0	☐	
10.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	6.3		

Herb Stratum — 50% of Total Cover: 3.15 — 20% of Total Cover: 1.26

1.	Trichophorum caespitosum	20	☑	OBL
2.	Carex limosa	10	☑	OBL
3.	Carex livida	7	☑	OBL
4.	Carex rariflora	7	☑	OBL
5.	Carex rotundata	5	☐	OBL
6.	Carex aquatilis	5	☐	OBL
7.	Carex pauciflora	5	☐	OBL
8.	Eriophorum angustifolium	5	☐	OBL
9.	Agrostis scabra	1	☐	FAC
10.	Menyanthes trifoliata	1	☐	OBL
	Total Cover:	66		

50% of Total Cover: 33 — 20% of Total Cover: 13.2

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 6 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 6 (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	65.1	x 1 =	65.1
FACW Species	1.1	x 2 =	2.200
FAC Species	6	x 3 =	18
FACU Species	0.1	x 4 =	0.400
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	72.3 (A)		85.7 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.185

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 30

Total Cover of Bryophytes 65

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

Remarks: Herb Stratum continued: calcan 1%, equarv 0.1%, Calamagrostis stricta ssp inexspansa 0.1%, Dodecatheon sp 0.1%, Viola sp 0.1%, sweper 0.1%. Grasses and shrubs on microhigh. Trices with smooth terete culms. Bryophytes include sphagnum, scosco.

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW15_T312_02

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	
2-19		100%					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:
Probe to 34in, no seasonal frost.

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)
- [ ] 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): 4
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:
Even mix of standing water in low points and saturated at surface in higher areas. Water regime E seems like best description of community, as a whole.