



STAR-ORION SOUTH DIAMOND PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

APPENDIX 6.2.7-C

USE OF WETLANDS TO MANAGEMENT WATER QUALITY

Use of Wetlands to Manage Water Quality

Wetlands are unique and sensitive ecological units and provide valuable functions in the natural environment. These functions include providing necessary breeding habitat for a variety of organisms; erosion and flood control; groundwater recharge; and nutrient transport. Wetlands are generally characterized by the presence of three basic parameters, soils, hydrology and vegetation. Water is usually present at the surface or within the root zone for extended periods of time. As a result of the saturated conditions that occur as a result of this water, the soils present in wetlands develop certain unique conditions that are different from upland soils. Also, in response to the saturated conditions, wetlands support vegetative species that are adapted to living in wet conditions.

Natural wetlands have, in part, evolved in response to the chemical constituents in the water that flows through them. Water that flows over surfaces with sufficient velocity to suspend solid particles or to dissolve substances eventually makes its way to receiving waters (lakes, ponds, oceans etc.). In some areas of low hydraulic gradient, the water velocity slows appreciably, and suspended solids settle out of the water column, forming a bed of sediments. These sediments are often rich in organic matter and soil nutrients, a favorable medium for plant growth. Wetland plants, whose seeds are dispersed ubiquitously in soils, begin to grow in the sediments where water flows are quiescent and water depth is shallow enough to permit their emergence. The wetland plants, in turn, remove dissolved contaminants such as nitrogenous compounds from the water and act to further decrease water velocity, resulting in increased sediment deposition

Three large wetland complexes associated with Duke Ravine, FaIC Ravine and Wapiti Ravine can be found in close proximity of the PKCF. These wetlands are a complicated system of different wetland classification types, including bogs, swamps, marshes and open waters. It has been estimated that a portion of the seepage water and potentially surface runoff from the PKCF will bypass the ditches around the toe of the facility and be discharged into those wetlands. The actual volume of seepage projected to flow into these wetlands is relatively minor (up to 1,000 m³/day or approximately 0.001 m³/s between the 3 possible wetlands); however, the water will potentially carry suspended or dissolved concentrations of a wide variety of nutrients, major ions, and metals (See Table 1).





Table 1: Potential Parameters for Treatment

Metals	Major Ions	Conventional Parameters
Aluminum	Bicarbonate	Total alkalinity
Antimony	Calcium	
Arsenic	Carbonate	
Barium	Potassium	
Beryllium	Sodium	
Bismuth	Sulfate	
Boron	Ammonia as nitrogen	
Cadmium	Nitrate	
Chromium		
Cobalt		
Copper		
Iron		
Lead		
Manganese		
Mercury		
Molybdenum		
Nickel		
Selenium		
Silver		
Strontium		
Thallium		
Tin		
Uranium		
Vanadium		
Zinc		



Surveys were conducted of the wetlands to characterize the hydrologic conditions (inundation, saturation, depth to groundwater), soil, and biological community. The wetlands in large part were heavily vegetated, dominated by diverse strata of trees, shrubs and herbaceous species. Field results are presented in Attachment A.

The tree layers contained a variety of species including trembling aspen (*Populus tremuloides*), balsam poplar (*Populus balsamifera*), jack pine (*Pinus banksiana*),

black spruce (*Picea mariana*), white spruce (*Picea glauca*), and larch (*Larix laricina*). Several species of willows (*Salix* sp.) were also identified. Shrub species included such species as bog birch (*Betula pumila*), marsh Labrador tea (*Rhododendron tomentosum*), and lingonberry (*Vaccinium vitis-idaea*). Herbaceous species included marsh reed grass (*Calamagrostis canadensis*), arrow-leaved coltsfoot (*Petasites sagittatus*), water sedge (*Carex aquatilis*) and horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*).

Some small bogs were found in association with the larger swamps, dominated by such species as peat moss (*Sphagnum*) and feather moss (*Hylocomium splendens*).

Soils were generally comprised of an organic stratum of varying thickness, overlaying mineral strata of sands and loamy sands. Soils were dark and anoxic, with high levels of organic material (averaging about 30% total organic carbon). The water found within the wetland generally had a neutral to basic pH. Soil and water chemistry results are presented in attachment B.



The complex of wetlands into which the water will be discharged will act as a natural treatment system to passively manage these constituents and prevent them from being carried further downstream. One of the primary functions of wetlands is in filtering water moving through the system and removal of both dissolved and suspended constituents. Treatment efficiencies presented in the literature and used in the water quality model are summarized in 6.2.7-A.



Natural wetlands possess biogeochemical processes to remove organic and/or inorganic constituents that are found in constructed wetlands used to treat wastewater streams. The dominant constituent removal processes in wetlands are settling, biotransformation (microbial and plant-mediated), and plant uptake.

Physical processes play an important role in constituent reduction, especially for removal of inorganic and suspended solids. Gravitational settling is responsible for most of the removal of suspended solids. Gravity promotes settling by acting upon the relative density differences between suspended particles and water. Efficiency of TSS removal is proportional to the particle settling velocity and length of the wetland. Wetlands promote sedimentation by decreased water velocity and the filtering effect of plant stems and leaves. While settling and sedimentation are often used interchangeably (Tchobanoglous 1991), sedimentation represents physical compression and consolidation of settled solids in the detritus (litter layer). The compression is due to the ever-increasing mass of particles landing in this area. Although sedimentation is usually irreversible, resuspension may occur due to high water flow rate, wind-driven turbulence, bioturbation and gas lift (resulting from oxygen, methane, carbon dioxide production during photosynthesis and organic matter decomposition).

Wetlands remove metals from water through a variety of biogeochemical processes. Wetlands remove metals through filtration of suspended particles out of the water column, uptake and absorption of metals by plants within the wetlands, and precipitation of the metals as a result of adjustments in the pH. The ability of the wetlands to remove metals is generally a function of the high proportion of humic material and other organic substances that is found within the wetlands substrate (Wildeman et al., 1991). The processes of note include adsorption on to plants or soil particles, ion exchange, bioaccumulation, bacterial and abiotic oxidation, sedimentation, neutralization, reduction, and dissolution of carbonate materials (Perry and Kleinman, 1991). Sobolewski (1997) notes that plant roots will retain arsenic and other metals. Schnoor (1997) notes that emergent and submergent aquatic plants within created wetlands will remove lead, copper, nickel, cadmium and zinc through rhizofiltration processes.

Fennessy and Mitsch (1989) note that soluble metals are converted to insoluble forms as a result of the anoxic conditions found within wetland sediments. One of the control factors in this function is the pH of the supporting waters. In acidic waters, metals are soluble and tend to remain mobilized. In waters with higher pH's, the metals are insoluble and are acted upon by adsorption and precipitation mechanisms.

Mϕhlum (1999) cites a large number of studies in cold weather (mean temperatures below 26.6° F in winter and above 50° F in the summer) regions of the world (Canada, northern United States, Scandinavia, and Eastern Europe) documenting the success of constructed wetlands to treat wastewaters. He reports that the processes that primarily effect metals in



wetlands (sorption and precipitation) are unaffected by temperature. Kadlec and Knight (1996) support this premise.

Wetlands sequentially degrade and eliminate most organic pollutants, other organic matter, and nutrients primarily through biological activity. Some chemicals will be transformed into less noxious or less hazardous substances while others will be translocated, immobilized, or concentrated. The majority of compound transformations and immobilization occurs as a result of biological activity within wetland soils, sediment, and detritus layers. The layers bind organic chemicals, inorganic compounds, and metals. At the same time, bound biodegradable compounds are either fully degraded or further transformed into less toxic compounds. Partially treated pollutants, transformed contaminants, and volatile compounds can exit a wetland through atmospheric diffusion, groundwater leakage, and the system outlet.

In conclusion, the three wetlands surrounding the PKCF comprise a large, heterogeneous complex supporting all the components of functioning wetlands able to passively accept low volumes of water containing organic and/or inorganic constituents. These wetlands support natural biogeochemical and physical processes that will remove these constituents. As documented in the water quality modeling, the removal efficiencies that are expected will address those constituents.



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WATER MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES
ASSESSMENT

Attachment A - Field Results

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Site	Observer	Date	UTM N	UTM E	Photo?	Depth to Water	Slope Position	Drainage	Slope	Aspect	Topography	Horizon	Depth Upper	Depth Lower	Von Post/Texture	Color	Stoniness	Consistency	Samples?	Field pH	EC	Temp	Fizz?	% Water	% tree	% shrub	Trees (10x10) Species	count	height	Shrubs (10x10) Species	Cover	Shrubs (10x10) Species	Cover	Comments				
01 (1)	ER/CW	12-Aug-11	5902206	516268	No	0	depression	VP	0	na	level	Om Om Oh CG	0 50 85 100	50 85 100 + Sandy Loam	H3 H5 H6	Black Dark Brown Dark Brown Grey		0 VL 0 VL 0 VL 0 VL	No	6.4	336	17.6	No	15	50	5	Salix Sp. IA bPo	Many 35 20	6 8 8 3	Bog birch Marsh reed grass Water Sedge Fireweed Dewberry	+ + +	1 7 7 1	Salix Sp. Current Feather Moss Woody leafy moss	1 1 1 2	Wetland width approx. 10m, plot location in center of wetland width			
01 (2)	ER/CW	12-Aug-11	5902140	516217	No	0	depression	VP	0	na	level	Om CG	0 40	40 + Loamy Sand	H3	Black Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No						60	80	5	Same as 01 (1)		Same as 01 (1)				Small channel at 516214E 5902145N Organic depth at the center of channel is (0-100cm Om H4, 100+ cG) West side of wetland 516210E, 5902152N (0-35cm Om H3, 35+ cm cG)				
01(3)	ER/CW	12-Aug-11	5902024	516195	No	0	level	VP	0	na	level	Om Om CG	0 75 110	75 110 + Sandy Loam	H3 H4	Black Dark Brown Grey		0 VL 0 VL 0 VL	No					50	5	70	Salix Sp.	Many	3	Salix Sp. Water Sedge Marsh Reed Grass		2 7 1	Dewberry	+	Small channel appears to be 2m West of plot West side of a open pond meets upland @ 516181, 5901091N. East side of pond meets wepland @ 516206E, 5902080N.			
01 (4)	ER/CW	12-Aug-11	5902003	516163	No	5 cm	level	P	0	na	level	Om CG	0 20	20 + Sandy Loam	H4	Black Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No																Forbs were indicative of IA overstory			
01 (5)	ER/CW	12-Aug-11	5901896	516125	No	0	level	VP	0	na	level	Om CG	0 45	45 + Sandy Loam	H4	Black Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No																5cm LFH into Bg horizon at 5 m East of plot. West side of wetland @ 516100E 5901902N - OmH4 (0-30cm)			
01 (6)	ER/CW	12-Aug-11	5901804	516060	Yes - #1a	0	level	VP	0	na	level	Om Om Om	0 70 120 120	70 120 210+ H5	H3 H3 H5	Black Dark Brown Light Brown		0 VL 0 VL 0 VL	No	6.4	528	16.8	No	50	30	40	wB Salix sp. wS JP IP	20 Many 20 5	5 5 2 3	Marsh Reed Grass Water Sedge Bog Birch Arrow leaved coltsfoot	+ + +	1 6			East side of beaver pond @ 516094, 5901789 Upland/Wetland border @ 516081, 5901707 Small channel @ 516053, 5901804 (0.5m wide, not flowing)			
01 (7)	ER/CW	12-Aug-11	5901683	516025	No	5 cm	level	VP	0	na	level	Om Om CG	0 30 65	30 65 + Loamy Sand	H3 H6	Black Brown Grey		0 VL 0 M 0 M	No	7.04	602	15.1	No	20	40	40	wS JP IA Salix Sp.	Many 10 Many	4 4 6 3	Arrow leaved coltsfoot Water Sedge Marsh reed grass Solomon Seal	+ + +	1 1	Marsh reed grass Feather Moss Bishops Cap	+	East side of wetland at 516038E 5901687N.			
01 (8)	ER/CW	12-Aug-11	5901687	516004	No	0	level	VP	0	na	level	Om CG	5 80	80 + Loamy sand	H4	Dark Brown Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No																West side of wetland at 515972E 5901680N.			
01 (9)	ER/CW	12-Aug-11	5901679	515973	No	5 cm	level	I	0	na	level	Om	0	40 ***Frozen at 40 cm	H3	Black		0 VL	No	40cm	6.95	368 392	14.1 8.2	No	20	40	40	IL JP bS	Many Many Many	3 3 2	Bog birch Labrador Tea	+ +	1	Water Sedge Salix Sp.	+	Frozen at a depth of 40 cm.		
01(10)	ER/CW	12-Aug-11	5901556	515879	No	10 cm	level	VP	0	na	level	Om Om CG	0 15 55	15 55 + Loamy Sand	H3 H4	Black Dark Brown Grey		0 VL 0 VL 0 VL	No																East side of wetland at 515870E 5901555N			
01(11)	ER/CW	12-Aug-11	5901506	515917	No	18cm	level	VP	0	na	level	Of Om Ah Cg	0 10 15 18	10 15 18 + Loamy Sand	H1 H4	Black Brown Brown Grey		0 VL 0 VL 0 VL 0 VL	No																			
01(12)	ER/CW	12-Aug-11	5901517	515907	Yes - #3a	0	level	VP	0	na	level	Om CG	0 50	50 + Loamy Sand	H3	Black Grey		0 VL 0 M	Yes	7.2	454	16.7	No	20	30	40	wS IA Salix Sp.	35 10 20	5 3 3	Horsetail Labrador Tea Water Sedge	+ +	7	Woody leafy moss Bog Birch	+	1			
01(13)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5901383	515864	No	0	level	VP	0	na	level	Om CG	0 100	100 + Loamy Sand	H3	Dark Brown Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No					25	20	50	IP bS	80 20	3 2	bS Salix Sp. Bog birch	+ +	1 2 2	Labrador Tea Water Sedge Peat Moss Feather Moss	+	1	East side of wetland at 515675E 5901382N.		
01(14)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5901294	515769	No	10 cm	level	VP	0	na	level	Om	0	40 ***Frozen	H3	Dark Brown		0 VL	No																	West edge of wetland at 515750E 5901298N		
01(15)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5901683	516025	No	5 cm	level	VP	0	na	level	Of Om	0 20	20 210+ H3	H2	Dark Brown Black		0 VL 0 VL	No																			
01(16)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5901297	515844	No	0	dep	VP	0	na	level	Of Om CG	0 30 100	30 100 + Loamy Sand	H2 H3	Black Dark Brown Grey		0 VL 0 VL 0 M	Yes	7.6	471	18.8	No	50	35	20	IL JP bS	35 10 5	4 2 2	Salix Sp. Water Sedge Bog birch	+ +	6 1	Feather Moss Current	+	1			
01(17)	Skipped, obvious upland																																					
01(18)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5901185	515861	No	0	level	I	0	na	level	Om Cg	0 30	15 + Sandy Loam	H3	Dark Brown Mottled		0 VL 0 M	No					0	60	20	IA JP bS Salix Sp.	10 30 10	1 4 3	Gooseberry Fireweed Horsetail Labrador Tea	+ +	4 4	Knights Plume Moss Feather Moss Palmate Leaved Coltsf	+	2	East side of wetland at 515881E 5901185N.		
01(19)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5901184	515769	No	0	dep	VP	0	na	level	Oh Om	0 15	15 45 H3	H2	Black		0 VL 0 VL	No																	West side of wetland at 515730E, 5901180N		
01(20)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5901181	515769	No	0	level	VP	0	na	level	Oh Om Om	0 25 120	25 120 210+ H4	H2 H3	Black Black Brown		0 VL 0 VL 0 VL	No																			
01(21)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5901062	515738	No	0	toe	VP	0	na	level	Om	0	210+ H3	H3	Dark Brown		0 VL	Yes	7.25	292	13.3	NA	20	10	40	IL JP bS	8 20 20	5 4 3	bS Bog birch Labrador Tea	+ +	1 4 1	Water Sedge Feather Moss Peat Moss	+	1 2 3	West side of wetland at 515723E 5901071N		
01(22)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5901059	515808	Yes #1	0	level	VP	0	na	level	Of Om Oh CG	0 20 60 105	20 60 105 + Sandy Loam	H2 H4 H6	Black Dark Brown Grey Brown Grey		0 VL 0 VL 0 M 0 M	No																			
01(23)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5901028	515845	No	30	lower	I	2_5	W	incline	Oh Om CG	0 80 150	80 150 + Loamy Sand	H2 H4	Black Dark Brown Dark Brown		0 VL 0 M 0 M	No																		East side of wetland at 515865E 5901030N.	
01(24)	Skipped, obvious upland																																					
01(25)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5900995	515777	No	25	level	VP	0	na	level	Om CG	0 80	80 + Sandy Loam	H3	Black Grey		0 VL 0 L	No					5	35	35	bS IL JP	Many Many 35	7 4 3	Labrador Tea Lingonberry Peat Moss	+ +	5 2 4	Feather Moss Bog Birch Fireweed	+	1	East side of wetland at 515855E 5901000N.		
01(26)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5901002	515729	Yes #2	0	level	VP	0	na	level	Om Om Oh	0 120 170	120 170 210 H7	H3 H5	Dark Brown Brown Brown		0 VL 0 VL 0 L	Yes	7.44	263	12.7	No															
01(27)	Skipped, obvious upland																																					
01(28)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5900936	515725	Yes #4a	20	level	VP	0	na	level	Om CG	0 45	45 + Sandy Loam	H3	Dark Brown Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No																			
01(29)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5900933	515640	No	5	level	VP	0.5-2	E	level	Om CG	0 20	20 210+ H3	H3	Black Dark Brown		0 VL 0 VL	No					20	15	25	IP bS IL	Many Many 10	3 3 4	Peat Moss Labrador Tea Bog birch	+ +	7 5 2	Lingonberry	+				
01(30)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5900868	515626	No	0	dep	VP	0.5-2	W	level	Of Om Om	0 10 40	10 40 210+ H5	H2 H3	Black Dark Brown Dark Brown		0 VL 0 VL 0 VL	No																		West edge of wetland at 515609E 5900868N	
01(31)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5900838	515670	No	10	level	I	0	na	level	Om CG	0 50	50 + Loamy Sand	H5	Dark Brown Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No																			
01(32)	DP/CW	15-Aug-11	5900847	515721	No	10	level	MW	0	na	level	LFH Cg	0 30	15 + Loamy Sand	H5	Black Mottled		0 VL 0 VL	No					5	70	5	IA JP wB	Many Many Many	6 6 6 1	wS Palmate Leaved Coltsf Horsetail Bunchberry Dewberry	+ + +	2 2 1	Labrador Tea Marsh Reed Grass Peat Moss Blueberry	+	2 1 3	East side of wetland at 515739E 5900868N.		

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02(1)	BD/CW	23-Aug-11	5901740	517912	No	50	level	I	0	na	level	Om CG	0	45	H3 + Loamy Sand	Black Dark Brown		0 VL	No															Wetland width approx. 40m, plot location in center of wetland width				
02(2)	BD/CW	23-Aug-11	5901661	517905	No	80	level	MW	0	na	level	LFH A	0	10	+ Loamy Sand	Black Brown		0 VL	No																			
02(3)	BD/CW	23-Aug-11	5901629	517820	No	0	level	VP	0	na	level	Om CG	0	60	H3 + Sandy Loam	Black Grey		0 VL	No																			
02(4)	BD/CW	23-Aug-11	5901629	517770	No	20	level	VP	0	na	level	Om CG	0	25	H3 + Loamy Sand	Black Grey		0 VL	No					5	20	70	bS tA Salix Sp. JP	Many Many Many 5		3 4 3 4	Salix Sp. Water Sedge Peat Moss Feather Moss		2 3 1 1	Knights Plume Moss Arrow Leaved Coltsfoot Palmate Leaved Coltsfoot Palmate Leaved Coltsfoot	+	1	West edge of wetland @517760E 5901631N	
02(5)	DP/CW	23-Aug-11	5901523	517623	No	0	toe	P	0.5-2	E	level	Om CG	0	15	H3 + Sandy Loam	Black Grey		0 VL	No																			
02(6)	DP/CW	23-Aug-11	5901479	517720	Yes #3	0	level	VP	0	na	level	Om CG	0	40	H3 + Loamy Sand	Black Grey		0 VL	Yes	6.94	503	13.5	No		5	60	20	Salix Sp. tA JP bS tL	Many Many 30 30 2		3 3 4 3 5	Water Sedge Marsh Reed Grass Labrador Tea Horsetail Feather Moss		4 3 +				
02(7)	DP/CW	23-Aug-11	5901440	517804	No	5	level	VP	0	na	level	Om Oh CG	0	30	H3 H6 + Loamy Sand	Dark Brown Dark Grey Grey		0 VL	No																			
02(8)	DP/CW	23-Aug-11	5901349	517804	Yes #4	60	level	I	0	na	level	LFH A	0	20	H2 + Loamy Sand	Black Grey Brown		0 VL	No					0	30	25	bPo tA JP bS	Many 30 Many Many		4 3 4 3	Labrador Tea Shrubby Cinquefoil Strawberry Fireweed		2 +	Arrow Leaved Coltsfoot Prickly Rose Palmate Leaved Coltsfoot	+			
02(9)	DP/CW	23-Aug-11	5901349	517685	No	0	level	VP	0	na	level	Om CG	0	25	H3 + Loamy Sand	Black Grey		0 VL	No																			
02(10)	DP/CW	23-Aug-11	5901343	517590	No	30	toe	MW	0.5-2	E	level	LFH A	0	25	H3 + Sand	Black Brown grey		0 VL	No																	West edge of wetland at 517582E 5901343N		
02(11)	DP/CW	23-Aug-11	5901204	517634	No	5	level	P	0	na	level	Om CG	0	15	H3 + Loamy Sand	Black Grey Brown		0 VL	No					0	75	10	tA bS	Many 30		5 3	Horsetail Marsh Reed Grass Palmate Leaved Coltsfoot		1 1 +	Fireweed Prickly Rose Twinflower	+			
02(12)	DP/CW	23-Aug-11	5901182	517672	Yes#5	50	level	I	0	na	level	LFH A	0	5	+ Sand	Black Brown		0 VL	No																	East edge of wetland at 517705 5901173		
02(13)	DP/CW	23-Aug-11	5901101	517644	No	45	dep	P	0.5-2	W	incl.	Oh Om CG	0	20	H2 H3 + Loamy Sand	Black Black Grey Brown		0 VL	No																	East edge of wetland at 5901103N 517684E.		
02(14)	BD/CW	23-Aug-11	5901073	517560	No	5	toe	VP	0.5-2	W	incl.	Om Om CG	0	30	H3 H5 + Loamy Sand	Black Black Grey		0 VL	Yes	6.85	296	17.5	No	5	65	10	tA wB	Many 20		7 7	River Alder Violet Water Sedge		2 +	Leafy Woodsy Moss Fireweed Dewberry	+			Small Neaver Pond just west of plot West edge of wetland at 5901075N 517539E.
02(15)	BD/CW	23-Aug-11	5900950	517386	No	20	toe	P	0.5-2	E	incl.	Oh CG	0	10	H2 + Sand	Black Brown grey		0 VL	No																			
02(16)	BD/CW	23-Aug-11	5900920	517419	Yes #6	0	dep	VP	0	na	level	Om Om CG	0	60	H3 H5 + Sand	Black Black Grey		0 VL	Yes	7.39	318	23.1	No	50	0	20												East side of wetland at 517470E 5900921N. 2 Very slow moving wide, pitted channel. Defined channel 2' deep and 3' wide 5m east of 02(16).
02 (17)	BD/CW	23-Aug-11	517294	5900844	Yes #7,8,9,10																														No plot, open water. Beaver damn flooding entire wetland. Pond approx 60m wide, 60m long, fills entire wetland. No peat, mineral soil under pond. Flowing Spring at 517399E 5900901N.			

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Site	Observer	Date	UTM N	UTM E	Photo?	Depth to Water	Slope Position	Drainage	Slope	Aspect	Topography	Horizon	Depth Upper	Depth Lower	Von Post/Texture	Color	Stoniness	Consistency	Samples?	Field pH	EC	Temp	Fizz?	% Water	% tree	% shrub	Trees (10x10) Species	count	height	Shrubs (10x10) Species	Cover	Shrubs (10x10) Species	Cover	Comments	
03(1)	BD/CW	24-Aug-11	5901005	519360	No	5 dep	P		0.5-2	W	incl	Om CG	0 40	40 +	H3 Loamy Sand	Black Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No															East edge of wetland at 519370E, 5901006N.	
03(2)	BD/CW	24-Aug-11	5900995	519337	Yes #11	20 toe	VP		09-May	E	incl	Om CG	0 65	65 +	H4 Loamy Sand	Dark Brown Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No						5	50	30	IA bS wB jP	Many 20 10 25	6 4 6 4	River Alder Willow Sp. Bunchberry Blueberry	+ + + +	Labrador Tea Fireweed Prickly Rose Marsh Reed Grass	+ + + 4	West edge of wetland at 519333E, 5900994N.
03(3)	BD/CW	24-Aug-11	5900920	519351	No	5 toe	VP		2_5	na	incl	Om Oh	0 80	80 210+	H3 H6	Dark Brown Dark Brown		0 VL 0 F	No														West edge of wetland 3m west of plot		
03(4)	BD/CW	24-Aug-11	5900913	519369	Yes #12	5 dep	VP		0	na	level	Om Om	0 120	120 210+	H3 H4	Dark Brown Brown		0 VL 0 F	Yes	7.11	214	10.7	No	5	25	30	jP bS	Many 30	3 3	bS Salix Sp. Labrador Tea Peat Moss	+ +	Water Sedge Fireweed River Alder	+ +	3	
03(5)	BD/CW	24-Aug-11	5900765	519447	Yes #13	0 toe	VP		2_5	W	incl	Om Om CG	0 90 120	90 120 +	H3 H5 Loamy Sand	Dark Brown Black Grey		0 VL 0 F F	No															E. edge of wetland 5m from plot.	
03(6)	BD/CW	24-Aug-11	5900739	519444	No	0 dep	VP		0	na	level	Om Om CG	0 50	50 +	H3 Loamy Sand	Dark Brown Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No															W. edge of wetland 5m from plot. Meandering channel @ 519438E 5900758N. 0.5-1m wide, 0.5m deep, strong flow.	
03(7)	BD/CW	24-Aug-11	5900646	519506	Yes #14	10 dep	VP		0	na	level	Om Om CG	0 60 200	60 200 +	H3 H5 Loamy Sand	Dark Brown Dark Brown Grey		0 VL 0 F 0 L	Yes	6.94	232	14.3	No	0	70	20	jP bS	Many 20	5 3	River Alder Lab Tea Lingonberry	+ +	2 Salix Sp. 2 Peat Moss	+ 1	Meandering flowing creek at 519487E. 1-2m wide x 0.5m deep. Sand creekbed.	
03(8)	BD/CW	24-Aug-11	5900646	519506	No	30 toe	VP		2_5	W	level	Om Om	0 90	90 +	H3 Loamy Sand	Black Grey		0 VL 0 L	No																

***Entire wetland is very small, approx. 30mx400m, and 120m of length has a flowing channel.

Attachment A - Field Results

Site	Observer	Date	UTM N	UTM E	Photo?	Depth to Water	Slope Position	Drainage	Slope	Aspect	Topography	Horizon	Depth Upper	Depth Lower	Von Post/Texture	Color	Stoniness	Consistency	Samples?	Field pH	EC	Temp	Fizz?	% Water	% tree	% shrub	Trees (10x10) Species	count	height	Shrubs (10x10) Species	Cover	Shrubs (10x10) Species	Cover	Comments		
05(1)	CW	25-Aug-11	5899509	512751	No	30 level	I		0	NA	level	LFH A	0	10	10 + Sand	Black Grey Brd		0 VL 0 M	No															West edge of wetland at 512724E 5899513N		
05(2)	CW	25-Aug-11	5899512	512822	Yes #15	0 level	VP		0	NA	hummm	Of Om CG	0 20 100	H2 H3 + Loamy sand	Black Black Grey		0 VL 0 VL 0 VL	No						50	5	40	Salix Sp.	10	3	Salix Sp. Bog birch	1 2	Water Sedge	3	Entire area flooded, heavy beaver activity in area.		
05(3)	CW	25-Aug-11	5899507	512862	No	0 level	VP		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 60	H3 + Loamy sand	Black Black		0 VL 0 VL	No																		
05(4)	CW	25-Aug-11	5899444	512718	No	0 level	VP		0	NA	hummm	Om CG	0 50 65	H3 H5 + Sandy loam	Black Black Grey		0 VL 0 L 0 L	No																		
05(5)	CW	25-Aug-11	5899399	512753	No	0 level	VP		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 30 95	H1 H3 + Loamy sand	Black Dark brd Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No																Completely flooded, 4-12" of water throughout area		
05(6)	CW	25-Aug-11	5899380	512775	Yes #16	0 toe	VP	0.5-2	NA	level	level	Om CG	0 30	H3 + Loamy sand	Black Grey		0 VL 0 VL	Yes	7.07	495	17.8	No	80	30	20	IA Salix Sp. bPo	Many Many Many	6 4 7	Water Sedge Salix Sp. Bishops Cap	3 1 +	Dewberry Fireweed	+	+	Completely flooded, 4-12" of water throughout area		
05(7)	CW	25-Aug-11	5899277	512712	No	5 toe	VP		0	NA	hummm	Om CG	0 45 65	H3 H5 + Sandy loam	Black Black Grey		0 VL 0 VL 0 VL	No																		
05(8)	CW	25-Aug-11	5899287	512670	No	5 dep	VP		0	NA	hummm	Om CG	0 60 110	H3 H6 + Loamy sand	Black Dark Brd Grey		0 VL 0 L 0 L	No																		
05(9)	CW	25-Aug-11	5899299	512679	No	10 level	P	0.5-2	NA	level	level	Om CG	0 40	H3 + Sandy loam	Black Black		0 VL 0 VL	No						25	30	40	IA bPo	Many Many	4 4 4	Salix Sp. River Alder Dewberry	+	1 1 2	Palmate Leaves Colts Horsetail Water Sedge	+	+	West edge of wetland 5m W of plot.
05(10)	CW	25-Aug-11	5899509	512751	No	0 level	VP		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 120 160	H3 H7 + Loam	Black Black Dark Gr		0 VL 0 M 0 M	No																		
05(11)	CW	25-Aug-11	5899082	512581	Yes #19	0 dep	VP		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 140	H3 H6	Dark Brd Light Brd		0 VL 0 L	Yes	7.24	488	18.4	NA	70	20	30	IL Salix Sp.	Many Many	4 3	Bog birch Salix Sp.	2 +	Marsh Reed Grass Water Sedge	+	5		West edge of wetland 5m E of plot.	
05(12)	CW	25-Aug-11	5899058	512640	No	0 level	VP		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 45	H3 + Loamy sand	Black Grey		0 L 0 L	No																	West edge of wetland 5m E of plot.	
05(13)	CW	25-Aug-11	5899012	512619	No	0 toe	VP		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 60	H3 + Loamy sand	Black Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No																		
05(14)	CW	25-Aug-11	5899001	512510	No	0 level	VP		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 150 200	H3 H7 + Loam	Black Black Dark Gr		0 VL 0 L 0 L	No						40	35	20	IL bS	Many 10	12 6	Horsetail Marsh Reed Grass Labrador Tea	+	1 2	Feather Moss River Alder Salix Sp.	+	+	
05(15)	CW	25-Aug-11	5898971	512398	No	5 level	VP		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 120	H3 H6	Black Black		0 VL 0 M	No																		
05(16)	CW	25-Aug-11	5898862	512357	No	5 level	VP		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 45	H3 + Loamy sand	Black Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No																	Frozen at 45cm, right at mineral contact.	
05(17)	CW	25-Aug-11	5898871	512449	Yes #17	0 level	VP		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 100	H3 H6	Black Brown		0 VL 0 VL	Yes	7.22	272	18.7		25	30	60	IL bS	Many 20	4 2	Salix Sp. Bog birch bS River Alder	+	1 +	Water Sedge Labrador Tea Feather Moss	2 1 2			
05(18)	CW	25-Aug-11	5898860	512555	No	0 level	VP		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 160	H3-4 + Loam	Black Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No																		
05(19)	CW	25-Aug-11	5898728	512730	No	10 level	I		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 35	H3 + Sandy Loam	Black Grey		0 VL 0 VL	No																		
05(20)	CW	25-Aug-11	5898739	512469	No	0 level	VP		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 110	H3 H6	Black Brown		0 VL 0 M	No																		
05(21)	CW	25-Aug-11			No	0 level	VP		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 135 190	H3 H6 + Silt Loam	Black Dark brd Grey		0 VL 0 M 0 M	No						60	10	70	IL bS	20 10	3 3	Water Sedge Feather Moss River Alder	3 1	Bog birch Labrador Tea Peat Moss	+	+		
05(22)	CW	25-Aug-11	5898546	512409	No	0 level	I		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 25	H3 + Sandy Loam	Black Grey		0 VL 0 M	No																		
05(23)	CW	25-Aug-11	5898556	512468	No	0 level	VP		0	NA	level	Om CG	0 100 200	H3 H5 + Silt Loam	Black Dark Brd Grey		0 VL 0 M 0 M	Yes	7.62	461	16.3	Yes	25	5	40	IL wB	4 20	3 3	Bog birch Water Sedge Salix Sp.	+	4 6	IL Peat Moss	+	+	West edge of wetland at 512401E 5898545N Silt loam moderate Fizz.	



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Attachment B - Soil and Water Chemistry Results

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SOIL														
Group #	Sample #	Description	pH	Nitrate	Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	Total Nitrogen	Organic Carbon	Bulk Density	Moisture	Gravel	Coarse Sand	Fine Sand	Silt	Clay
			pH units	ug/g	ug/g	ug/g	%	kg/m3	%	wt %	wt %	wt %	wt %	wt %
2011-9436	32730	8/25/2011 04-5	7.26 1:2slurry	<4	10900	10900	10.3	383	71.35	0.25	14.25	1.78	17.73	3.24
2011-9436	32731	8/25/2011 04-11	7.19 1:3slurry	<4	14000	14000	13.9	247	75.80	0.18	1.04	1.32	40.15	6.07
2011-9436	32732	8/25/2011 04-15	6.76 1:2slurry	<4	9560	9560	6.2	305	72.57	0.22	4.44	7.99	22.37	7.16
2011-8767	30436	8/24/2011 03-045	6.13 1:3slurry	<4	14400	14400	38.2	242	79.20					
2011-8767	30437	8/24/2011 03-075	6.53 1:2slurry	<4	12900	12900	32.1	309	79.09					
2011-8767	30438	8/23/2011 02-145	5.78 1:2slurry	<4	12800	12800	19.6	470	71.69					
2011-8767	30439	8/23/2011 02-065	6.38 1:2slurry	<4	9810	9810	27.8	312	77.52					
2011-8767	30440	8/23/2011 02-165	5.98 1:2slurry	<4	11900	11900	27.9	334	75.80					
2011-8767	30441	8/15/2011 01-215	5.68 1slurry	<4	19700	19700	36.2	185	86.91					
2011-8767	30442	8/15/2011 01-165	5.34 1:3slurry	<4	13800	13800	32.7	161	84.77					
2011-8767	30443	8/15/2011 01-265	5.67 1:2slurry	<4	7870	7870	17.2	336	74.93					
2011-8767	30444	01-12	5.77 1:3slurry	<4	17000	17000	36.5	161	85.63					
2011-8765	30445	8/25/2011 05-115	5.42 1:3 slurry	<4	15700	15700	36.3	120	85.37					
2011-8765	30446	8/25/2011 05-235	5.35 1:3slurry	<4	13900	13900	34.1	170	79.83					
2011-8765	30447	8/25/2011 05-065	5.74 1:3slurry	<4	17800	17800	35.9	184	80.01					
2011-8765	30448	8/25/2011 05-175	5.38 1:1slurry	<4	4350	4350	10.9	443	68.62					

Attachment B - Water Chemistry Results

WATER															
Group #	Sample #	Description	Bicarbonate	Carbonate	Hydroxide	P. alkalinity	pH	Specific Conductivity	Total Alkalinity	Nitrite+Nitrate nitrogen	Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	Total Nitrogen	Organic Carbon	Tannin/lignin	Phosphorus
			mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	pH units	uS/cm	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L
2011-8768	30580	8/12/2011 01-12	272	<1	<1	<1	7.57	418	223	<0.01	5.7	5.7	22	0.8	0.2
2011-8768	30581	8/15/2011 01-21	244	<1	<1	<1	7.45	397	200	<0.25*	4.3	4.3	24	1.0	2.0
2011-8768	30582	8/15/2011 01-26	238	<1	<1	<1	7.50	357	195	<2.5*	88	88	43	1.1	1.4
2011-8768	30583	8/15/2011 01-16	315	<1	<1	<1	7.34	465	258	<0.01	3.8	3.8	36	2.2	0.4
2011-8768	30584	8/23/2011 02-16	294	<1	<1	<1	7.70	429	241	<0.01	22	22	34	1.9	3.5
2011-8768	30585	8/23/2011 02-14	265	<1	<1	<1	7.41	392	217	<2.5*	360	360	79	1.3	4.8
2011-8768	30586	8/23/2011 02-06	466	<1	<1	<1	7.64	668	382	<0.01	14	14	42	2.4	1.8
2011-8768	30587	8/24/2011 03-04	187	<1	<1	<1	7.69	279	153	<0.01	4.0	4.0	15	1.2	1.3
2011-8768	30588	8/24/2011 03-07	218	<1	<1	<1	7.59	311	179	<0.01	13	13	27	0.3	<0.1
2011-8768	30589	8/26/2011 04-05	460	<1	<1	<1	7.25	685	377	<2.5*	320	320	33	2.4	90
2011-8766	30590	8/26/2011 04-11	318	<1	<1	<1	7.48	477	261	<0.01	200	200	17	1.3	4.7
2011-8766	30591	8/26/2011 04-15	318	<1	<1	<1	7.54	448	261	<2.5*	54	54	46	1.5	14
2011-8766	30592	8/25/2011 05-06	395	<1	<1	<1	7.52	596	324	<0.01	23	23	41	2.7	4.1
2011-8766	30593	8/25/2011 05-11	345	<1	<1	<1	7.53	480	283	<0.25*	71	71	55	1.8	6.1
2011-8766	30594	8/25/2011 05-17	222	<1	<1	<1	7.18	322	182	<0.25*	160	160	36	0.7	31
2011-8766	30595	8/25/2011 05-23	378	<1	<1	<1	7.44	558	310	<2.5*	34	34	40	3.4	4.2

* Increase in detection limit for nitrate due to sample matrix interference