WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 24-Aug-15

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW15_T323_01**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave | Slope: 3.5 % / 2.0 ° | Elevation:

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

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification: PEM1/SS1E**

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: Picgla on western portion of wetland are standing dead. There is water flowing through the wetland

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.	Dasiphora fruticosa	30	☑	FAC
2.	Vaccinium uliginosum	10	☑	FAC
3.	Picea glauca	8	☐	FACU
4.	Betula glandulosa	5	☐	FAC
5.	Andromeda polifolia	2	☐	FACW
6.	Salix fuscescens	2	☐	FACW
7.	Salix pulchra	2	☐	FACW
8.	Vaccinium oxycoccos	1	☐	OBL
9.		0	☐	
10.		0	☐	OBL
	Total Cover:	60		

Herb Stratum — 50% of Total Cover: 30 — 20% of Total Cover: 12

1.	Trichophorum caespitosum	20	☑	OBL
2.	Eriophorum angustifolium	15	☑	OBL
3.	Festuca altaica	10	☐	FAC
4.	Comarum palustre	3	☐	OBL
5.	Swertia perennis	2	☐	FACW
6.	Arctagrostis latifolia	2	☐	FACW
7.	Equisetum sylvaticum	2	☐	FAC
8.	Carex loliacea	2	☐	OBL
9.	Cornus canadensis	2	☐	FACU
10.	Viola palustris	1	☐	FACW
	Total Cover:	59		

50% of Total Cover: 29.5 — 20% of Total Cover: 11.8

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	41	x 1 =	41
FACW Species	11	x 2 =	22
FAC Species	57	x 3 =	171
FACU Species	10	x 4 =	40
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	119 (A)		274 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.303

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 17

Total Cover of Bryophytes 25

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

Remarks: 1% sanguisorba canadensis

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW15_T323_01

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)		%	Redox Features Color (moist)		%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-4									Peat	
4-13									Mucky Peat	
13-20	2.5Y	3/3	100						Sandy Loam	

[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:

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): 1
Water Table Present?	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 5
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:

Scattered surface water with streams less than one foot across running through area