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_T350_02**

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

Local relief (concave, convex, none): hummocky | Slope: 26.7 % / 15.0 ° | Elevation:

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

Soil Map Unit Name: | **NWI classification: PFO4B**

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. Picea mariana	45	☑	FACW
2.	0	☐	
3.	0	☐	
4.	0	☐	
5.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	45		

50% of Total Cover: 22.5 20% of Total Cover: 9

Sapling/Shrub Stratum			
1. Vaccinium uliginosum	8	☑	FAC
2. Vaccinium vitis-idaea	8	☑	FAC
3. Empetrum nigrum	4	☐	FAC
4. Arctous alpinus	2	☐	FACU
5. Betula nana	2	☐	FAC
6. Rosa acicularis	1	☐	FACU
7. Salix pulchra	1	☐	FACW
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	26		

50% of Total Cover: 13 20% of Total Cover: 5.2

Herb Stratum			
1. Carex bigelowii	8	☑	FAC
2. Equisetum sylvaticum	2	☐	FAC
3. Geocaulon lividum	1	☐	FACU
4. Pyrola asarifolia	0.1	☐	FACU
5. Petasites frigidus	0.1	☐	FACW
6. Calamagrostis canadensis	0.1	☐	FAC
7.	0	☐	
8.	0	☐	
9.	0	☐	
10.	0	☐	
Total Cover:	11.3		

50% of Total Cover: 5.65 20% of Total Cover: 2.26

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	0	x 1 =	0
FACW Species	46.1	x 2 =	92.2
FAC Species	32.1	x 3 =	96.3
FACU Species	4.1	x 4 =	16.4
UPL Species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	82.3 (A)		204.9 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.490

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) 5

% Bare Ground 0

Total Cover of Bryophytes 98

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

Remarks: 10% Sphagnum. Microtopography up to >45cm

SOIL

Sampling Point: SW15_T350_02

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	
4-6									Mucky Peat	
6-11									Muck	wavy boundary
11-14	5Y	4/1	65	10YR	4/4	35	C	PL	Sandy Loam	Bg. 5Y 4/1
14-18									Muck	Oab

[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:

Negative reaction to alpha, alpha-dipyridol strips in all horizons. Infer saturation of organics through secondary wetland hydrology indicators.Sedimentation call refers to buried organic horizon 15cm.

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:

D1--stunted picmar. D2--northern aspect mid-slope, possible permafrost. D4--many hummocks (>45cm).