Society of Wetland Scientists – Alaska Chapter Meeting
November 27, 2018 – Noon to 1 pm
4041 B Street – DOWL First floor conference room

Attendees
Emily Creely      |      Josh Grabel      |      Adam Morrill
Alena Gerlek     |      Steve Riedsma    |      Sue Ives
Owen Means       |      Lorene Lynn      |      Joe Christopher

Notes
- Update on the 2021 Alaska SWS Conference: The national conference committee has informally selected Anchorage. Next steps include national SWS members verifying accommodations.
- Josh gave summary about nationwide SWS quarterly phone call attended by a board member from every SWS chapter including international from Africa. He mentioned that in comparison to other chapters and given our size, the Alaska chapter is quite active.
- Mike Gracz, Kenai Watershed Forum, gave his presentation about a comparison of wetland loss in the Matsu Borough from current imagery and historic imagery
  o Pinpoints possible mitigation opportunities in the Matsu Borough
  o 2% wetland loss overall calculated in the borough based on analysis
  o One watershed had up to 10%, which is limit of water quality degradation
  o USACE uses 5% rule impervious cover and indicates it has not been met.
  o No mitigation required for certain projects, Matsu wanted analysis to show mitigation should be required.
- Josh gave presentation on North Slope Functional Assessment conducted this summer on impacts side of project
  o Joe Christopher provided insight into mitigation credit side of using rapid assessment method
    ▪ Does not account for stream restoration or putting in bridges to develop credits
- Spoke about proposing training ideas put on by SWS
  o Bring someone up to offer a training