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_T331_04**

Investigator(s): ERT, TXC | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Footslope

Local relief (concave, convex, none): hummocky | Slope: 1.7 % / 1.0 ° | Elevation:

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

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

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:

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

	Tree Stratum	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			☐	
2.			☐	
3.			☐	
4.			☐	
5.			☐	
	Total Cover:	0		
	Sapling/Shrub Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 0	20% of Total Cover: 0	
1.	Salix pulchra	45	☑	FACW
2.	Betula glandulosa	30	☑	FAC
3.	Empetrum nigrum	10	☐	FAC
4.	Vaccinium uliginosum	8	☐	FAC
5.	Rhododendron tomentosum	8	☐	FACW
6.	Vaccinium vitis-idaea	3	☐	FAC
7.	Salix glauca	1	☐	FAC
8.		0	☐	
9.		0	☐	
10.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	105		
	Herb Stratum	50% of Total Cover: 52.5	20% of Total Cover: 21	
1.	Rubus arcticus(IAM)	10	☑	FACU
2.	Petasites frigidus	2	☐	FACW
3.	Cornus canadensis	2	☐	FACU
4.	Festuca altaica	2	☐	FAC
5.	Polemonium acutiflorum	1	☐	FAC
6.	Equisetum pratense	1	☐	FACW
7.	Oxyria digyna	0.1	☐	FACU
8.		0	☐	
9.		0	☐	
10.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	18.1		
	50% of Total Cover: 9.05	20% of Total Cover: 3.62		

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 2 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 3 (B)

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 66.7% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL Species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW Species	56	x 2 =	112
FAC Species	55	x 3 =	165
FACU Species	12.1	x 4 =	48.40
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	123.1 (A)		325.4 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.643

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 0

Total Cover of Bryophytes 90

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Remarks:

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW15_T331_04

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
0-1									Fibric Organics	Oi
1-2									Hemic Organics	Oe. irregular boundary
2-4	7.5YR	2.5/2	100						Silt Loam	A. irregular boundary
4-10	2.5Y	4/2	80	7.5YR	4/4	20	C	PL	Sandy Loam	Bjj1, Cryoturbated,
10-14	10YR	6/4	65	7.5YR	3/4	35	C	M	Very Fine Sandy Loam	Bjj2. Cryoturbated

[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:
4-10: C/PL includes oxidized rhizospheres around living roots. Cannot apply problematic hydric soil indicator as no primary wetland hydrology indicators observed.

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks:
C3--see soil profile. D2--footslope.