WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 18-Aug-15

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW15_T319_01**

Investigator(s): BAB | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Discharge Slope

Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave | Slope: 5.2 % / 3.0 ° | 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 ○	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** **Yes ◉ No ○**
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ◉ No ○	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ◉ No ○	

Remarks: discharge slope with rivulets. western side more herbaceous.

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

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
Tree Stratum			
1.		☐	
2.		☐	
3.		☐	
4.		☐	
5.		☐	
Total Cover:	0		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 0	20% of Total Cover: 0	
1. Dasiphora fruticosa	8	☑	FAC
2. Picea mariana	5	☑	FACW
3. Andromeda polifolia	2	☐	FACW
4. Betula glandulosa	2	☐	FAC
5.	0	☐	
6.	0	☐	
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	17		
Herb Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 8.5	20% of Total Cover: 3.4	
1. Trichophorum caespitosum	20	☑	OBL
2. Menyanthes trifoliata	6	☑	OBL
3. Swertia perennis	5	☐	FACW
4. Comarum palustre	4	☐	OBL
5. Carex capitata	4	☐	FAC
6. Carex aquatilis	3	☐	OBL
7. Platanthera aquilonis	2	☐	FACW
8. Festuca altaica	2	☐	FAC
9. Eriophorum angustifolium	2	☐	OBL
10. Parnassia palustris	0.1	☐	FACW
Total Cover:	48.1		
50% of Total Cover: 24.05	20% of Total Cover: 9.62		

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 4 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 4 (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	35	x 1 =	35
FACW Species	14.1	x 2 =	28.20
FAC Species	16	x 3 =	48
FACU Species	0	x 4 =	0
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	65.1 (A)		111.2 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.708

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 2

Total Cover of Bryophytes 50

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

Remarks:

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW15_T319_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
0-14		100					Peat	
14-16		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:

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)
- [x] Geomorphic Position (D2)
- [ ] Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- [ ] Microtopographic Relief (D4)
- [x] FAC-neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present?	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 3
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:
patches of surface water <3 inches deep.