WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 30-Aug-15

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW15_T342_08**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): hummocky | Slope: 5.2 % / 3.0 ° | 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 ◉

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ○ No ◉

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ○ No ◉

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

Remarks: white spruce woodland with alder

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

	Tree Stratum	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.	Picea glauca	12	☑	FACU
2.		0	☐	
3.		0	☐	
4.		0	☐	
5.		0	☐	
	Total Cover:	12		

Sapling/Shrub Stratum — 50% of Total Cover: 6 — 20% of Total Cover: 2.4

1.	Alnus viridis ssp. crispa	60	☑	FAC
2.	Salix pulchra	10	☐	FACW
3.	Salix pseudomonticola	7	☐	FAC
4.	Ribes triste	7	☐	FAC
5.	Vaccinium uliginosum	5	☐	FAC
6.	Rosa acicularis	5	☐	FACU
7.	Empetrum nigrum	3	☐	FAC
8.	Picea glauca	3	☐	FACU
9.	Linnaea borealis	3	☐	FACU
10.	Spiraea stevenii	2	☐	FACU
	Total Cover:	105		

Herb Stratum — 50% of Total Cover: 52.5 — 20% of Total Cover: 21

1.	Boykinia richardsonii	20	☑	UPL
2.	Arctagrostis latifolia	15	☑	FACW
3.	Equisetum arvense	15	☑	FAC
4.	Cornus canadensis	12	☑	FACU
5.	Petasites frigidus	10	☐	FACW
6.	Polemonium acutiflorum	10	☐	FAC
7.	Poa pratensis ssp. alpigena	7	☐	FACU
8.	Aconitum delphiniifolium	5	☐	FAC
9.	Mertensia paniculata	3	☐	FACU
10.	Gymnocarpium dryopteris	3	☐	FACU
	Total Cover:	100		

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

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 3 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 6 (B)

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 50.0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL Species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW Species	35	x 2 =	70
FAC Species	112	x 3 =	336
FACU Species	50	x 4 =	200
UPL Species	20	x 5 =	100
Column Totals:	217 (A)		706 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.253

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 55

Total Cover of Bryophytes 40

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

Remarks: juncus castaneus 0.1%, epilobium angustifolium 1%, carex media 1% (collected, tufted), festuca altaica 1%, dryopteris expansa 1%

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW15_T342_08

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
0-3			100						Hemic Organics	
3-7			100						Sapric Organics	
7-14	10YR	3/3	100						Sandy Loam	w rounded gravels
14-19	2.5Y	3/2	100						Loamy Sand	w rounded gravels

[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:
no hydric soil indicators

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: