WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Alaska Region

Project/Site: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project | Borough/City: Matanuska-Susitna Borough | Sampling Date: 29-Aug-15

Applicant/Owner: Alaska Energy Authority | Sampling Point: **SW15_T344_01**

Investigator(s): JGK | Landform (hillside, terrace, hummocks etc.): Mountainslope

Local relief (concave, convex, none): hummocky | Slope: 14.0 % / 8.0 ° | Elevation:

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

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification: PSS1/EM1B**

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:

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		

50% of Total Cover: 0 | 20% of Total Cover: 0

Sapling/Shrub Stratum	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Vaccinium uliginosum	20	☑	FAC
2. Salix reticulata	15	☑	FAC
3. Cassiope tetragona	5	☐	FACU
4. Empetrum nigrum	5	☐	FAC
5. Dryas ajanensis	3	☐	UPL
6. Salix pulchra	2	☐	FACW
7. Arctous ruber	2	☐	FAC
8. Vaccinium vitis-idaea	2	☐	FAC
9. Salix polaris	2	☐	FACW
10. Rhododendron tomentosum	1	☐	FACW
Total Cover:	57		

50% of Total Cover: 28.5 | 20% of Total Cover: 11.4

Herb Stratum	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Carex bigelowii	40	☑	FAC
2. Eriophorum angustifolium	3	☐	OBL
3. Saussurea angustifolia	3	☐	FAC
4. Astragalus umbellatus	2	☐	UPL
5. Micranthes hieraciifolia	2	☐	FAC
6. Festuca altaica	1	☐	FAC
7. Carex scirpoidea	1	☐	FACU
8. Poa arctica	1	☐	FAC
9. Bistorta plumosa	1	☐	FACU
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	54		

50% of Total Cover: 27 | 20% of Total Cover: 10.8

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 3 (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	3	x 1 =	3
FACW Species	5	x 2 =	10
FAC Species	92	x 3 =	276
FACU Species	6	x 4 =	24
UPL Species	5	x 5 =	25
Column Totals:	111 (A)		338 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.045

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) 3

% Bare Ground 10

Total Cover of Bryophytes 40

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

Remarks: 15% lichen cover--tr pedicularis sp. Some sphagnum.

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW15_T344_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
0-2									Mucky Peat	
2-4									Muck	
4-20	5GY	5/1	75	10YR	5/8	25	C	PL	Sandy Clay Loam	With coarse sand & gravel-organic inclusions 18-20

[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: Sandy Clay Loam
Depth (inches): 4

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):
Water Table Present?	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 4
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches): 2

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks:

Occasional small, wet depressions 2-3 inches deep.