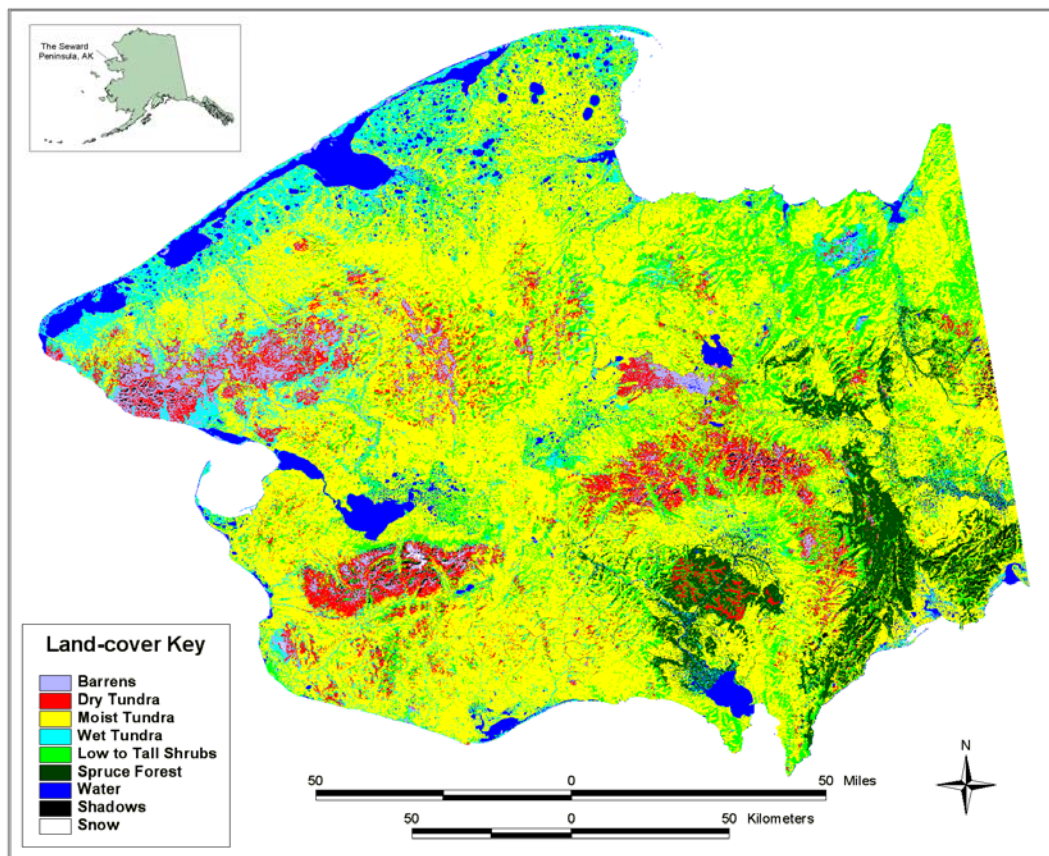


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INTRODUCTION

This data report summarizes information that was collected as part of the NSF-sponsored Arctic Transitions in the Land-Atmosphere System (ATLAS) project called “Arctic Climate Change, Substrate, and Vegetation” (OPP-9908829). The goal of the project is to predict the consequences of climate change in the Arctic by examining present-day transitions. A wide variety of vegetation properties were measured across the climate gradient in northern Alaska and the Seward Peninsula, in areas of different geology and soils. This work is part of the larger ATLAS project, which is examining the transitions in the flux of energy, water, and trace gases along these same gradients. Other ATLAS investigators are collecting climate, soils, active layer, snow, hydrology, and flux information from many of the same sites described in this data report.

An initial reconnaissance of the Seward Peninsula was conducted in June 1998. Skip Walker took two airplane flights (Figure 1), and drove the roads to Council and Quartz Creek to help locate study plots.

This data report summarizes vegetation data that were collected in the vicinity of Council and Quartz Creek (Figures 2-5) during the period from June 26 to July 29, 2000. The data summarized here include the following:

Section I. Vegetation and site information from 100 x 100-m grids. A variety of data was collected from grid points of grids. Some of the grids were in homogeneous stands of vegetation that were considered representative of the regional climate or zonal vegetation. Other grids were in stands of vegetation that were regionally extensive or which were sites of flux measurements. Similar grids were established at 16 sites on the Arctic Slope. There are four grids in the Council vicinity (Figure 6 and 7) and three grids at Quartz Creek (Figures 3 and 8). The Council grids were sites where Terry Chapin’s group measured fluxes of trace-gases and energy. The research grids in the Council vicinity are arranged along a conceptual toposequence (Figure 9). Only the starred grids (*) are part of this data report. The other sites are described by Catherine Copass (Copass et al., in prep.). The Quartz Creek grids are within a larger 1000 x 1000-m grid in the Mauze Creek drainage that was surveyed by Larry Hinzman. Flux measurements were made by Walt Oechel’s group in nearby tundra sites at Quartz Creek. The grids were established in zonal vegetation and other vegetation types that locally cover large areas. The data from the grids include vegetation type (or species in forests) and microsite at each of the 121 grid points, and height of the vegetation, thickness of the moss layer, thickness of the soil organic horizons, phytomass and leaf-area index from a subset of grid points.

Section II. Plot data. Thirty-one vegetation plots were sampled from sites at Council, Quartz Creek, and along the roads between these locations. Some of these were in complexes of vegetation that contained up to three plant communities, so a total of 52 stands of vegetation (relevés) were sampled (Table 1). Relevés were located subjectively, to include representative plant community associations. In most cases the relevés were approximately 10x10 m, though the size was increased in

heterogeneous areas, and conformed to microsite variations. The relevé data include estimates of plant species cover, soil data, and site information. All the grids in section I contained at least one relevé .

Section III. Landsat MSS-derived map of the Seward Peninsula. A land-cover classification of the Seward Peninsula was prepared as part of a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) study conducted by Chris Thayer-Snyder. This map consists of 10 land-cover classes compatible with the MSS map of the North Slope created by Muller et al. (1999). The report includes ground truth data for sites identified on 1:60,000 CIR aerial photos, including 40 sites along the road along the Fox River to Council (Figure 6), 86 sites visited by helicopter around Council (Figure 6), 68 sites along the road between Nome and Quartz Creek (Figures 3, 4 and 5), and 79 sites visited by helicopter around Quartz Creek (Figures 3 and 4).

Section IV. Glacier Creek Forest Survey. This was an REU project by David Wirth. The objective was to compare the logged forest in the Council grid C1, with that of an old growth forest east of Council, in the Glacier Creek watershed (C9, Figure 6).

METHODS

All data in this report were collected 26 June to 29 July, 2000.

Vegetation Heterogeneity

At each grid, vegetation heterogeneity was sampled at 121 gridpoints, spaced every 10 meters (A1-K11). In the Council forest grid (C1), and the shrub grid (C3) the point was described as either tree canopy, shrub canopy, or clearing; and the tree or shrub species at the point was noted. At the other grids, the vegetation type and the microsite type were noted at each point (Table 1).

Vegetation height

At each grid, the vegetation height was measured at 20 randomly chosen gridpoint. The depth of the live and dead nonvascular layer was measured, and the dominant species noted. The general height of the vascular vegetation was measured and the dominant species noted. The height of the microrelief was measured. These data are presented in Table 2.

Soil Description

At each grid, soil samples were collected. At the Council grids, random points were chosen along 6 rows. At the Quartz Creek grids, random points were chosen along each of the 11 rows (A-K). The organic horizons (Oi, Oe, and Oa) were measured and described (Table 3). Soils for analysis were collected in soil cans from the top of the B horizon. Samples were dried and weighed to calculate soil moisture (Table 4). Chemical and size composition were analyzed at the Palmer Experimental Laboratory (Table 5).

Leaf Area Index

Leaf area index (LAI) was measured at each of the grids using a LICOR LAI-2000 Plant Canopy Analyzer. An above-canopy reading (control) was followed by four below-canopy readings, taken above the moss layer along the axes of the grid at 1 m from the point. All measurements were taken facing away from the sun, and a sun screen was used to shade the sensor on sunny days. These measurements were repeated at 33 random points within each grid. A 90° field-of-view shield was used to prevent interference from the observers. LAI was calculated for each point, and mean LAI for each grid was calculated (Table 6).

Biomass

Biomass data for the Council grids can be obtained from Catharine Copass (Copass et al. *in prep.*). Clip harvests were collected for above ground biomass estimates at three Quartz Creek grids. At 10 random locations within in the grid, all above-ground biomass was clipped from a 20x50 cm area. In the shrub plot (QC3), the shrubs were sampled in a 1x1 m area, while the understory was sampled in 20x50 cm. The clip harvests were sorted by major plant functional type (moss, lichen, forb, horsetail, deciduous shrub, evergreen shrub, graminoid) in the field. All vascular plants were clipped at the top of the moss surface. Green stem bases below the moss surface were also included in the clip harvest. Mosses were clipped at the base of the green portion. The samples were frozen and returned to the UAF laboratory where they were further sorted into live and dead categories. Both shrub categories were divided into their foliar, reproductive, and stem components. Biomass samples were dried to constant weight at 50°C, and the dry weights were then used to estimate total g/m² for each grid and functional type with the grid (Table 7).

Relevé locations and plant communities

A total of 52 relevés were collected from the grids and other sites. Latitude, longitude, elevation, location descriptions and plant community descriptions of these relevés are found in Table 8.

Relevé environmental variables

A variety of environmental site data were collected from each relevé. Table 9 presents data on landforms, surficial geology, surficial geomorphology, microsites, site moisture, soil moisture, glacial geology, topographic position, soil unit, exposure to wind, estimated duration, animal and human disturbance, and stability. The data sheet for recording these variables, and their codes is included as Table 10.

Relevé cover data

Percent cover values for lifeforms were collected at all relevés (Table 11). Complete plant species composition data were obtained, using the Braun-Blanquet method (Table 12). Lichen and moss identifications were verified by scientists from the Komarov Botanical Institute. Mosses collected are listed in Table 13, and lichens in Table 14.

Relevé LAI

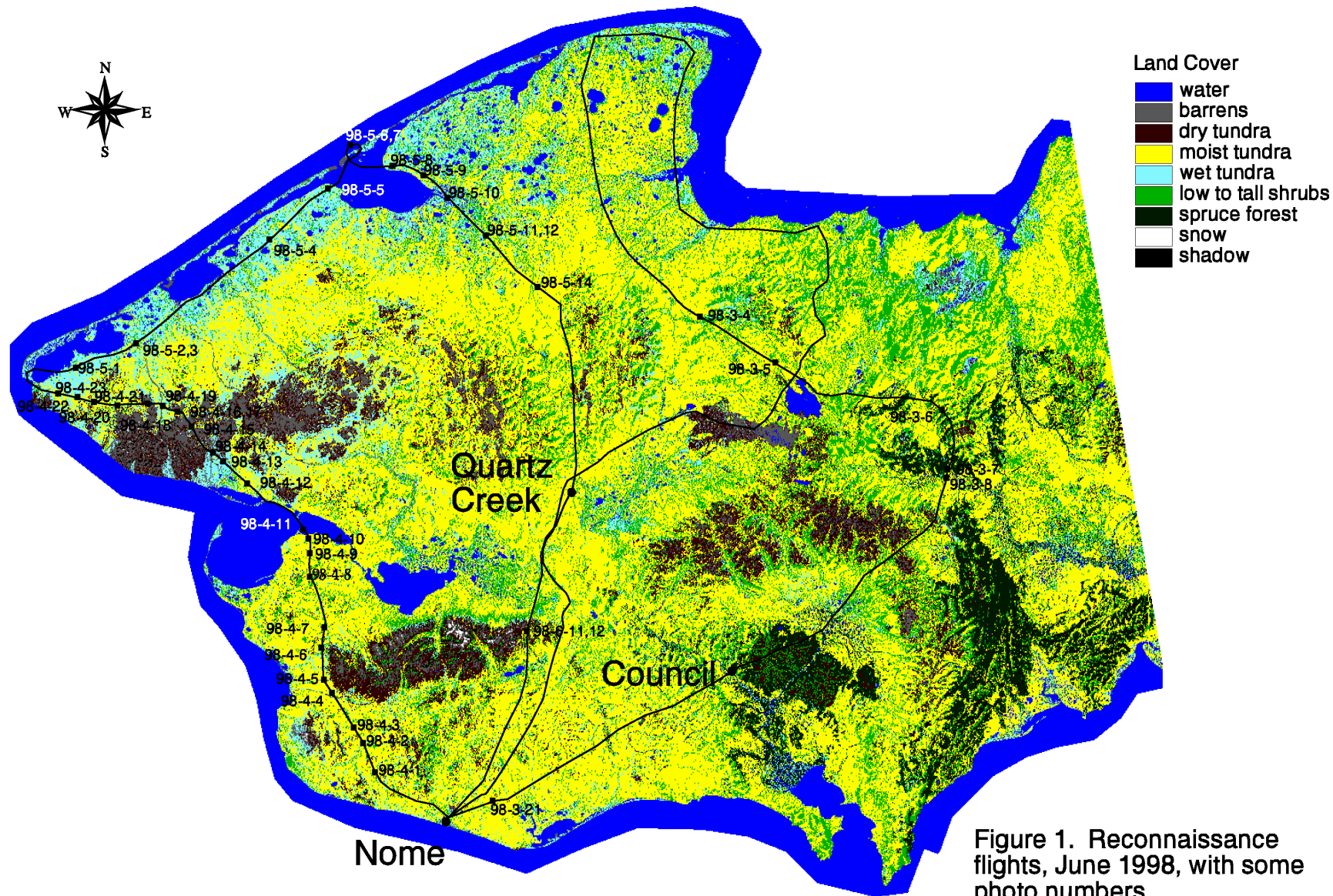
Leaf area index was measured at four Quartz Creek relevés. One above canopy and one below canopy measurement were taken at every 10 meters along a 100 m transect (Table 15).

Relevé soils data

Soils were described, and soil sample was collected at most relevés (Table 16). Samples were dried and weighed to calculate soil moisture (Table 17). Chemical and size composition were analyzed at the Palmer Experimental Laboratory (Table 18).

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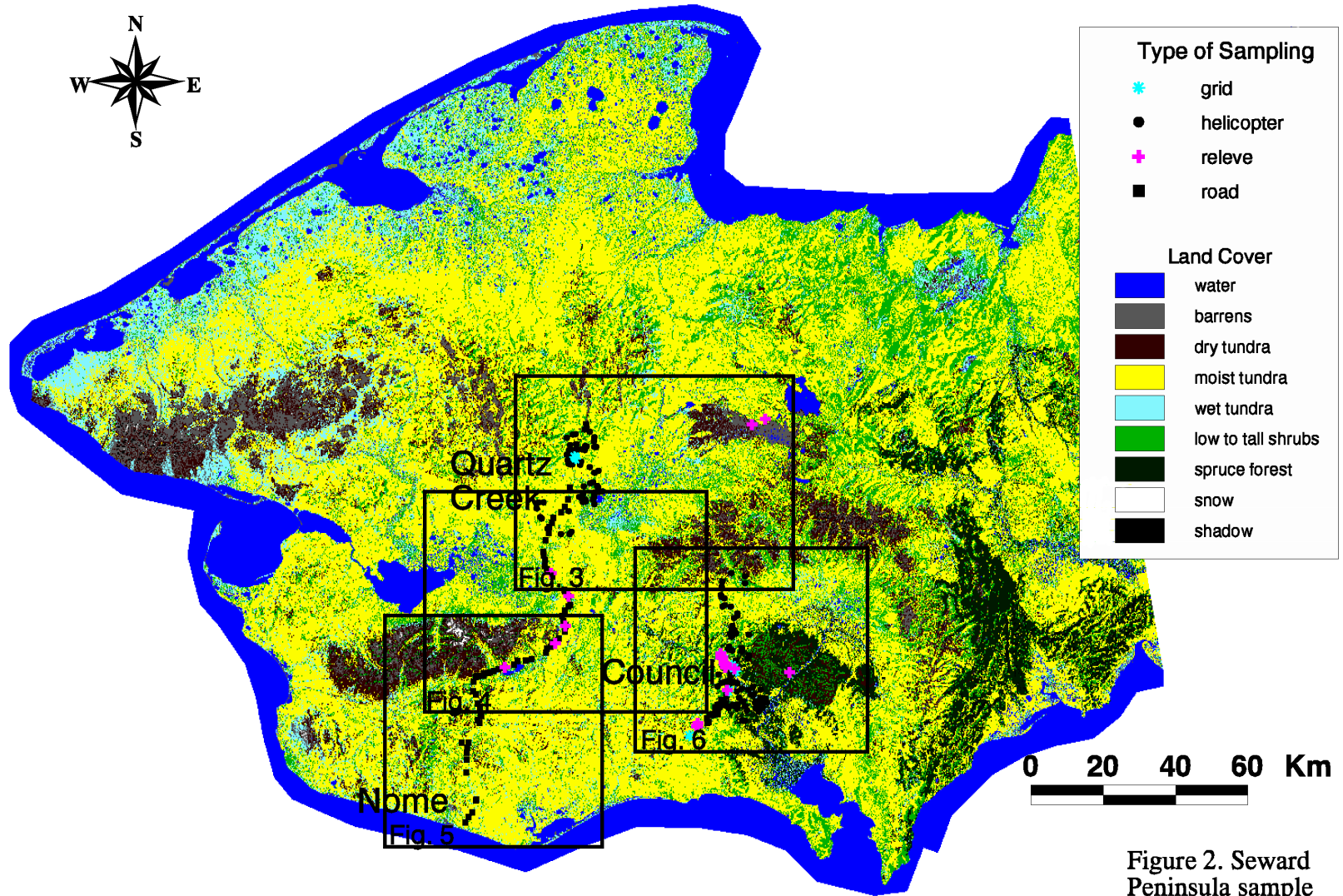


Figure 2. Seward Peninsula sample locations, 2000.

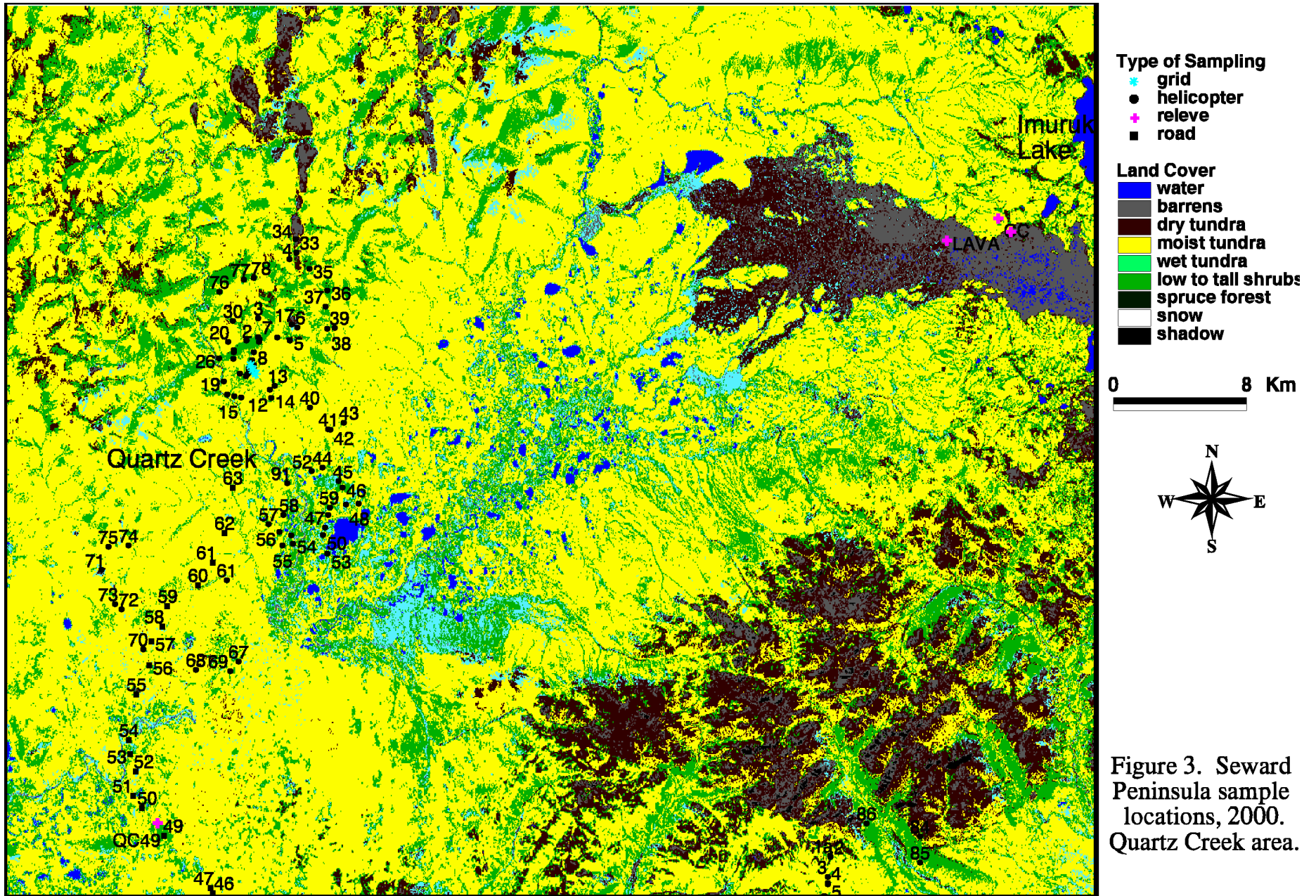


Figure 3. Seward Peninsula sample locations, 2000. Quartz Creek area.

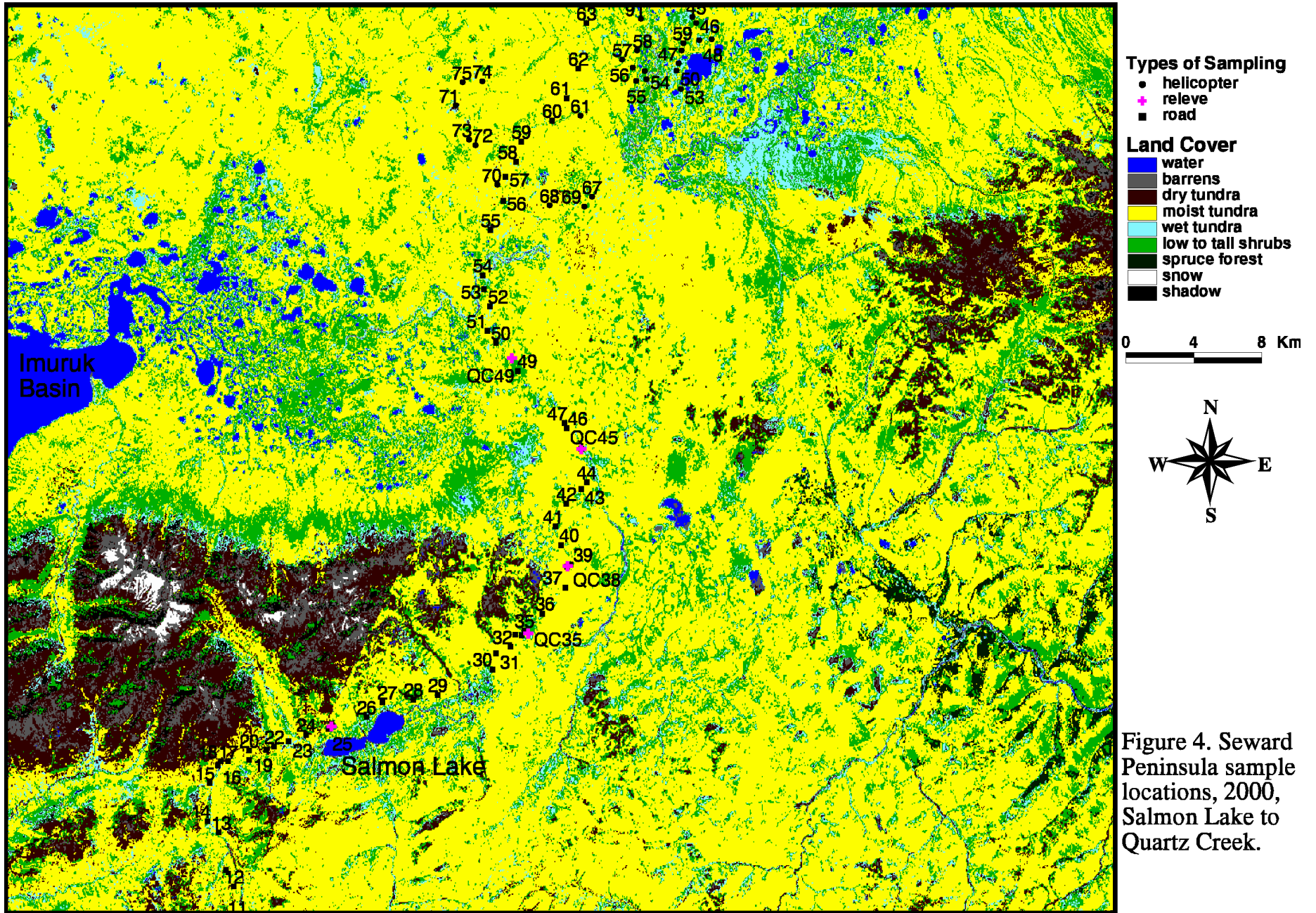


Figure 4. Seward Peninsula sample locations, 2000, Salmon Lake to Quartz Creek.

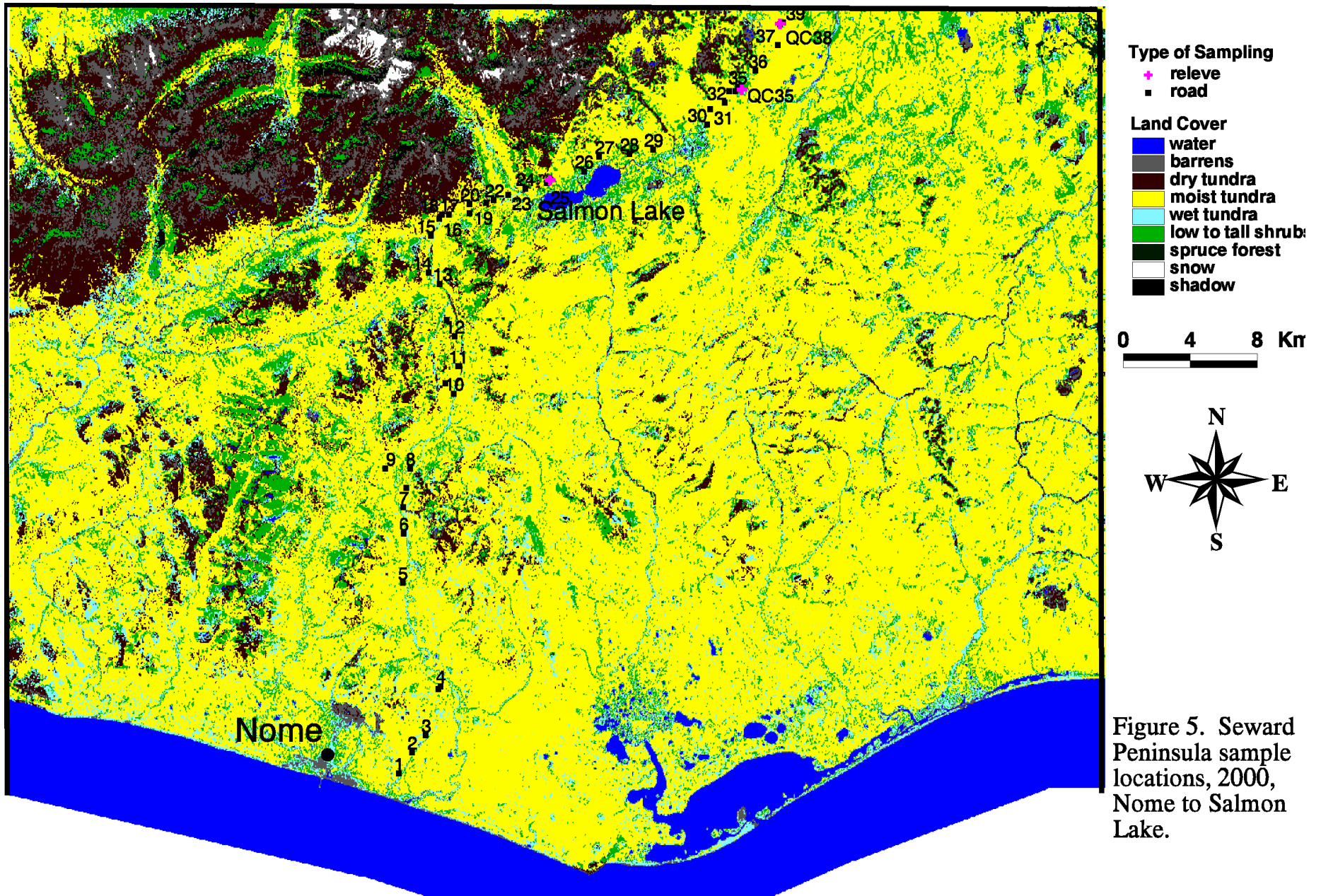


Figure 5. Seward Peninsula sample locations, 2000, Nome to Salmon Lake.

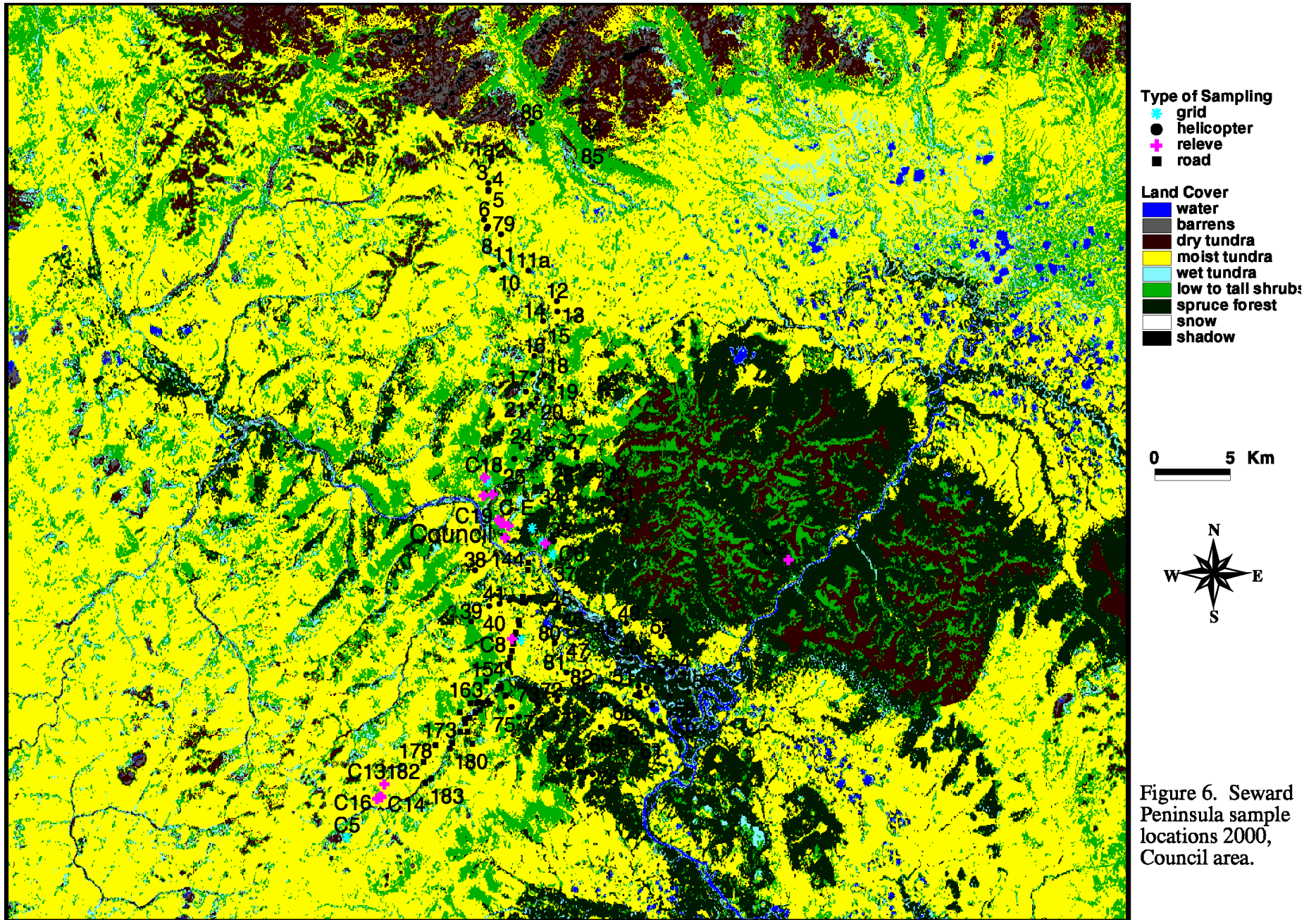


Figure 7a. Council Creek, Grid C1, C 2, C 3, C 4, and C 6. Grid C 5 (see in photo below), is located southeast of these locations.

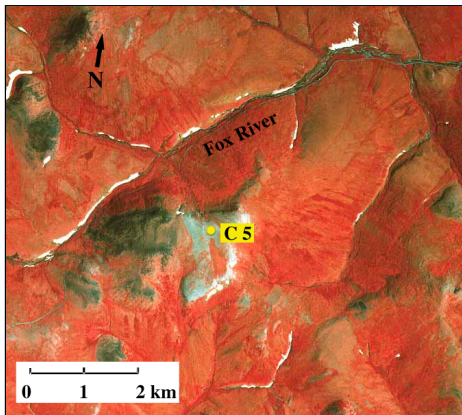
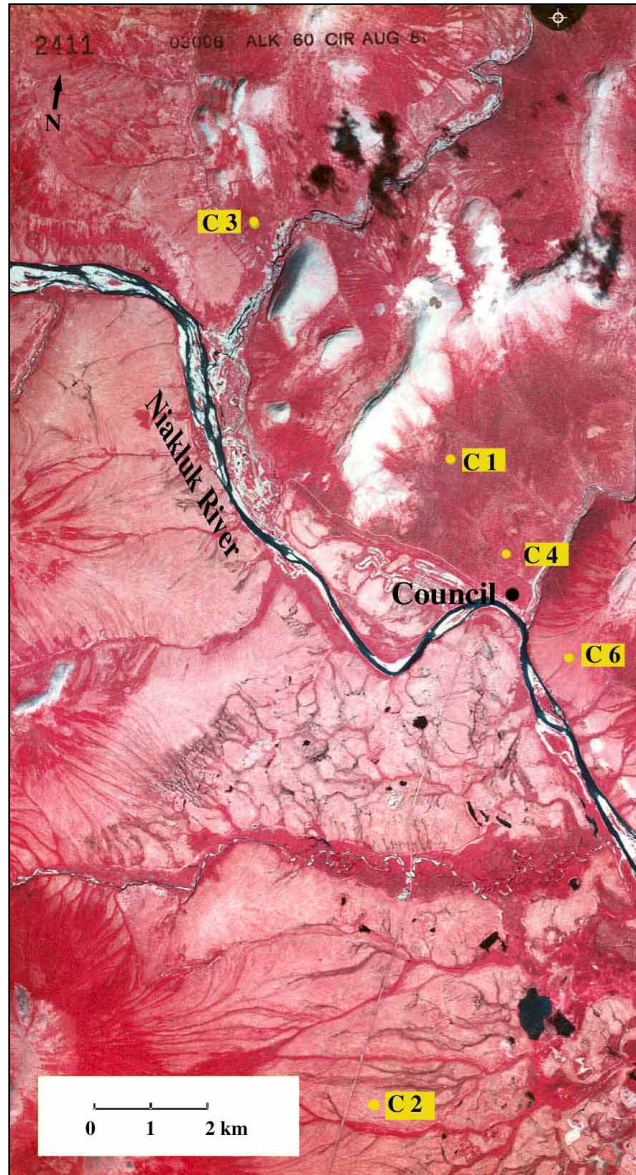


Figure 7b. Council Creek, C 5. Barren grid.

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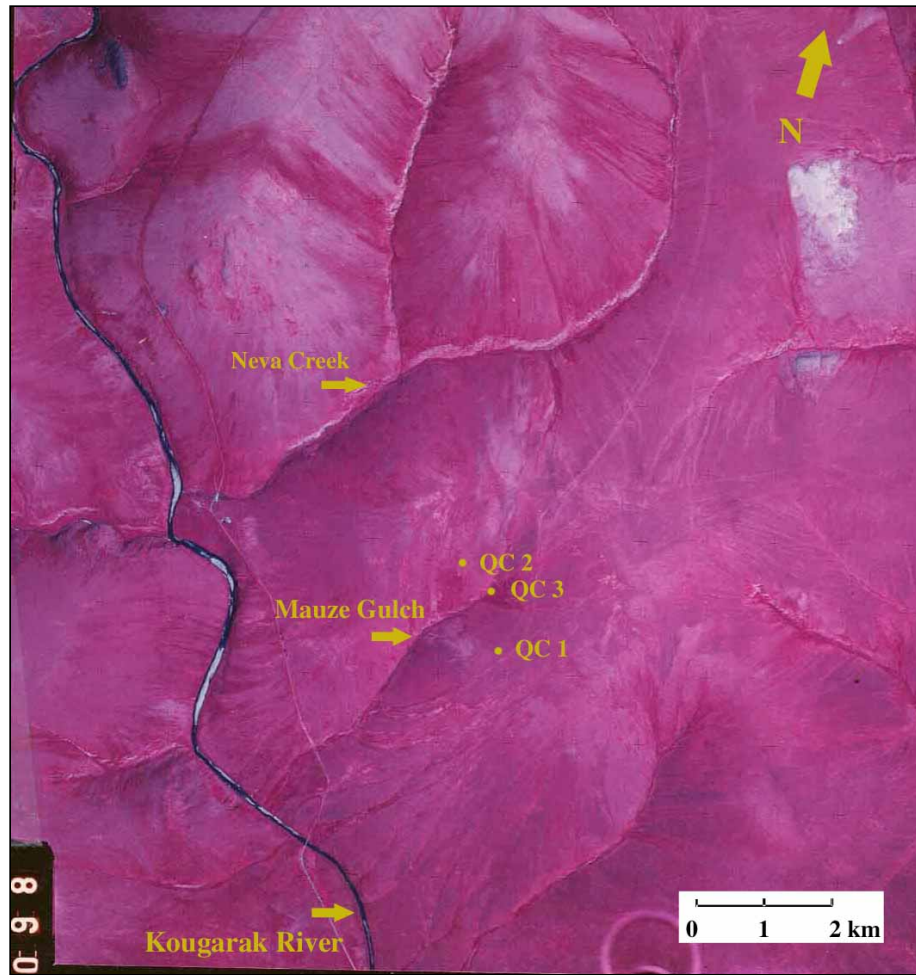


Figure 8. Quartz Creek Plots
Sites of QC 1, QC 2, and QC 3, northeast of Bendeleben Mountains.

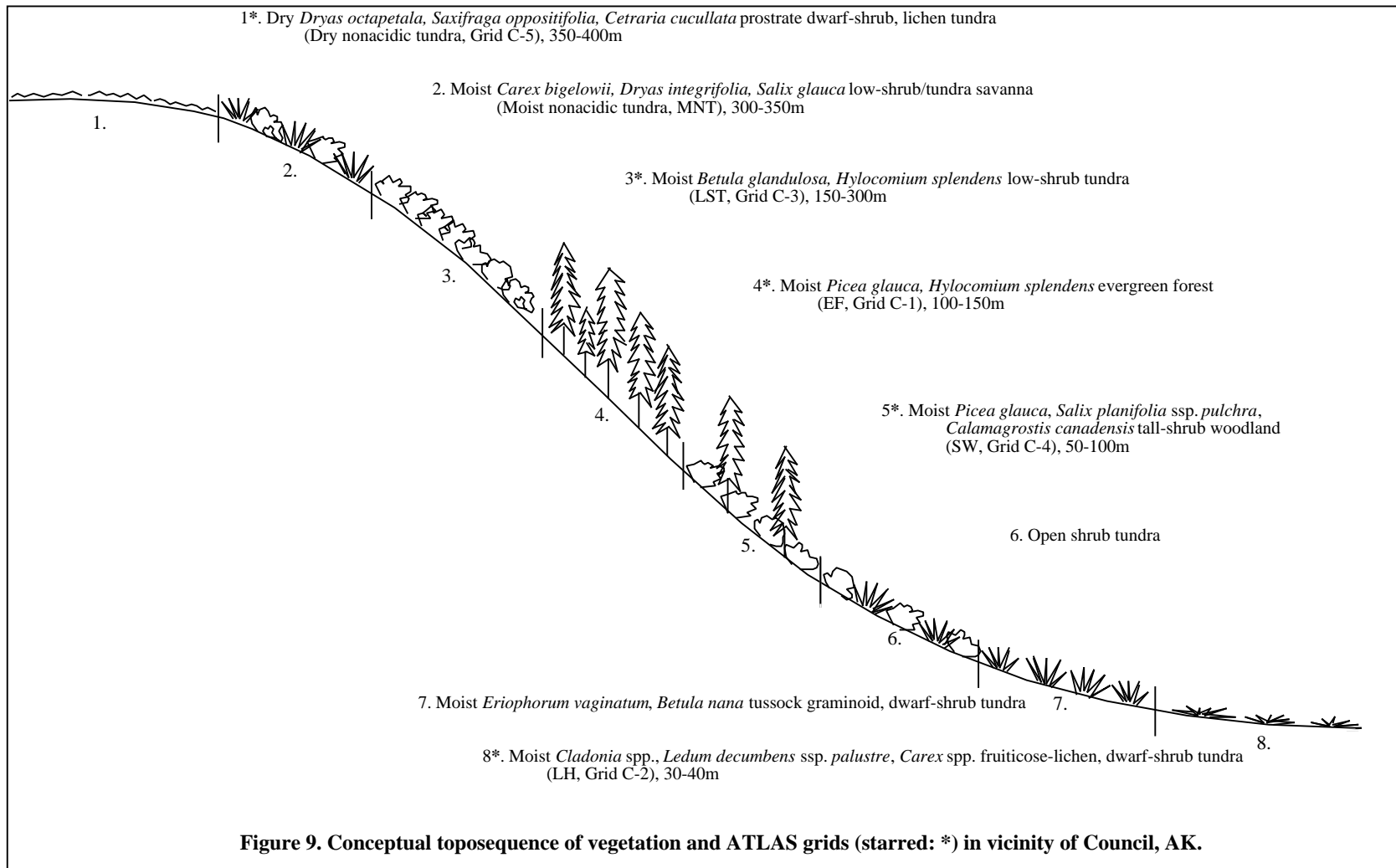


Table 1. Vegetation heterogeneity at the gridpoints of the four Council grids, and three Quartz Creek grids

| | C1 Forest | | C2 Lichen tundra | | C3 Shrub | | C5 Barren | | QC1 Tussock tundra | | QC2 Striped tundra | | QC3 Shrub |
|-------|----------------|------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|---------------|---|---|--------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Point | Species | Canopy | Veg.type | Microsites | Veg.type | Species | Veg.type | Microsites | Veg. type | Microsite | Microsite | Veg.Type | Veg.type & microsite |
| | | Canopy A-tree, B-shrub, C-clearing | Veg.type A-Sphfus,Rubcha, Betnan,Leddec B-Cla spp.,Caracu,Vaculi C-Eriang, Sab.spp.,Dreap.spp | Microsites A-mossy hummocks B-internummocks C-wet depression | Veg.type A-shrub B-clearing | | Veg.type A-open/patchy Dryoct,Oxybry B-continuous Dryoct,Oxybry | Microsites A-featureless B-patterned, sorted stone nets C-stripes | | Microsite A-tussock B-intertussock | Microsite A-stripe B-interstripe C-nonsorted circle D-featureless E-solifluction lobe | Veg.Type A-Cladonia spp., Empnig lichen/prostrate dwarf shrub, B-Betnan,Vaculi,Carbig erect dwarf shrub/graminoid C-SaiphI, Sphglo,Anfri D-Saipul,Saigla low shrub E-Carbig,Betnan,Equary, Vaculi graminoid/dwarf shrub | Veg.type & microsite A-shrubs, B-clearings |
| A1 | | C | B | B | A | Betgla/Vaculi | A | C | tussock tundra | B | A | E | A |
| A2 | Salpul | B | A | A | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | A | B | E | A |
| A3 | Sallan | B | B | B | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | B | A | A | A |
| A4 | | C | B | B | A | Vaculi/Betala | A | C | tussock tundra | B | B | E | A |
| A5 | Salpul | B | A | A | A | Penflo | A | C | tussock tundra | B | B | B | A |
| A6 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | B | C | A | A |
| A7 | Picgla | A | A | A | B | Arclub | A | C | tussock tundra | A | D | D | B |
| A8 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | A | B | B | A |
| A9 | | C | A | B | B | | A | C | tussock tundra | A | D | B | A |
| A10 | Salpul | B | A | A | B | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | A | D | B | A |
| A11 | between Picgla | C | A | A | A | Saigla | A | C | tussock tundra | A | D | D | A |
| B1 | | C | A | A | A | Vaculi/Betala | A | A | tussock tundra | A | A | A | A |
| B2 | Salpul | B | A | A | A | Betgla | A | A | tussock tundra | A | A | A | A |
| B3 | Sallan | B | A | A | A | Vaculi/Betala | A | A | tussock tundra | A | B | B | A |
| B4 | Salpul | B | C | C | A | Vaculi/Betala | A | C | tussock tundra | A | B | E | A |
| B5 | Picgla | A | A | B | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | B | B | E | A |
| B6 | Picgla | A | B | B | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | A | B | B | A |
| B7 | | C | A | A | B | Penflo | A | C | tussock tundra | A | D | B | A |
| B8 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | B | D | B | A |
| B9 | Salpul | B | A | B | A | Betgla/Vaculi | A | C | tussock tundra | A | D | B | A |
| B10 | Sallan | B | A | A | A | Penflo | A | C | tussock tundra | A | D | E | A |
| B11 | Picgla | A | A | A | B | | A | C | tussock tundra | A | D | B | A |
| C1 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Betgla | A | A | tussock tundra | B | C | C | A |
| C2 | Salpul | B | B | B | A | Betgla | A | A | tussock tundra | B | B | B | A |
| C3 | | C | A | A | A | Vaculi/Betala | A | A | tussock tundra | B | B | B | A |
| C4 | | C | C | C | A | Vaculi/Betgla | A | A | tussock tundra | B | B | B | B |

Table 1. Vegetation heterogeneity (continued)

| | C1 Forest | | C2 Lichen tundra | | C3 Shrub | | C5 Barren | | QC1 Tussock tundra | | QC2 Striped tundra | | QC3 Shrub |
|-------|-----------|------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Point | Species | Canopy | Veg.type | Microsites | Veg.type | Species | Veg.type | Microsites | Veg. type | Microsite | Microsite | Veg.Type | Veg.type & microsite |
| | | Canopy A-tree, B-shrub, C-clearing | Veg.type A-Sphrus,Rubcha, Betnan,Leddec B-Cia spp.,Caracu,Vaculi C-Eriang, Sph spp.,Drep.spp. | Microsites A-mossy hummocks B-interhummocks C-wet_depression | Veg.type A-shrub B-clearing | | Veg.type A-open/patchy Dryoct,Oxybry B-continuous Dryoct,Oxybry | Microsites A-featureless B-patterned, sorted stone nets C-strippas | | Microsite A-tussock B-intertussock | Microsite A-stripe B-interstripe C-nonsorted circle D-featureless E-solifluction_lobe | Veg.Type A-Cladonia spp., Empnig lichen/prostrate dwarf shrub B- Betnan,Vaculi,Carbig erect dwarf shrub/graminoid C-Salphi,Spriglo,Anfri D-Salpul,Saigla low shrub E-Carbig,Betnan,Equary,Vaculi graminoid/dwarf_shrub | Veg.type & microsite A-shrubs, B-clearings |
| D1 | Salix sp. | B | A | B | A | Betgla | A | A | tussock tundra | B | B | E | A |
| D2 | | C | C | C | A | Betgla/Vaculi | A | A | tussock tundra | B | B | B | A |
| D3 | Picgla | A | B | B | A | Vaculi/Leddec | A | A | tussock tundra | B | B | D | A |
| D4 | | C | A | A | B | Vaculi | A | A | tussock tundra | B | A | A | A |
| D5 | Salpul | B | C | C | A | Betgla | A | A | Carex lugens, tussock tundra | A | B | B | A |
| D6 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Betgla | A | A | tussock tundra | B | D | B | A |
| D7 | Popbal | A | A | A | B | | A | A | tussock tundra | B | D | B | A |
| D8 | Sallan | B | A | A | A | Penflo/Betgla | A | A | tussock tundra | B | D | B | A |
| D9 | Salgla | B | B | B | B | Salret | A | A | tussock tundra | A | D | B | A |
| D10 | | C | A | A | A | Penflo | A | B | tussock tundra | A | D | B | A |
| D11 | | C | A | A | A | Betgla | A | A | Salix pulchra, tussock tundra | B | E | D | B |
| E1 | Salpul | B | A | A | A | Salpul/Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | B | E | A |
| E2 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Vaculi/Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | B | E | A |
| E3 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Betgla | B | B | tussock tundra | B | B | B | A |
| E4 | Picgla | A | B | B | A | Vaculi/Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | B | B | A |
| E5 | | C | A | A | A | Vaculi/Salpul/Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | A | D | E | A |
| E6 | | C | A | A | A | Betgla | A | A | tussock tundra | A | B | D | B |
| E7 | | C | A | A | A | Salret/Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | D | B | A |
| E8 | | C | A | A | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | A | B | B | A |
| E9 | | C | A | A | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | A | D | B | A |
| E10 | Salgla | B | B | B | B | Salpul | A | B | tussock tundra | B | D | B | A |
| E11 | | C | A | A | B | Salret | A | B | tussock tundra | B | E | D | A |
| F1 | | C | A | A | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | B | B | A |

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| | C1 Forest | | C2 Lichen tundra | | C3 Shrub | | C5 Barren | | QC1 Tussock tundra | | QC2 Striped tundra | | QC3 Shrub |
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| F2 | Picgla/Betnan | A/B | A | A | A | Vaculi | A | B | tussock tundra | B | B | D | A- drainage, moose browsed |
| F3 | Sallan | B | A | A | A | Salpul | B | B | tussock tundra | A | B | E | A |
| F4 | Picgla | A | C | C | A | Vaculi/Salpul | B | A | tussock tundra | A | A | A | A |
| F5 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Vaculi | B | A | tussock tundra | A | B | E | A |
| G5 | | C | A | A | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | A | B | E | A |
| G6 | Salpul | B | A | A | A | Betgla | B | A | patch of Carex lugens tussock tundra | B | B | B | A |
| G7 | Salgla | B | B | B | A | Betgla | B | B | tussock tundra | B | B | B | A |
| G8 | Popbal | A | C | C | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | B | D | A |
| G9 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | B | D | D | A |
| G10 | | C | A | A | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | B | D | B | A |
| G11 | Salbra | B | A | A | B | Salret/Arclat | A | C | tussock tundra | B | D | E | A |
| H1 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Salgla | A | B | tussock tundra | A | A | A | A |
| H2 | | C | A | A | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | B | E | A |
| H3 | Salpul | B | B | B | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | A | A | A |
| H4 | Picgla | A | B | B | A | Betgla | B | A | tussock tundra | B | A | A | A |
| H5 | Popbal | A | A | A | A | Betgla/Penflo | A | A | tussock tundra | B | A | A | A |
| H6 | Picgla | A | B | B | A | Betgla/Penflo | B | A | tussock tundra | B | A | A | A |
| H7 | Salgla | B | A | A | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | D | B | A |
| H8 | | C | B | B | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | A | D | B | A |
| H9 | Picgla | A | B | B | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | E | B | A |
| H10 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | B | D | E | B |
| H11 | | C | B | B | B | Vaculi | A | C | tussock tundra | A | D | D | A |
| I1 | Salpul | B | A | A | A | Betgla | B | A | tussock tundra | B | A | E | A |
| I2 | Salpul | B | A | A | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | B | B | A |

Table 1. Vegetation heterogeneity (continued)

| | C1 Forest | | C2 Lichen tundra | | C3 Shrub | | C5 Barren | | QC1 Tussock tundra | | QC2 Striped tundra | | QC3 Shrub |
|-------|---------------|------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------|---|--|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Point | Species | Canopy | Veg.type | Microsites | Veg.type | Species | Veg.type | Microsites | Veg. type | Microsite | Microsite | Veg.Type | Veg.type & microsite |
| | | Canopy A-tree, B-shrub, C-clearing | Veg.type A-Sphius,Rubcha, Betman,Leddec B-Cla spp., Caracu,Vaculi C-Eriang, Sph spp.,Drep.spp. | Microsites A-mossy hummocks B-interhummocks C-wet_depression | Veg.type A-shrub B-clearing | | Veg.type A-open/patchy Dryoct,Oxybry B-continuous Dryoct,Oxybry | Microsites A-featureless B-patterned, sorted stone nets C-strippas | | Microsite A-tussock B-intertussock | Microsite A-stripe B-interstripe C-nonsorted circle D-featureless E-solifluction-icebe | Veg.Type A-Cladonia spp., Empnig lichen/prostrate dwarf shrub B-Betman,Vaculi,Carbig erect dwarf shrub/graminoid C-Salpul,Sphglo,Anfri D-Salpul,Salgla low shrub E-Carbig,Betman,Equary,Vaculi graminoid/dwarf shrub | Veg.type & microsite A-shrubs, B-clearings |
| I3 | | C | B | B | B | Vaculi | A | B | tussock tundra | B - dead Salpul | B | B | A |
| I4 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Betgla | B | B | tussock tundra | B | B | B | A |
| I5 | | C | B | B | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | A | B | B | A |
| I6 | Picgla | A | B | B | A | Betgla | B | B | tussock tundra | B | B | B | A |
| I7 | | C | B | B | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | A | E | A |
| J6 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | A | B | B | A |
| J7 | Salpul | B | A | A | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | A | A | E | A |
| J8 | | C | B | B | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | B | E | A |
| J9 | | C | A | A | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | B | D | B | A |
| J10 | | C | C | C | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | A | D | E | A |
| J11 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | B | D | D | A |
| K1 | Salpul/Salala | B | A | A | A | Betgla | B | A | tussock tundra | A | A | A | A |
| K2 | | C | B | B | A | Betgla | B | A | tussock tundra | B | B | B | A |
| K3 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Betgla | B | B | tussock tundra | A | B | B | A |
| K4 | Picgla | A | A | A | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | A | E | D | A |
| K5 | | C | A | A | A | Salpul | A | C | tussock tundra | B | B | B | A |
| K6 | | C | B | B | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | B | B | E | A |
| K7 | Picgla | A | C | C | A | Betgla/Salpul | A | C | tussock tundra | A w/ Salpul | A | E | A |
| K8 | Popbal | A | B | B | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | B | E | A |
| K9 | Salpul | B | A | A | A | Betgla | A | B | tussock tundra | B | B | D | A |
| K10 | Salpul | B | A | A | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | B | A | A | A |
| K11 | | C | A | A | A | Betgla | A | C | tussock tundra | A | D | D | A |

| C1 Forest | | | | | | C2 Lichen tundra | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Point | Moss depth (cm) green/nongreen | Moss species | Height of veg (cm) | Vascular species | Microrelief height (cm) | Point | Moss or lichen depth (cm) green/nongreen | Moss or lichen species | Height of veg (cm) | Vascular species | Microrelief height (cm) |
| B2 | 4/2 | Plesch | 5 | Empnig | 5 | B2 | 2/14 | Sphag | 5 | Rubcha | 20 |
| B4 | | litter | 25 | Carpod | 5 | B4 | 1/3 | liverworts, Polstr | 20 | Betnan | 25 |
| B6 | | litter | 10 | Carpod | 22 | B6 | 14/0 | Claran | 25 | Vaculi | 17 |
| B8 | 1/2 | Hylspl | 15 | Empnig | 38 | B8 | 1/1 | Ochfri | 23 | Caraqu | 18 |
| B10 | 4/3 | Hylspl | 13 | Empnig | 12 | B10 | 1/9 | Sphag sp. | 10 | Rubcha | 16 |
| D2 | 2/1 | Plesch | 7 | Vacvit | 23 | D2 | 4/2 | Sphfim | 30 | Caraqu | 15 |
| D4 | 2/3 | Hylspl | 7 | Rubarc | 14 | D4 | 1/19 | Sphfus | 15 | Vaculi | 17 |
| D6 | 3/5 | Hylspl | 10 | Petfri | 16 | D6 | 12/0 | Clarb | 10 | Leddec | 16 |
| D8 | 6/6 | Plesch | 3 | dead Empnig | 24 | D8 | 10/0 | Claran | 9 | Leddec | 25 |
| D10 | <1/<1 | Tomnit | 11 | Vaculi | 12 | D10 | 1/22 | Sphfus | 17 | Betnan | 20 |
| F2 | 2/1 | Hylspl | 11 | Carpod | 13 | F2 | 1/19 | Sphfus | 15 | Leddec | 15 |
| F4 | 2/1 | Hylspl | 4 | Empnig | 6 | F4 | 1/2 | Sph sp. | 20 | Caraqu | 25 |
| F6 | 4/1 | Hylspl/Pticil | 5 | Salret | 12 | F6 | | | | | |
| F8 | 1/1 | Aupal | 3 | Mercam | 10 | F8 | 15/0 | Claran | 15 | Leddec | 22 |
| F10 | 3/7 | Aupal | 5 | Carpod | 9 | F10 | 9/0 | Clarb | 14 | Vaculi | 15 |
| H2 | | wood | 32 | Equarv | 16 | H2 | 8/0 | Claran | 20 | Caraqu | 20 |
| H4 | 4/2 | Hylspl/Aupal | 8 | Empnig | 23 | H4 | 10/0 | Claran | 20 | Caraqu | 17 |
| H6 | 4/2 | Plesch | 16 | Vaculi | 36 | H6 | 8/0 | Clarb | 20 | Caraqu | 18 |
| H8 | 3/2 | Hylspl | 7 | Arcrub | 14 | H8 | 2/8 | Sphfus | 25 | Caraqu | 20 |
| H10 | | litter | 17 | Empnig | 18 | H10 | 1/19 | Sphfus | 15 | Betnan | 28 |
| J2 | | litter | 13 | Empnig | 20 | J2 | 1/23 | Sphfus | 12 | Leddec | 37 |
| J4 | | litter | 11 | Empnig | 23 | J4 | 3/5 | Sph sp. | 20 | Betnan | 18 |
| J6 | | litter | 11 | Vacvit | 30 | J6 | 15/0 | Claran | 18 | Vaculi | 25 |
| J8 | 5/2 | Hylspl | 21 | Vaculi | 30 | J8 | 1/15 | Sphfus | 7 | Vaculi | 20 |
| J10 | 7/4 | Plesch | 0 | no live vasc. | 15 | J10 | 2/13 | Sphfus | 20 | Caraqu | 25 |

Table 2. Vegetation height (continued)

| C3 Shrub | | | | | | C5 7/12/00 Barren | | | | | | QC1 Forest | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Point | Moss depth (cm) green/nongreen | Moss or lichen species | Height of veg (cm) | Vascular species | Microrelief height (cm) | Point | Moss depth (cm) green/nongreen | Moss species | Height of veg (cm) | Vascular species | Microrelief height (cm) | Point | Moss depth (cm) green/nongreen | Moss species | Height of veg (cm) | Vascular species | Microrelief height (cm) |
| B2 | 1/3 | Aulpal | 20 | Thaalp | 40 | B2 | | | 8 | Hedmac | 2 | B2 | | | 32 | Betnan | 20 |
| B4 | 2/4 | Hylspl | 120 | Salpul | 30 | B4 | | | 0 | none | 5 | B4 | | | 33 | Carbig | 25 |
| B6 | 3/5 | Hylspl | 100 | Betgla | 15 | B6 | | | 1 | Saxopp | 4 | B6 | | | 30 | Erivag | 25 |
| B8 | 3/6 | Hylspl | 100 | Vaculi | 15 | B8 | | | 0 | none | 2 | B8 | | | 28 | Vaculi | 25 |
| B10 | 3/4 | Hylspl | 120 | Salarc | 10 | B10 | | | 0 | none | 3 | B10 | 1/12 | Sphag | 32 | Leddec | 20 |
| D2 | 3/5 | Hylspl | 135 | Vaculi | 20 | D2 | | | 3 | Dryoct | 3 | D2 | | | 25 | Erivag | 25 |
| D4 | 5/6 | Hylspl | 120 | Vaculi | 20 | D4 | | | 2 | Carrup | 5 | D4 | 2/3 | Sphgir | 15 | Erivag | 15 |
| D6 | 3/6 | Hylspl | 80 | Carpod | 15 | D6 | | | 0 | none | 4 | D6 | | | 32 | Salpul | 20 |
| D8 | 3/5 | Hylspl | 150 | Penflo | 20 | D8 | | | 1 | Dryoct | 2 | D8 | 2/1 | liverwort | 30 | Carbig | 30 |
| D10 | | | 140 | Anepar | 20 | D10 | | | 0 | none | 4 | D10 | | | 45 | Erivag | 35 |
| F2 | 4/6 | Hylspl | 115 | Vaculi | 10 | F2 | | | 1 | Andcha | 4 | F2 | 5/3 | Sphgir | 28 | Erivag | 20 |
| F4 | | | 100 | Betgla | 20 | F4 | | | 5 | Hedmac | 6 | F4 | | | 45 | Erivag | 25 |
| F6 | 5/3 | Hylspl | 15 | Penflo | 10 | F6 | | | 2 | Cettil | 3 | F6 | | | 32 | Vaculi | 20 |
| F8 | 0.5/1 | Hylspl | 15 | Carsci | 5 | F8 | | | 2 | Anenar | 5 | F8 | | | 27 | Erivag | 20 |
| F10 | | | 160 | Salpul | 10 | F10 | | | 2 | Dryoct | 2 | F10 | 2/2 | Polstr | 33 | Carbig | 30 |
| H2 | 4/6 | Hylspl | 60 | Vaculi | 30 | H2 | | | 1 | Senres | 6 | H2 | 2/1 | Hylspl | 30 | Leddec | 25 |
| H4 | 3/10 | Hylspl/Plesch | 80 | Vaculi | 25 | H4 | | | 2 | Dryoct | 3 | H4 | | | 25 | Leddec | 20 |
| H6 | 3/8 | Hylspl | 120 | Arcrub | 20 | H6 | | | 0 | none | 1 | H6 | | | 30 | Carbig | 15 |
| H8 | 3/7 | Hylspl | 110 | Valcap | 10 | H8 | | | 0 | none | 2 | H8 | | | 30 | Vaculi | 15 |
| H10 | 3/6 | Hylspl | 120 | Mercam | 30 | H10 | | | 4 | Dryoct | 2 | H10 | | | 25 | Carbig | 17 |
| J2 | | | 115 | Empnig | 25 | J2 | | | 4 | Dryoct | 2 | J2 | | | 30 | Vaculi | 25 |
| J4 | 2/6 | Hylspl | 100 | Empnig | 25 | J4 | | | 0 | none | 1 | J4 | 1/1 | liverwort | 40 | Erivag | 30 |
| J6 | 1/2 | Hylspl | 100 | Vaculi | 15 | J6 | | | 3 | Potuni | 2 | J6 | | | 20 | Erivag | 15 |
| J8 | 2/4 | Hylspl | 85 | Empnig | 15 | J8 | .03/1 | Bryum sp. | 1 | Perdac | 5 | J8 | 1/0 | Dicr sp. | 30 | Erivag | 20 |
| J10 | | | 110 | Betgla | 15 | J10 | | | 0 | none | 0 | J10 | | | 40 | Erivag | 30 |

Table 2. Vegetation height (continued)

| QC2 Stripes | | | | | | QC3 Shrubs | | | | | |
|-------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Point | Moss or lichen depth (cm) green/nongreen | Moss or lichen species | Height of veg (cm) | Vascular species | Microrelief height (cm) | Point | Moss depth (cm) green/nongreen | Moss species | Height of veg (cm) | Vascular species | Microrelief height (cm) |
| B2 | 1/0 | Pelcan | 5 | Oxymay | 15 | B2 | | none | 170 | Salpul | 30 |
| B4 | 1/0 | Pelapt | 15 | Carbig | 20 | B4 | 1/1 | spindly feather | 170 | Salpul | 15 |
| B6 | 0 | | 40 | Erivag | 30 | B6 | | none | 190 | Salpul | 40 |
| B8 | 0 | | 20 | Betnan | 15 | B8 | | none | 120 | Salpul | 20 |
| B10 | 0 | | 30 | Salpul | 20 | B10 | 10/1 | | 150 | Lycann | 20 |
| D2 | | | 30 | Salgla | 25 | D2 | 4/1 | Tomnit | 170 | Salpul | 12 |
| D4 | 1/0 | Cetisl | 7 | Pedkan | 10 | D4 | | none | 170 | Salpul | 5 |
| D6 | | | 35 | Salpul | 20 | D6 | | none | 140 | Salpul | 20 |
| D8 | | | 30 | Carbig | 18 | D8 | 6/2 | Poljun | 130 | Salpul | 20 |
| D10 | | | 30 | Vaculi | 25 | D10 | 2/+ | Poljun | 100 | Salpul | 13 |
| F2 | 2/0 | Dreunc | 70 | Salpul | 20 | F2 | 1/0 | liverwort | 90 | Salpul | 12 |
| F4 | 2/0 | Ochfri | 5 | Leddec | 15 | F4 | 2/1 | liverwort | 190 | Salpul | 40 |
| F6 | 2/4 | Sphang | 25 | Betnan | 20 | F6 | | none | 150 | Salpul | 20 |
| F8 | 1/1 | Aultur | 45 | Betnan | 15 | F8 | | none | 160 | Salpul | 30 |
| F10 | 1/3 | Polstr | 65 | Salpul | 15 | F10 | 5/2 | Poljun | 160 | Salpul | 25 |
| H2 | 1/0 | green cup Cladonia | 9 | Equarv | 25 | H2 | | | 180 | Salpul | 10 |
| H4 | 2/3 | Dicr sp. | 8 | Vaculi | 20 | H4 | | | 170 | Salpul | 5 |
| H6 | 8/1 | Cetarb | 20 | Carbig | 20 | H6 | 2/1 | Poljun | 110 | Salpul | 5 |
| H8 | | | 18 | Equarv | 15 | H8 | 1/+ | spindly feather | 130 | Salpul | 25 |
| H10 | 3/3 | Aulpal | 30 | Salgla | 15 | H10 | | | 130 | Salpul | 25 |
| J2 | | | 35 | Betnan | 20 | J2 | | | 175 | Salpul | 15 |
| J4 | +/0 | Perdac | 3 | Rholap | 10 | J4 | | | 110 | Salpul | 10 |
| J6 | | | 17 | Vaculi | 15 | J6 | 1/+ | spindly feather | 130 | Salpul | 5 |
| J8 | 4/6 | Hylspl | 25 | Carbig | 15 | J8 | 1/+ | spindly feather | 150 | Salpul | 5 |
| J10 | | | 20 | Carbig | 15 | J10 | 1/1 | Plesch | 10 | Carbig | 25 |

Table 3. Grid organic soil horizon description

| Grid | Date | Observers | Point | Oi | Oe | Oa | Total | Soil classification | Microsite | Collection | Notes |
|------|---------|----------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| C1 | 7/13/00 | SW,TR,AM,DW,CT | B10 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 17 | | beneath Sallan, gravelly | X, soil collected from top of B horizon | |
| | | | C5 | 4 | 8 | 29 | 41 | | beneath Picgla on a dead log | | |
| | | | E10 | 8 | 4 | 18 | 30 | | beneath Salpul | | |
| | | | G11 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 22 | | beneath Picgla on a dead log | | |
| | | | I6 | 16 | 3 | 14 | 33 | | beneath Salix glauca on dead log | | |
| | | | K3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 11 | | beneath Picgla | | |
| C2 | 7/11/00 | SW,TR,AM,DW,CT | A10 | 12 | 6 | 10/pf | 28 | sphagnohemist | hummock (A) | X, all soil samples taken 2m N on grid point | |
| | | | C2 | 22 | 5/pf | | 27 | sphagnofibrist | hummock (A) | X | |
| | | | E3 | 9 | 15 | 6/pf | 30 | sphagnohemist | hummock (A) | X | |
| | | | G4 | 21 | 18 | 5/pf | 44 | sphagnofibrist | hummock (A) | X | |
| | | | I10 | 26 | 6/pf | | 32 | sphagnofibrist | hummock (A) | X | |
| | | | K2 | 19 | 9/pf | | 28 | sphagnofibrist | hummock (A) | X | |
| C3 | 7/14/00 | SW,TR,AM,DW,CT | A5 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 8 | pergelic cryaquept | shrub | X | |
| | | | C3 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 11 | pergelic cryaquept | shrub | X | |
| | | | E8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 | pergelic cryoquoll | shrub under Betgla | X | |
| | | | G6 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 11 | pergelic cryaquept | shrub Betgla | X | |
| | | | I11 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | pergelic cryoquoll | shrub Betgla | X | |
| | | | K1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | pergelic cryaquept | shrub Betgla | X | |
| C5 | 7/12/00 | SW,TR,AM,DW,CT | no organic horizon | | | | | | | | |
| QC1 | 7/23/00 | SW,TR,AM,DW,CT | A4 | 5 | 12 | 10 | 27 | histic pergelic cryaquept | intertussock | x top of B, grab sample | all soils are acidic |
| | | | B4 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 28 | histic pergelic cryaquept | tussock | X grab sample | |
| | | | C7 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 16 | histic pergelic cryaquept | intertussock | X B, grab sample | |
| | | | D1 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 25 | histic pergelic cryaquept | intertussock | X Oa | |
| | | | E5 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 28 | histic pergelic cryaquept | tussock | XB | |
| | | | F10 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 18 | histic pergelic cryaquept | intertussock | XB | |
| | | | G4 | 17 | 0 | 13 | 30 | histic pergelic cryaquept | margin of tussock | X Oa, grab sample | |
| | | | H6 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 12 | pergelic cryaquept | tussock | XB | |
| | | | I9 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 16 | histic pergelic cryaquept | Carlug tussock | X Oa | |
| | | | J6 | 2 | 0 | 22 | 24 | histic pergelic cryaquept | intertussock | X Oa | |
| K10 | 6 | 4 Oe/B | | 10 | pergelic cryaquept | tussock | X | | | | |
| QC2 | 7/22/00 | SW,TR,AM,DW,CT | A1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | ruptic pergelic cryaquept, acid | stripe | X | |
| | | | B4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | pergelic cryaquept, acid | stripe | X | |
| | | | C7 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 11 | pergelic cryaquept | interstripe | X | |
| | | | D1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | ruptic pergelic cryaquept | stripe | X | |
| | | | E5 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 16 | pergelic cryaquept, acid | featureless | X | |
| | | | F10 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 17 | histic pergelic cryaquept, acid | interstripe | X | |
| | | | G4 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | pergelic cryumbrept >20cm A horiz. | interstripe | X | |
| | | | H6 | 4 (lichen) | 0 | 3 | 7 | pergelic cryaquept | stripe | X | |
| | | | I9 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 21 | histic pergelic cryaquept, acid | featureless | X | |
| | | | J6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 12 | pergelic cryaquept, acid | interstripe | X | |
| K10 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | pergelic cryaquept, acid | stripe-hummock | X | | | | |
| QC3 | 7/26/00 | SW,TR,AM,DW,CT | A4 | 3 | | | 5 | pergelic cryaquept | shrub | X | |
| | | | B4 | 2 | 1 | | 3 | pergelic cryaquept | shrub | X | |
| | | | C7 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 | pergelic cryaquept | shrub | XB | |
| | | | D1 | 2 | 1 | | 3 | pergelic cryaquept | shrub | XB | |
| | | | E5 | 2 | 2 | | 4 | pergelic cryaquept | shrub | X A & B | |
| | | | F10 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | pergelic cryaquept | shrub | XB | |
| | | | G4 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | pergelic cryaquept | shrub | XB | |
| | | | H6 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | pergelic cryaquept | shrub | XB | |
| | | | I9 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | pergelic cryaquept | shrub | XB | |
| J6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | pergelic cryaquept | shrub | XB | | | | |

Table 4. Grid soil moisture

| Relevé | Sample # | Location | Wet Wt. | Dry Wt. (w/Tare) | Tare Wt. | Dry Wt. | Water Wt. | %Soil Moisture |
|--------|----------|----------|---------|---------------------|----------|---------|-----------|-------------------|
| C1 | 5 | B10 | 137.3 | 47.7 | 13.1 | 34.6 | 89.6 | 2.6 |
| | 6 | C5 | 165.9 | 62.6 | 13 | 49.6 | 103.3 | 2.1 |
| | 7 | E10 | 140 | 48.1 | 12.1 | 36 | 91.9 | 2.6 |
| | 8 | G11 | 141.3 | 48.1 | 10.6 | 37.5 | 93.2 | 2.5 |
| | 10 | I6 | 144.2 | 42.6 | 11.4 | 31.2 | 101.6 | 3.3 |
| | 9 | K3 | 204 | 101 | 12 | 89 | 103 | 1.2 |
| C2 | 20 | A10 | 136.6 | 38.4 | 15.4 | 23 | 98.2 | 4.3 |
| | 19 | C2 | 85.3 | 25.2 | 13.2 | 12 | 60.1 | 5.0 |
| | 21 | E3 | 119.1 | 28.5 | 12.7 | 15.8 | 90.6 | 5.7 |
| | 11 | G4 | 114.2 | 38.8 | 10.5 | 28.3 | 75.4 | 2.7 |
| | 22 | I10 | 91.9 | 28 | 13.2 | 14.8 | 63.9 | 4.3 |
| | 12 | K1 | 117.9 | 27.1 | 11.3 | 15.8 | 90.8 | 5.7 |
| C3 | 44 | A5 | 154.5 | 93 | 0 | 93 | 61.5 | 0.7 |
| | 48 | C3 | 172.6 | 82.4 | 0 | 82.4 | 90.2 | 1.1 |
| | 49 | E8 | 142.6 | 30.1 | 0 | 30.1 | 112.5 | 3.7 |
| | 46 | G6 | 121.3 | 46.6 | 0 | 46.6 | 74.7 | 1.6 |
| | 47 | I11 | 123.7 | 41.6 | 0 | 41.6 | 82.1 | 2.0 |
| | 45 | K1 | 146.1 | 49.5 | 0 | 49.5 | 96.6 | 2.0 |
| QC1 | 61 | A4 | 283.7 | 192 | 0 | 192 | 91.7 | 0.5 |
| | 62 | B4 | 178.9 | 112.3 | 0 | 112.3 | 66.6 | 0.6 |
| | 63 | C7 | 214.1 | 126.1 | 0 | 126.1 | 88 | 0.7 |
| | 64 | D1 | 150.9 | 37.8 | 0 | 37.8 | 113.1 | 3.0 |
| | 65 | E5 | 165.8 | 52.4 | 0 | 52.4 | 113.4 | 2.2 |
| | 66 | F10 | 226.5 | 138.3 | 0 | 138.3 | 88.2 | 0.6 |
| | 67 | G4 | 174.6 | 44.2 | 0 | 44.2 | 130.4 | 3.0 |
| | 68 | H6 | 161 | 58.3 | 0 | 58.3 | 102.7 | 1.8 |
| | 69 | I9 | 168.4 | 30.8 | 0 | 30.8 | 137.6 | 4.5 |
| | 73 | J6 | 135.4 | 24.9 | 0 | 24.9 | 110.5 | 4.4 |
| 74 | K10 | 136.5 | 43.7 | 0 | 43.7 | 92.8 | 2.1 | |
| QC2 | 75 | A1 | 394.1 | 317 | 0 | 317 | 77.1 | 0.2 |
| | 76 | B4 | 324.5 | 257.7 | 0 | 257.7 | 66.8 | 0.3 |
| | 77 | C7 | 238.1 | 114.5 | 0 | 114.5 | 123.6 | 1.1 |
| | 78 | D1 | 338.6 | 274.2 | 0 | 274.2 | 64.4 | 0.2 |
| | 85 | E5 | 429 | 120 | 0 | 120 | 309 | 2.6 |
| | 79 | F10 | 267.6 | 59.9 | 0 | 59.9 | 207.7 | 3.5 |
| | 80 | G4 | 187.9 | 51.3 | 0 | 51.3 | 136.6 | 2.7 |
| | 81 | H6 | 226.6 | 155.6 | 0 | 155.6 | 71 | 0.5 |
| | 82 | I9 | 402.5 | 83.6 | 0 | 83.6 | 318.9 | 3.8 |
| | 83 | J6 | 289.9 | 226.7 | 0 | 226.7 | 63.2 | 0.3 |
| 84 | K10 | 344.1 | 270.7 | 0 | 270.7 | 73.4 | 0.3 | |
| QC3 | 86 | A4 | 164.7 | 73.6 | 0 | 73.6 | 91.1 | 1.2 |
| | 87 | B4 | 170.5 | 90.9 | 0 | 90.9 | 79.6 | 0.9 |
| | 88 | C7 | 201.9 | 106 | 0 | 106 | 95.9 | 0.9 |
| | 89 | D1 | 162.4 | 85.9 | 0 | 85.9 | 76.5 | 0.9 |
| | 90 | E5 | 119 | 56.8 | 0 | 56.8 | 62.2 | 1.1 |
| | 91 | F10 | 202 | 107.1 | 0 | 107.1 | 94.9 | 0.9 |
| | 92 | G4 | 189.9 | 85.9 | 0 | 85.9 | 104 | 1.2 |
| | 93 | H6 | 141.2 | 59.3 | 0 | 59.3 | 81.9 | 1.4 |
| | 94 | I9 | 171.6 | 103 | 0 | 103 | 68.6 | 0.7 |
| 95 | J6 | 211.4 | 120.6 | 0 | 120.6 | 90.8 | 0.8 | |

Table 5. Grid organic soil horizon analyses

| Grid | Location | Sample # | pH | ppm | ppm | ppm | ppm | ppm | % Loss on | % | % | % | % | % |
|------|----------|----------|------|-----|------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| | | | | P | K | Ca | Mg | Na | Ignition | Sand | Silt | Clay | C | N |
| C 1 | B10 | 5 | 5.52 | 64 | 154 | 12008 | 280 | 48 | 65.45 | na | na | na | 32.61 | 1.82 |
| | C5 | 6 | 5.19 | 13 | 66 | 6653 | 189 | 82 | 51.55 | na | na | na | 19.06 | 1.28 |
| | E10 | 7 | 5.85 | 48 | 159 | 11910 | 296 | 49 | 61.78 | na | na | na | 33.19 | 1.91 |
| | G11 | 8 | 5.40 | 39 | 89 | 10680 | 237 | 43 | 63.85 | na | na | na | 32.28 | 1.99 |
| | K3 | 9 | 5.77 | 5 | 44 | 3192 | 84 | 58 | 22.01 | na | na | na | 7.73 | 0.57 |
| | I6 | 10 | 5.36 | 60 | 234 | 11480 | 204 | 58 | 80.04 | na | na | na | 40.25 | 2.31 |
| C2 | G4 | 11 | 4.05 | 7 | 128 | 487 | 142 | 41 | 79.78 | na | na | na | 41.63 | 2.32 |
| | K1 | 12 | 3.86 | 20 | 282 | 1436 | 544 | 70 | 93.26 | na | na | na | 43.75 | 1.64 |
| | C2 | 19 | 3.67 | 64 | 352 | 1176 | 576 | 84 | 92.82 | na | na | na | 44.47 | 1.51 |
| | A10 | 20 | 3.89 | 24 | 218 | 1166 | 426 | 96 | 91.84 | na | na | na | 43.57 | 1.54 |
| | E3 | 21 | 3.88 | 10 | 196 | 1066 | 422 | 96 | 90.03 | na | na | na | 42.78 | 1.51 |
| | I10 | 22 | 3.66 | 12 | 214 | 806 | 318 | 64 | 91.09 | na | na | na | 43.33 | 1.42 |
| C 3 | A5 | 44 | 5.14 | 10 | 126 | 1774 | 105 | 22 | 13.03 | 36.0 | 41.2 | 22.8 | 5.88 | 0.44 |
| | K1 | 45 | 5.49 | 11 | 115 | 4893 | 161 | 32 | 30.29 | na | na | na | 13.21 | 0.86 |
| | G6 | 46 | 5.86 | 7 | 112 | 5619 | 224 | 35 | 26.46 | na | na | na | 10.91 | 0.76 |
| | I11 | 47 | 6.00 | 7 | 86 | 7650 | 192 | 32 | 34.64 | na | na | na | 14.86 | 0.94 |
| | C3 | 48 | 5.54 | 11 | 117 | 3666 | 153 | 25 | 18.18 | 34.3 | 49.7 | 16.0 | 9.13 | 0.60 |
| | E8 | 49 | 5.87 | 56 | 158 | 14446 | 366 | 88 | 70.43 | na | na | na | 33.82 | 2.10 |
| QC1 | A4 | 61 | 4.91 | 5 | 34 | 221 | 136 | 25 | 10.80 | 40.8 | 42.4 | 16.8 | 6.92 | 0.30 |
| | B4 | 62 | 4.63 | 2 | 48 | 175 | 82 | 25 | 12.90 | 40.8 | 44.4 | 14.8 | 7.96 | 0.35 |
| | C7 | 63 | 4.44 | 2 | 71 | 226 | 109 | 29 | 16.65 | 48.8 | 38.4 | 12.8 | 9.97 | 0.47 |
| | D1 | 64 | 4.52 | 4 | 198 | 1202 | 436 | 82 | 62.51 | na | na | na | 27.92 | 1.20 |
| | E5 | 65 | 4.42 | 36 | 226 | 580 | 252 | 82 | 67.19 | na | na | na | 27.08 | 1.40 |
| | F10 | 66 | 4.61 | 5 | 42 | 231 | 107 | 27 | 14.62 | 28.8 | 58.4 | 12.8 | 7.97 | 0.39 |
| | G4 | 67 | 4.61 | 2 | 194 | 931 | 374 | 55 | 51.76 | na | na | na | 24.26 | 1.06 |
| | H6 | 68 | 4.66 | 4 | 146 | 651 | 309 | 52 | 40.59 | na | na | na | 18.36 | 0.92 |
| | I9 | 69 | 4.52 | 4 | 328 | 1056 | 426 | 88 | 82.46 | na | na | na | 38.64 | 1.72 |
| | J6 | 73 | 4.50 | 8 | 420 | 1696 | 704 | 104 | 88.85 | na | na | na | 41.64 | 1.51 |
| K10 | 74 | 4.21 | 26 | 186 | 990 | 406 | 86 | 76.73 | na | na | na | 39.50 | 1.66 | |
| QC2 | A1 | 75 | 5.77 | 2 | 74 | 943 | 238 | 23 | 3.06 | 40.4 | 36.8 | 22.8 | 1.22 | 0.09 |
| | B4 | 76 | 5.30 | 7 | 116 | 1065 | 281 | 23 | 7.10 | 46.4 | 36.8 | 16.8 | 1.95 | 0.11 |
| | C7 | 77 | 5.01 | 41 | 57 | 1623 | 283 | 27 | 19.15 | na | na | na | 10.08 | 0.63 |
| | D1 | 78 | 5.63 | 3 | 91 | 943 | 251 | 20 | 2.91 | 38.4 | 40.8 | 20.8 | 0.97 | 0.10 |
| | F10 | 79 | 5.44 | 106 | 406 | 5824 | 764 | 116 | 79.24 | na | na | na | 38.15 | 2.10 |
| | G4 | 80 | 4.73 | 56 | 198 | 4528 | 828 | 84 | 74.98 | na | na | na | 40.74 | 1.81 |
| | H6 | 81 | 5.32 | 9 | 66 | 1254 | 270 | 17 | 8.70 | na | na | na | 5.49 | 0.32 |
| | I9 | 82 | 5.89 | 40 | 548 | 5904 | 844 | 144 | 81.74 | na | na | na | 38.64 | 1.86 |
| | J6 | 83 | 5.38 | 10 | 59 | 1314 | 247 | 31 | 8.52 | 50.4 | 38.8 | 10.8 | 4.13 | 0.31 |
| | K10 | 84 | 5.29 | 1 | 61 | 656 | 139 | 13 | 3.09 | 42.8 | 40.4 | 16.8 | 1.17 | 0.10 |
| E5 | 85 | 5.56 | 30 | 262 | 4272 | 680 | 72 | 61.15 | na | na | na | 28.13 | 1.69 | |
| QC3 | A4 | 86 | 6.41 | 7 | 75 | 3225 | 209 | 29 | 12.75 | 38.3 | 49.1 | 12.6 | 6.41 | 0.40 |
| | B4 | 87 | 6.31 | 7 | 123 | 3207 | 242 | 31 | 11.86 | 16.8 | 68.4 | 14.8 | 4.57 | 0.34 |
| | C7 | 88 | 5.56 | 3 | 51 | 1631 | 213 | 36 | 11.47 | 26.8 | 60.4 | 12.8 | 4.75 | 0.36 |
| | D1 | 89 | 6.46 | 8 | 109 | 3739 | 169 | 25 | 13.53 | na | na | na | 4.73 | 0.29 |
| | E5 | 90 | 4.77 | 8 | 149 | 633 | 185 | 34 | 17.30 | na | na | na | 7.88 | 0.52 |
| | F10 | 91 | 4.30 | 3 | 84 | 290 | 112 | 31 | 2.86 | na | na | na | 5.49 | 0.34 |
| | G4 | 92 | 4.67 | 11 | 157 | 514 | 196 | 40 | 17.45 | na | na | na | 6.61 | 0.47 |
| | H6 | 93 | 4.50 | 16 | 144 | 541 | 199 | 32 | 25.41 | na | na | na | 12.32 | 0.87 |
| | I9 | 94 | 4.70 | 3 | 61 | 434 | 150 | 30 | 7.38 | 37.2 | 47.6 | 15.2 | 3.12 | 0.22 |
| J6 | 95 | 4.83 | 4 | 101 | 586 | 177 | 32 | 10.26 | na | na | na | 4.73 | 0.31 | |

Table 6. Grid leaf area index

| C 5 grid point | LAI 7/13/2000 | QC1 grid point | LAI 7/24/2000 | QC2 grid point | LAI 7/23/2000 | QC3 grid point | LAI 7/26/2000 |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| A1 | 0.00 | A1 | 2.76 | K2 | 3.13 | K11 | 3.95 |
| A1 | 0.05 | B2 | 3.08 | I2 | 2.41 | K10 | 4.42 |
| B2 | 0.00 | B4 | 2.51 | I6 | 2.71 | J9 | 3.36 |
| B4 | 0.02 | A4 | 3.45 | J6 | 3.49 | I9 | 2.07 |
| A4 | 0.00 | B8 | 0.83 | J7 | 2.70 | J8 | 4.19 |
| B8 | 0.00 | A10 | 2.19 | J8 | 3.24 | J6 | 3.22 |
| A10 | 0.00 | D10 | 4.20 | I9 | 2.89 | I6 | 3.35 |
| 1.0 | 0.19 | C7 | 2.44 | K10 | 2.03 | I2 | 3.15 |
| D10 | 0.04 | C4 | 3.80 | K11 | 2.82 | K2 | 3.11 |
| C7 | 0.02 | C2 | 3.29 | H10 | 1.99 | G4 | 4.02 |
| C4 | 0.00 | D2 | 2.83 | G7 | 2.03 | H5 | 3.34 |
| C2 | 0.03 | D1 | 3.39 | G6 | 3.83 | H6 | 2.66 |
| D2 | 0.08 | E1 | 3.18 | H6 | 1.65 | G6 | 3.49 |
| D1 | 0.00 | F2 | 2.18 | H5 | 1.17 | G7 | 3.99 |
| E1 | 0.02 | F5 | 4.41 | G4 | 2.11 | H10 | 2.32 |
| F2 | 0.08 | E5 | 4.21 | F2 | 4.55 | F10 | 3.43 |
| F5 | 0.00 | E6 | 4.37 | E1 | 1.70 | E6 | 3.39 |
| F5 | 0.09 | F10 | 2.57 | F5 | 1.27 | E5 | 3.36 |
| E5 | 0.00 | H10 | 0.00 | E5 | 2.16 | F5 | 4.14 |
| F10 | 0.00 | H10 | 1.61 | E6 | 3.49 | F2 | 3.76 |
| H10 | 0.00 | G7 | 1.99 | F10 | 3.53 | E1 | 2.94 |
| G7 | 0.24 | G6 | 3.76 | D10 | 3.54 | D1 | 2.55 |
| G6 | 0.00 | H6 | 2.24 | C7 | 2.72 | D2 | 3.06 |
| H6 | 0.06 | H5 | 4.00 | C4 | 2.73 | C2 | 2.78 |
| H5 | 0.02 | G4 | 3.41 | C2 | 2.20 | C4 | 1.30 |
| G4 | 0.03 | I2 | 4.04 | D2 | 2.93 | B4 | 2.99 |
| I2 | 0.02 | K2 | 1.93 | D1 | 2.96 | B2 | 2.82 |
| K2 | 0.13 | J6 | 2.36 | A1 | 1.69 | A1 | 2.63 |
| I6 | 0.03 | L6 | 0.00 | B2 | 0.28 | A4 | 3.03 |
| J6 | 0.00 | I6 | 4.19 | B4 | 0.84 | E8 | 3.41 |
| J7 | 0.00 | J8 | 3.24 | A4 | 3.47 | A10 | 4.10 |
| J8 | 0.05 | I9 | 1.12 | B8 | 2.43 | D10 | 3.66 |
| I9 | 0.02 | J9 | 4.09 | A10 | 2.46 | mean | 3.25 |
| K10 | 0.03 | K10 | 4.16 | mean | 2.52 | standard error ± | 0.12 |
| K11 | 0.02 | K11 | 2.24 | standard error ± | 0.16 | | |
| mean standard error ± | 0.04 0.01 | mean standard error ± | 2.86 0.20 | | | | |

Table 7. Quartz Creek Grid Biomass (grams/0.1m²)

| QC1 | location | moss | lichen | forb | horsetail | graminoid | | shrub: foliage | | shrub: stem | | Litter | SUM (no litter) |
|--|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| | | | | | | live | dead | live | dead | live | dead | | |
| AVERAGE 793 g/m ² | A4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.0 | 42.5 | 7.7 | 0.2 | 20.5 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 91.7 |
| | B4 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.8 | 31.7 | 8.0 | 1.4 | 18.3 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 80.4 |
| | D1 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 16.8 | 11.9 | 0.5 | 17.9 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 59.0 |
| | F10 | 0.6 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 16.9 | 8.7 | 1.0 | 28.7 | 9.2 | 1.6 | 74.4 |
| | H6 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 34.0 | 8.9 | 0.5 | 27.3 | 7.8 | 0.0 | 91.1 |
| | J6 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.6 | NA | 4.4 | 8.5 | 17.4 | 0.5 | 41.4 | 6.0 | 0.1 | 79.3 |
| | mean ± s.e. | 1.7 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 7.5 | 25.1 | 10.4 | 0.7 | 25.7 | 5.9 | 0.6 | 79.3 |
| | | 1.7 ± 1.1 | 1.8 ± 0.8 | 0.5 ± 0.4 | 0.0 | 7.5 ± 2.0 | 25.1 ± 5.3 | 10.4 ± 1.5 | 0.7 ± 0.2 | 25.7 ± 3.7 | 5.9 ± 0.9 | 0.6 ± 0.4 | 79.3 ± 4.9 |

| QC 2 | location | moss | lichen | forb | horsetail | graminoid | | shrub: foliage | | shrub: stem | | Litter | SUM (no litter) |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| | | | | | | live | dead | live | dead | live | dead | | |
| AVERAGE 725 g/m ² | A4 | 1.6 | 7.3 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 8.5 | 5.6 | 15.5 | 1.3 | 7.1 | 42.0 |
| | B4 | 4.0 | 14.6 | NA | 0.0 | 2.3 | 6.1 | 7.7 | 3.0 | 6.1 | 3.4 | 1.1 | 47.3 |
| | C7 | 0.2 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 4.0 | 5.6 | 16.2 | 3.7 | 43.5 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 83.7 |
| | D1 | 1.9 | 13.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 53.5 |
| | E5 | 1.5 | 10.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 12.8 | 0.8 | 30.9 | 5.8 | 2.7 | 68.3 |
| | F10 | 0.2 | 4.2 | 0.5 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 20.8 | 1.4 | 36.2 | 12.9 | 1.1 | 82.5 |
| | G4 | 0.5 | 38.8 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 3.9 | 6.4 | 4.9 | 2.1 | 59.2 |
| | H6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| | H8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 26.0 | 1.0 | 97.4 | 16.6 | 0.0 | 143.9 |
| | I9 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 9.8 | 0.2 | 48.0 | 20.9 | 0.0 | 105.2 |
| | J6 | 0.6 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 18.4 | 0.6 | 61.3 | 15.4 | 0.0 | 111.1 |
| mean ± s.e. | 2.0 | 9.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 11.8 | 2.6 | 32.3 | 8.1 | 1.4 | 72.5 | |
| | | 2.0 ± 1.0 | 9.8 ± 3.3 | 0.3 ± 0.1 | 0.5 ± 0.3 | 2.1 ± 0.6 | 3.0 ± 0.7 | 11.8 ± 2.4 | 2.6 ± 0.8 | 32.4 ± 8.9 | 8.1 ± 2.1 | 1.4 ± 0.6 | 72.5 ± 11.8 |

| QC 3* | location | moss | lichen | forb | horsetail | graminoid | | shrub: foliage* | | shrub: stem* | | Litter | SUM (no litter) |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|
| | | | | | | live | dead | live | dead | live | dead | | |
| AVERAGE 1872 g/m ² | A4 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 4.8 | 1.1 | 89.0 | 19.5 | 1050.0 | 395.0 | 0.0 | 167.9 |
| | B4 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 10.0 |
| | E5 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.8 |
| | G4 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 9.0 | 1.1 | 5.8 | 4.6 | 95.0 | 23.8 | 2971.0 | 1661.5 | 0.5 | 498.0 |
| | H6 | 8.3 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 12.6 |
| | J6 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 136.0 | 21.4 | 2655.0 | 1410.4 | 0.0 | 427.2 |
| mean ± s.e. | 3.2 | 0.6 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 5.4 | 1.1 | 1112.7 ± 564.2 | 577.8 ± 311.1 | 0.7 | 187.2 | |
| | | 3.2 ± 1.0 | 0.6 ± 0.4 | 2.8 ± 1.3 | 1.4 ± 0.5 | 2.1 ± 1.0 | 1.5 ± 0.7 | 53.4 ± 24.7 | 10.8 ± 4.8 | 1112.7 ± 564.2 | 577.8 ± 311.1 | 0.7 ± 0.4 | 187.2 ± 91.0 |

* QC 3 shrub data = 1m², average & sum figures are converted to 1/10 m²

Table 8. Releve locations and plant communities

| Releve | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Elevation | Site | Description | Plant Community | |
|--------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|--|--------------|--|--|
| C1 | 7/13/00 | 64.9077 | 163.6748 | 45m | Council, Seward Peninsula. Open white spruce/willow forest on gentle (3°) south-facing toe slope above Melsing Creek. Successional forest with even aged <i>Picea glauca</i> ~10-15 cm diameter. Undisturbed since logging 80 years ago. | forest | Moist <i>Picea glauca</i> , <i>Salix</i> species, <i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> , <i>Hylocomium splendens</i> , evergreen tree, low-shrub forest | |
| C2 | 7/11/00 | 64.8418 | 163.6930 | 43m | 10 km west of Council, Seward Peninsula. Flat basins dissected by several small drainages. Interfluves - flat, hummocky with lichens, dwarf shrubs and sedges. Soils: pergelic sphagnohemist. | A | raised mossy hummocks | Moist <i>Rubus chamaemorus</i> , <i>Betula nana</i> , <i>Ledum decumbens</i> , <i>Sphagnum fuscum</i> erect dwarf-shrub, moss |
| | | | | | | B | between hummocks | Moist <i>Cladonia arbusculoides</i> , <i>Cladonia rangiferina</i> , <i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> , <i>Carex aquatilis</i> lichen, erect dwarf-shrub tundra |
| | | | | | | C | wet depression | Wet <i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i> , <i>Sphagnum</i> spp. sedge, moss tundra |
| C3 | 7/14/00 | 64.9355 | 163.7357 | 86m | Ophir Creek, Council, Seward Peninsula. Shrubs on 5° slope, east side of creek. Dominated by <i>Betula glandulosa</i> and willows. | A | shrubby sites | Moist <i>Betula glandulosa</i> , <i>Salix glauca</i> , <i>Hylocomium splendens</i> low-shrub tundra |
| | | | | | | B | clearings | Moist <i>Pentaphylloides floribunda</i> , <i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> , <i>Festuca altaica</i> , <i>Hylocomium splendens</i> , <i>Salix reticulata</i> erect dwarf-shrub, graminoid tundra |
| C4 | 7/15/00 | 64.9074 | 163.6750 | 40m | Council, Seward Peninsula. Open woodland with low shrubs on hill above Melsing Creek. 2° slope to south. | A | shrub woodland | Moist <i>Salix pulchra</i> , <i>Betula glandulosa</i> , <i>Picea glauca</i> low-shrub woodland |
| | | | | | | B | open clearings | Moist <i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> , <i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> , <i>Hylocomium splendens</i> low-shrub, graminoid, moss tundra |
| C5 | 7/12/00 | 64.7265 | 163.9407 | 356m | Between Solomon and Council, Seward Peninsula, 30 km west of Council. Small, low alpine knoll on top of limestone hill. Soil: pergelic cryochrept, on frost shattered limestone colluvium. | A | >50% cover | Dry <i>Dryas octopetala</i> , <i>Oxytropis bryophylla</i> prostrate dwarf-shrub, forb tundra |
| | | | | | | B | < 50% cover, sorted stone nets | Dry <i>Dryas octopetala</i> barren complex |
| C6 | 7/19/00 | 64.8919 | 163.6470 | 113m | Blueberry Hill, Council, Seward Peninsula. Broad hillslope 1.5 km SE of Council. Shale derived colluvium, 10° slope to west. | A | moist interstripe areas dominated by dwarf shrubs | Moist <i>Betula nana</i> , <i>Ledum decumbens</i> , <i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> , <i>Carex bigelowii</i> , <i>Sphagnum</i> species, dwarf shrub tundra |
| | | | | | | B | stripes - lichens & dwarf shrubs | Moist <i>Cladonia</i> spp., <i>Empetrum nigrum</i> lichen dwarf-shrub tundra |
| C8 | 7/16/00 | 64.8423 | 163.7064 | 54m | 10 km west of Council, Seward Peninsula., 50 m northeast of Grid C1. Slight slope to SE, with shrubby drainages. Interfluve between small drainages. Soil: pergelic sphagnum fibrist | A | hummocks | Moist <i>Rubus chamaemorus</i> , <i>Empetrum nigrum</i> , <i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> , <i>Sphagnum russowii</i> dwarf-shrub, moss tundra |
| | | | | | | B | inter-hummocks | Moist <i>Cladonia</i> spp., <i>Carex aquatilis</i> , <i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> lichen, sedge, dwarf-shrub tundra |
| C9 | 7/16/00 | 64.8852 | 163.3189 | 80m | Northeast side of Glacier Creek valley, 3/4 way down valley, and 2/3 of way down slope. 7° slope to southwest. | forest | Moist <i>Picea glauca</i> , <i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> , <i>Empetrum nigrum</i> open conifer, low-shrub forest | |
| C13 | 7/17/00 | 64.7577 | 163.8872 | 321m | Guy Rowe Creek, Seward Peninsula. Crest of rocky hill at east side of creek. 3° slope to south. Rocky torre area. | rocky alpine | Dry <i>Bryocaulon divergens</i> , <i>Umbilicaria proboscidea</i> , <i>Loiselurua procumbens</i> , <i>Ledum decumbens</i> , <i>Stereocaulon paschale</i> , <i>Arctous alpina</i> prostrate dwarf-shrub, lichen tundra | |

Table 8. Vegetation Communities (continued)

| Releve | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Elevation | Site | | Description | Plant Community |
|--------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|--|---|
| C14 | 7/17/00 | 64.7554 | 163.8874 | 246m | Guy Rowe Creek, Seward Peninsula. Hillslope below rocky outcrops, and above alders. | A | hillslope below rocky torres | Moist <i>Betula nana</i> , <i>Empetrum nigrans</i> , <i>Loiseluria procumbens</i> , <i>Stereocaulon tomentosum</i> , prostrate dwarf-shrub, lichen tundra |
| | 7/17/00 | 64.7504 | 163.8907 | 179m | | B | farther down hillslope, next to alders | Moist <i>Betula nana</i> , <i>Empetrum nigrans</i> , <i>Loiseluria procumbens</i> , <i>Stereocaulon tomentosum</i> , prostrate dwarf-shrub, lichen tundra |
| | 7/17/00 | 64.7463 | 163.8989 | 150m | | C | west bank of Guy Rowe Creek | Moist <i>Betula nana</i> , <i>Empetrum nigrans</i> , <i>Loiseluria procumbens</i> , <i>Stereocaulon tomentosum</i> , prostrate dwarf-shrub, lichen tundra |
| C15 | 7/17/00 | 64.7507 | 163.8938 | 174m | Guy Rowe Creek, Seward Peninsula. Dense alder shrub on slopes above east bank of creek. 4° south facing slope | A | dense tall shrub | Moist <i>Alnus crispa</i> , <i>Spirea beauvardiana</i> , <i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> tall shrub tundra |
| | | | | | | B | low-shrub graminoid meadow | Moist <i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> , <i>Spirea beauvardiana</i> , <i>Salix pulchra</i> graminoid, low-shrub tundra |
| C16 | 7/17/00 | 64.7491 | 163.8977 | 133m | Guy Rowe Creek, Seward Peninsula. Low willow shrubs above east bank of creek. 5° S- facing slope. | | low shrubs on rocky hillslope | Moist <i>Salix pulchra</i> , <i>Salix lanata</i> low-shrub, rock tundra |
| C17 | 7/17/00 | 64.9093 | 163.7076 | 223m | Council Mountain, Seward Peninsula. Near top of Council Mountain, 7° slope to south. 70% rocky limestone scree. | | rocky scree | Dry <i>Dryas octopetala</i> , <i>Hedysarum mackenzii</i> , <i>Cetraria</i> spp., <i>Thamnolia subuliformis</i> prostrate dwarf-shrub, forb, lichen barren |
| C18 | 7/19/00 | 64.9383 | 163.7394 | 144m | Ophir Creek, Council, Seward Peninsula. Alders north of Ophir Creek, above grid plot C3. 2° slope to south. | A | alders | Moist <i>Alnus crispa</i> tall shrub |
| | | | | | | B | openings | Moist <i>Salix glauca</i> , <i>Pentaphylloides floribunda</i> , <i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> open low-shrub, graminoid, forb meadow |
| C19 | 7/19/00 | 64.9276 | 163.7418 | 76m | Ophir Creek, Council, Seward Peninsula. Shoulder of broad hillslope north of Ophir Creek. Slight slope to south. | | tussock tundra | Moist <i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i> , <i>Rubus chamaemorus</i> , <i>Sphagnum</i> spp. dwarf-shrub, tussock tundra |
| BH1 | 7/19/00 | 7197595 | 563573 | 55m | Council, Seward Peninsula. North facing hill on south side of Melsing Creek, 3/4 km southeast of Council. | | forest | Moist <i>Picea glauca</i> , <i>Betula glandulosa</i> , <i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> , <i>Hylocomium splendens</i> low-shrub woodland |
| C-A | 7/18/00 | 64.9021 | 163.7132 | 70m | Council Mountain, Seward Peninsula. Spruce forest above and below Ophir Creek Road, near Council Mountain trail | | forest | Moist <i>Picea glauca</i> , <i>Salix lanata</i> , <i>Alnus crispa</i> open needleleaf forest |
| CC | 7/18/00 | 64.911 | 163.7189 | 150m | Council Mountain, Seward Peninsula. Southwest side of Council Mountain. | | low-shrub | Moist <i>Betula glandulosa</i> , <i>Salix</i> spp. low-shrub tundra |
| C-D | 7/18/00 | 64.911 | 163.714 | 220m | Council Mountain, Seward Peninsula. North side of Council Mountain, midslope. Probably snow accumulation area. | | <i>Equisetum</i> areas | Moist <i>Equisetum arvense</i> , <i>Salix reticulata</i> , <i>Salix lanata</i> , <i>Tomenthypnum nitens</i> open low-shrub, dwarf-shrub, moss tundra |
| CE | 7/18/00 | 64.9129 | 163.7216 | 170m | Council Mountain, Seward Peninsula. Saddle between Council Mountain and north spur. | | woodland | Moist <i>Picea glauca</i> , <i>Alnus crispa</i> , <i>Salix</i> spp. woodland, low-shrub tundra |
| CH | 7/18/00 | 64.9281 | 163.729 | 80m | Council Mountain, Seward Peninsula. North spur of Council Mountain, above Ophir Creek. | | mountain side | Dry <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> , <i>Cetraria</i> spp. prostrate dwarf-shrub, lichen tundra |
| QC-1 | 7/23/00 | 65.4524 | 164.6248 | 248m | Quartz Creek, Seward Peninsula. Tussock tundra on slope of hill above Mauze Gulch, near headwaters. 4° west-facing slope. | | tussock tundra | Moist <i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i> , <i>Ledum decumbens</i> , <i>Rubus chamaemorus</i> , <i>Sphagnum</i> spp. tussock graminoid, erect dwarf-shrub tundra |

Table 8. Vegetation Communities (continued)

| Releve | Date | Latitude | Longitude | Elevation | Site | | Description | Plant Community |
|--------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|--|---|---|--|
| QC-2 | 7/22/00 | 65.4129 | 164.6337 | 250m | Quartz Creek, Seward Peninsula. Sorted stripe complex at the shoulder of the headwaters of Mauze Gulch. South facing hillside, 7° slope. Soils: histic pergelic cryaquept, with pergelic cryumbrept and pergelic cryorthent on frost features. | A | sorted stripe | Dry <i>Empetrum nigrum</i> , <i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> , <i>Arctous alpina</i> , <i>Cladonia</i> spp. lichen, prostrate dwarf-shrub tundra |
| | | | | | | B | interstripe | Moist <i>Betula nana</i> , <i>Salix pulchra</i> , <i>Carex bigelowii</i> erect dwarf-shrub tundra |
| | | | | | | C | sorted circle | Dry <i>Loiseluria procumbens</i> , <i>Salix phlebophylla</i> , <i>Sphaerophorus fragilis</i> , <i>Bryocaulon divergens</i> lichen, prostrate dwarf-shrub barren |
| QC-3 | 7/25/00 | 65.4551 | 164.6290 | 221m | Quartz Creek, Seward Peninsula. Headwaters of Mauze Gulch. Low-shrubs in upper drainage, 5° slope to S. Soil: pergelic cryaquept. | A | low shrubs | Moist <i>Salix pulchra</i> , <i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> low-shrub tundra |
| | | | | | | B | clearings | Moist <i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> , <i>Carex podocarpa</i> , <i>Solidago multiradiata</i> , <i>Hylocomium splendens</i> dwarf-shrub, graminoid meadow |
| CC | 7/27/00 | 65.5479 | 163.4314 | 399m | Seward Peninsula lava flow southwest of Imiruk Lake. Cassiope Cone - cinder cone on northern edge of lava flow. | A | bottom of slope | Moist <i>Cassiope tetragona</i> , <i>Loiseluria procumbens</i> , <i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> , <i>Cladonia</i> species, <i>Sphaerophorus globosus</i> prostrate dwarf-shrub, lichen tundra |
| | | | | | | B | mid-slope | Moist <i>Cassiope tetragona</i> , <i>Loiseluria procumbens</i> , <i>Oxytropis bryophila</i> , <i>Hierochloa alpina</i> , <i>Cladonia</i> spp. prostrate dwarf-shrub, lichen tundra |
| | | | | | | C | top of cone | Dry <i>Dryas octopetala</i> , <i>Beupleurum triradiatum</i> , <i>Potentilla uniflora</i> prostrate dwarf-shrub, forb, lichen tundra |
| LAVA | 7/27/00 | 65.5341 | 163.5144 | 300m | Seward Peninsula lava flow, southwest of Imiruk Lake. | A | older brown lava rock | Dry <i>Lecidium</i> spp., <i>Stereocaulon vesuvianum</i> lichen barren |
| | | | | | | B | younger black lava rock | Dry <i>Rhizocarpon geographicum</i> , <i>Umbilicaria proboscidea</i> , <i>Haematomma</i> spp. lichen barren |
| | | | | | | C | finer-grained soil, vegetated | Moist <i>Loiseluria procumbens</i> , <i>Empetrum nigrum</i> , <i>Cladonia stellaris</i> , <i>Cetraria nivalis</i> , prostrate dwarf-shrub/lichen |
| QC25 | 7/29/00 | 64.9087 | 165.0687 | 211m | Kigluaik Mnts, Seward Peninsula. Tall alder stand and clearings north of Taylor Road, northeast of Salmon Lake. 7° slope, south facing. | A | alder stands | Moist <i>Alnus crispa</i> tall shrub |
| | | | | | | B | clearings | Moist <i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> , <i>Spirea beauvardiana</i> , <i>Senecio lugens</i> grass, forb meadow |
| QC35 | 7/29/00 | 64.9704 | 164.7593 | 146m | Kigluaik Mtns, Seward Peninsula. Flat river outwash plain. Soil: pergelic cryorthent. | A | vegetated | Dry <i>Betula nana</i> , <i>Loiseluria procumbens</i> , <i>Stereocaulon paschale</i> prostrate dwarf-shrub, lichen tundra |
| | | | | | | B | more barren | Dry <i>Rhododendron camschatika</i> , <i>Loiseluria procumbens</i> dwarf-shrub, forb barren |
| QC38 | 7/28/00 | 65.0153 | 164.6971 | 279m | North of Kigluaik Mountains, Seward Peninsula. Top of hill, on northwest side of Taylor Road. Flat site with slight southern exposure. 10% frost scars. Soil: pergelic cryorthent. | A | inter frost scar | Dry <i>Empetrum nigrum</i> , <i>Loiseluria procumbens</i> , <i>Arctous alpina</i> , prostrate dwarf-shrub/lichen tundra |
| | | | | | | B | frost scar | Dry <i>Dryas octopetala</i> , <i>Salix phlebophylla</i> , <i>Rhododendron camschatika</i> , prostrate dwarf-shrub/lichen barren |
| QC45 | 7/28/00 | 65.0932 | 164.6740 | 55m | Kigluaik Mtns, Seward Peninsula west of Taylor Road. Lichen tussock tundra on slight slope to NE. Soil: pergelic cryohemist dysic. | | lichen tussock tundra | Moist <i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i> , <i>Cladonia</i> spp., <i>Sphagnum lenense</i> dwarf-shrub, lichen, tussock tundra |
| QC49 | 7/28/00 | 65.1539 | 164.7839 | 71m | Northern side of Kigluaik Mtns., Seward Peninsula. East side of Taylor Road, 20 miles south of Quartz Creek. 3° slope to west. Soil: histic pergelic cryaquept. | | alder savannah, alders regularly spaced 2-3m apart, approx. 1m tall | Moist <i>Betula nana</i> , <i>Alnus crispa</i> , <i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> , <i>Carex bigelowii</i> low-shrub, graminoid tundra |

Table 9. Relevé characteristics (See Table 10 for codes)

| Relevé | Slope degrees | Thaw depth (cm) mean ± s.e. | Aspect | Elevation (m) | GPS (UTM 3) | Land form | Surf geol | Surf geom | Microsites | Site moist | Soil moist | Glacial geol | Topo. pos. | Soil units | Exposure | Snow | Disturb | Stability |
|--------|---------------|--|--------|--------------------------|---|--------------------|--|---------------------|--|------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------------------|----------|------|---|--|
| C1 | 3 | 57.2 ± 3.3 | SW | 80 | 7198626N 562705W | 1 | 6 | 11 | none | 6 | 5 @ 10cm | unglaciated | 3 | 9? | 1 | 4 | 3 - moose scat. Logged 80 yrs ago, undisturbed since | 1 |
| C2 | 0 | A 21.8 ± 0.7 B 21.6 ± 0.6 C 43.5 ± 1.5 | none | 43 | 7191269N 0561995W | 18 valley or basin | loess? | moss hummocks | A- moss hummock, B - inter-hummock C- depression | A- 6, B- 6, C- 8 | A- 6, B- 6, C- 9 | unglaciated | 4 | A- pergelic sphagnohemist, B- 7, C- 7 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| C3 | 5 | A 44.6 ± 1.6 B 52.1 ± 3.4 | SW | 86 | 7201670N 559763W | 1 | 6 | 11 | A-shrubby areas, B- clearings | 6 | 5 | unglaciated | 2 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| C4 | 2 | N/A | SW | ~40 | | 1 | 6 | 11 | moss hummocks | 6 | 5 | unglaciated | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| C5 | 0-2 | N/A | none | 356 | 7178197N 550465W | 1 | 6, frost shattered limestone colluvium | 11 | A- areas w/ > 50% cover, B- area w/ < 50% cover | 3 | 2 | unglaciated | 1 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 1 - Dall sheep scat | 1 |
| C6 | 10 | A 41.7 ± 2.9 | W | 113 | 7196904N 564061W | 1 | 6 | 8 | A- 9 B- 8 | A- 6, B- 5 | A- 6, B- 4 | unglaciated | 2 | | 2.4 | 4 | 1 - vole holes & trails | A- 3, B- 2 (frostscars & solifluction) |
| C8 | 1 | A 27.2 ± 1.6 B 32.7 ± 1.4 C 20.5 ± 1.0 | SE | 54 | 50 m NE of 7191316N 561360W | valley | 7 | 2 to 25cm | A-3, B- 4 | A- 7, B- 8 | A- 5, B- 7 | unglaciated | 4 | 7 or Pergelic Sphagnum fibrist | 2 | 4 | 2 - lemming holes, litter, and something was plucking the lichens | 1 |
| C9 | 7 | 64.5 ± 2.7 | SW | 81 | 7196529N 0579612W | 1 | 6 | 11 w/ moss hummocks | none | 6 | 5 | unglaciated | 2 | 9, acidic or nonacidic? | 1 | 4 | 1 - rare scat | 1 |
| C13 | 3 | N/A | S | 350 | 64 45.462N 163 53.232W | 1 | rocky torre area | 1, 15 | | 3 | 3 | unglaciated | 1 | | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 - wind/frost |
| C14 | 5 | N/A | S | A- 270 B-200 C-150 | A-64 45.321N 163 53.244W, B- 64 45.026N 163 53.441W, C- 64 44.778N 163 53.932W | 1 | 6 | 11 | | 5 | 3 | unglaciated | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 1 - caribou scat | 1 |

Table 9. Relevé characteristics (continued)

| Relevé | Slope degrees | Thaw depth (cm) mean ± s.e. | Aspect | Elevation (m) | GPS (UTM 3) | Land form | Surf geol | Surf geom | Microsites | Site moist | Soil moist | Glacial geol | Topo. pos. | Soil units | Exposure | Snow | Disturb | Stability |
|--------|---------------|------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|------|---|-----------|
| C15 | 4 | A 37.9 ± 3.9 B 44.3 ± 3.8 | S | 190 | 64 45.040N 163 53.627W | 1 | 6 | 11 | | 5 | 3 | unglaciaded | 2 | | 1 | 5 | 1 - bear trails, scat | 1 |
| C16 | 5 | 39.9 ± 1.9 | S | 120 | 64 44.947N 163 53.859W | 1 | 6 | 11 | 12 | 5 | 5 | unglaciaded | 2 | | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| C17 | 7 | N/A | S | 230 | 64 54.560N 163 42.454W | 2 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 3 | 2 | unglaciaded | 2 | | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| C18 | 2 | A 46.9 ± 1.7 B 57.6 ± 2.5 | S | 160 | 64 56.295N 163 44.366W | 1 | 6 | 11 | A- tall alder shrubs B- graminoid forb meadow | 5 | 5 | unglaciaded | 2 | | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| C19 | 1 | 34.5 ± 1.7 | S | 80 | 64 55.653N 163 44.509W | 1 | 6 | 13, tussocks | | 5 | | | 1 | | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| BH1 | 15 | 46.7 ± 1.9 | none | 55 | 7197595N 563573W | 1 | 6 | 11 | | 6 | 5 | unglaciaded | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 - hare/porc., moose trails, human litter. Logged ~90 years ago. | 1 |
| C-A | | N/A | | 70 | 64 54.124N 163 42.791W | 1 | 6 | 11 | 12 | 5 | | unglaciaded | 2 | | 1 | 4 | 1 - bear sign | 1 |
| C-C | 4 | N/A | SW | | 64 54.657N 163 43.132W | 1 | 6 | 11 | 12 | 5 | | unglaciaded | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 1 - animal trails | 1 |
| C-D | | N/A | N | 220 | 64 54.658N 163 42.889W | 1 | 6 | 14 | mossy hummocks, some frost scar/lichen stripes, some small drainages | 6 | | unglaciaded | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 4 - vole clippings | 3 |
| C-E | | N/A | W | 170 | 64 54.775N 163 43.297W | 1 | 6 | 11 | 12 | 5 | | unglaciaded | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 1 - some trails | 1 |

Table 9. Relevé characteristics (continued)

| Relevé | Slope degrees | Thaw depth (cm) mean ± s.e. | Aspect | Elevation (m) | GPS (UTM 3) | Landform | Surf geol | Surf geom | Microsites | Site moist | Soil moist | Glacial geol | Topo. pos. | Soil units | Exposure | Snow | Disturb | Stability |
|--------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------|
| C-H | 30 | N/A | N | 80 | 64 55.683N 163 43.740W | 2 | 6 | 8 | | 3 | | unglaciaded | 2 | | 4 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| QC-1 | 4 | 34.8 ± 3.4 | W | 248 | 7258740N 0517393W | 1 | 6 | 11 | | 6 | 6 | unglaciaded | 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 1 - vole runways | 1 |
| QC-2 | 7 | A 24.3 ± 3.1 B 49.8 ± 4.8 | S | 250 | 7259335N 517005W | 1 | 6 | 8 | A- 8, B- 9, C- 1 | A- 4, B- 6, C- 3 | A- 3 | unglaciaded | 1 | A- 12, B- 7, C- 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 A - something has been pulling lichens out B- voles C- ptarmigan scat, caribou skull | A- 3, B- 3, C- 4 |
| QC-3 | 0-10 | A 66.2 ± 3.1 B 62.6 ± 3.3 | S | 221 | 7259035N 0517196W | 1 | 5, 6 | 14 | none | 6 | 5 | unglaciaded | 5 network at valley head | 10 | 1 | 5 | 2 moose, ptarmigan, muskox, vole | 3 |
| CC | A-7, B-7, C-0-2 | N/A | N | A-399 | 7270230N 0572450W | lava dome | lava | 15 | | A- 5, B- 5, C- 3 | A- 3, B- 3 | unglaciaded | A- 3, B- 2, C- 1 | | A- 3, B- 3, C- 4 | A- 5, B- 5, C- 3 | 1 | 1 |
| LAVA | 0 | N/A | none | 300 | 7268601N 0568652W | lava flow | lava | 15 | | A,B-2, C-5 | A,B- no soil, C-4 | unglaciaded | 4 | | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| QC25 | | N/A | S | 211 | 7198091N 0496749W | 1 | 6 | 11 | A- shrub B- clearings | 6 | 4 | unknown | 2 | | 1 | 4 | 1 - shrew | 1 |
| QC35 | 0 | N/A | none | 146 | 7204985N 511363W | 4 | 5 | 11 | A - vegetated depressions, B- barren raised areas | A- 4, B- 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | | 1 |
| QC38 | 1 | 45.8 ± 2.9 | S | 279 | 7210000N 514277W | 1 | 6 | 11 (10% frost scars) | A- 2, B- 1 | 3 | | unglaciaded | 1 | | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| QC45 | 1 | A 46.3 ± 2.4 B 38.1 ± 3.7 | NE | 55 | 7218690N 0515319W | 1 | 6 | 11 | | 7 | 7 | unglaciaded | 2 | 17 - pergelic cryohemist dysic | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| QC49 | 3 | A 61.1 ± 3.6 B 40.2 ± 2.4 | W | 71 | 7225436N 510130W | 1 | 6 | 11 | | 5 | 7 | unglaciaded | 2 | histic pergelic cryaquept | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 |

Table 9. Relevé Site Characteristics

| Site | Additional notes appearing on the data sheets |
|------|---|
| C1 | Successional stand, logged 80 yrs. ago, undisturbed since. |
| C2 | C2 is on a flat interfluvium between 2 small streams that are about 0.5km apart. Lichen, dwarf-shrub tundra and lichen tussock tundra occurs on most of these surfaces. The site has 3 main microsites: A - moss hummocks dominated by <i>Sphagnum fuscum</i> and erect dwarf-shrubs, B- lichen tundra w/ a few dwarf shrubs and <i>Carex aquatilis</i> , and C- depressions dominated by <i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i> and a mix of mosses and a few dwarf shrubs. |
| C5 | Relevé is between F4 F3 E4 E3 in a more continuously vegetated portion of the grid (50-75% cover). Much of the grid has patchy vegetation w/ 25-40% cover. The patchy areas have sorted stone nets w/ cells 1-2m across. Stone nets are inactive. |
| C6 | The grid has a few widely scattered <i>Picea glauca</i> and <i>Alnus crispa</i> . There are several water tracks w/ denser <i>Salix pulchra</i> nearby. Plot A excludes some frost scars which cover about 3% of the plot. |
| BH1 | Numerous small trees and seedlings, small dead trees, not as many stumps as C1 |
| C-D | Mossy hummocks with patches of <i>Salix lanata</i> , lots of vole clipped areas. |
| QC-3 | Site is in a creek drainage. |

Table 10. Relevé environmental site factors form

| <i>Study Site:</i> | <i>Site Description</i> | |
|--|--|---|
| Relevé No.: _____ Date: _____ Recording personnel: _____ Weather: _____ | | |
| Study area description: _____ | | |
| Slope (deg): _____ Thaw depth (cm): A: _____ B: _____ C: _____ | | |
| Aspect: _____ | | |
| Elevation: _____ | | |
| Record numbers for all microsites. | | |
| Landforms 1 Hills (including kames and moraines) 2 Talus slope 3 Colluvial basin 4 Glaciofluvial and other fluvial terraces 5 Marine terrace 6 Floodplains 7 Drained lakes and flat lake margins 8 Abandoned point bars and sloughs 9 Estuary 10 Lake or pond 11 Stream 12 Sea bluff 13 Lake bluff 14 Stream bluff 15 Sand dunes 16 Beach 17 Disturbed 18 _____ 19 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____ | Microsites 1 Frost-scar element 2 Inter-frost scar element 3 Strang or hummock 4 Flark, interstrang, or interhummock area 5 Polygon center 6 Polygon trough 7 Polygon rim 8 Stripe element 9 Inter-stripe element 10 Point bar (raised element) 11 Slough (wet element) 12 _____ 13 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____ | Soil Units 1 Pergelic Cryorthent, acid 2 Pergelic Cryosamment 3 Pergelic Cryohemist, euic 4 Pergelic Cryosaprist, euic 5 Lithic Pergelic Cryosaprist 6 Pergelic Cryofibrist, euic 7 Histic Pergelic Cryaquept, acid 8 Histic Pergelic Cryaquept, nonacid 9 Pergelic Cryaquept, acid 10 Pergelic Cryaquept, nonacid 11 Pergelic Cryochrept 12 Pergelic Cryumbrept 13 Ruptic-Lithic Cryumbrept 14 Pergelic Cryaquoll 15 Histic Pergelic Cryaquoll 16 Pergelic Cryoboroll 17 _____ 18 _____ 19 _____ 20 _____ |
| Surficial Geology (Parent Material) 1 Glacial tills 2 Glaciofluvial deposits 3 Active alluvial sands 4 Active alluvial gravels 5 Stabilized alluvium (sands & gravels) 6 Undifferentiated hill slope colluvium 7 Basin colluvium and organic deposits 8 Drained lake or lacustrine organic deposits 9 Lake or pond organic, sand, or silt 10 Undifferentiated sands 11 Undifferentiated clay 12 Roads and gravel pads 13 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____ 16 _____ | Site Moisture (modified from Komárková 1983) 1 Extremely xeric - almost no moisture; no plant growth 2 Very xeric - very little moisture; dry sand dunes 3 Xeric - little moisture; stabilized sand dunes, dry ridge tops 4 Subxeric - noticeable moisture; well-drained slopes, ridges 5 Subxeric to mesic - very noticeable moisture; flat to gently sloping 6 Mesic-moderate moisture; flat or shallow depressions 7 Mesic to subhygic - considerable moisture; depressions 8 Subhygic - very considerable moisture; saturated but with < 5% standing water < 10 cm deep 9 Hygic - much moisture; up to 100% of surface under water 10 to 50 cm deep; lake margins, shallow ponds, streams 10 Hydric - very much moisture; 100% of surface under water 50 to 150 cm deep; lakes, streams | Exposure Scale 1 Protected from winds 2 Moderate exposure to winds 3 Exposed to winds 4 Very exposed to winds |
| Surficial Geomorphology 1 Frost scars 2 Wetland hummocks 3 Turf hummocks 4 Gelifluction features 5 Strangmoor or aligned hummocks 6 High- or flat-centered polygons 7 Mixed high- and low-centered polygons 8 Sorted and non-sorted stripes 9 Palsas 10 Thermokarst pits 11 Featureless or with less 20% frost scars 12 Well-developed hillslope water tracks and small streams > 50 cm deep 13 Poorly developed hillslope water tracks, < 50 cm deep 14 Gently rolling or irregular microrelief 15 Stoney surface 16 Lakes and ponds 17 Disturbed 18 _____ 19 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____ | Soil Moisture (from Komárková 1983) 1 Very dry - very little moisture; soil does not stick together 2 Dry - little moisture; soil somewhat sticks together 3 Damp - noticeable moisture; soil sticks together but crumbles 4 Damp to moist - very noticeable moisture; soil clumps 5 Moist - moderate moisture; soil binds but can be broken apart 6 Moist to wet - considerable moisture; soil binds and sticks to fingers 7 Wet - very considerable moisture; water drops can be squeezed out of soil 8 Very wet - much moisture can be squeezed out of soil 9 Saturated - very much moisture; water drips out of soil 10 Very saturated - extreme moisture; soil is more liquid than solid | Estimated Snow Duration 1 Snow free all year 2 Snow free most of winter; some snow cover persists after storm but is blown free soon afterward 3 Snow free prior to melt out but with snow most of winter 4 Snow free immediately after melt out 5 Snow bank persists 1-2 weeks after melt out 6 Snow bank persists 3-4 weeks after melt out 7 Snow bank persists 4-8 weeks after melt out 8 Snow bank persists 8-12 weeks after melt out 9 Very short snow free period 10 Deep snow all year |
| | Glacial Geology 1 Till 2 Outwash 3 Bedrock 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ | Animal and Human Disturbance 0 No sign present 1 Some sign present; no disturbance 2 Minor disturbance or extensive sign 3 Moderate disturbance; small dens or light grazing 4 Major disturbance; multiple dens or noticeable trampling 5 Very major disturbance; very extensive tunneling or large pit |
| | Topographic Position 1 Hill crest or shoulder 2 Side slope 3 Footslope or toeslope 4 Flat 5 Drainage channel 6 Depression 7 Lake or pond | Stability 1 Stable 2 Subject to occasional disturbance 3 Subject to prolonged but slow disturbance such as solifluction 4 Annually disturbed 5 Disturbed more than once annually |
| | Other notes: _____ | |
| | _____ | |
| | _____ | |
| | _____ | |
| | _____ | |

Table 11. Lifeform percent cover values

| Relevé | Trees | Tall shrubs | Low shrubs | Dwarf shrubs | Evergreen shrubs | Deciduous shrubs | Forbs | Graminoids | Lichens | Bryophytes | Rocks | Bare soil | Water | Frost scars | Total dead | Canopy height (cm) | Comments |
|--------|-------|-------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------|------------|---------|------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------------------------|------------|---|----------|
| C1 | 10 | | 35 | 30 | 5 | 50 | 5 | 5 | + | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | trees - 10m, low shrubs 1.5m, dwarf shrubs 30cm | |
| C2 A | | | 0 | 45 | 5 | 40 | 0 | 5 | 25 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 30 | |
| C2 B | | | 0 | 10 | + | 10 | 0 | 3 | 75 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 15 | |
| C2 C | | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 25 | |
| C3 A | | | 85 | 25 | + | 85 | 5 | 5 | + | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 120 | |
| C3 B | | | 20 | 30 | 2 | 50 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 65 | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 2 | 20 | |
| C4 A | 7 | | 90 | 0 | 0 | 90 | + | 2 | + | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 150 | |
| C4 B | 0 | | 30 | 10 | 10 | 30 | + | 25 | 2 | 50 | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 10 | 20 | |
| C5 A | | | 0 | 60 | 60 | + | 5 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | |
| C5 B | | | 0 | 20 | 20 | + | 5 | + | 1 | 0 | 80 | 5 | 0 | 25 | 3 | 2 | |
| C6 A | | | + | 80 | 25 | 55 | 0 | 15 | + | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | 5 | 30 | |
| C6 B | | | + | 25 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 60 | + | + | 0 | 0 | 70 (stable frost scars) | 3 | 5 | |
| C8 A | | | 0 | 45 | 25 | 25 | + | 3 | 15 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | |
| C8 B | | | 0 | 10 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 15 | 10 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 25 | |
| C9 | 30 | | 25 | 40 | 15 | 75 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 85 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | trees to 15m, ave 10m low shrub to 120cm, dwarf shrub to 30cm | |
| C13 | | | 0 | 65 (prostrate) | 50 | 15 | + | + | 30 | 3 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 5 | + | 3 | |
| C14 A | | | 0 | 70 | 50 | 20 | + | 1 | 25 | + | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | |
| C14 B | | | 1 | 70 | 40 | 30 | + | 2 | 80 | + | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | |
| C14 C | | | 0 | 25 | 15 | 10 | + | 1 | 70 | + | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | + | 5 | |
| C15 A | | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 5 | 2 | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 300 | |
| C15 B | | 0 | 30 | 5 | 5 | 30 | 5 | 25 | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 60 | |
| C16 | | | 100 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 200 | |
| C17 | | | 0 | 25 (prostrate) | 25 | 0 | 2 | + | 3 | + | 70 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | |
| C18 A | | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | + | + | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 300 | |
| C18 B | | 0 | 75 | 5 | + | 80 | 5 | 2 | + | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 100 | |
| C19 | | | 0 | 35 | 10 | 25 | + | 20 | 20 | 30 | 0 | + | + | 0 | 10 | | |
| BH1 | 30 | | 55 | 60 | 25 | 75 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | trees 5-8m, low shrubs 150cm, dwarf shrubs 25cm | |
| C-A | 25 | | 50 | 10 | + | 60 | 5 | 2 | + | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | trees 8m, shrubs 2m | |
| CC | | | 90 | 10 | 2 | 90 | 2 | + | + | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 150 | |

Table 11. Lifeform percent cover values (continued)

| Relevé | Trees | Tall shrubs | Low shrubs | Dwarf shrubs | Evergreen shrubs | Deciduous shrubs | Forbs | Graminoids | Lichens | Bryophytes | Rocks | Bare soil | Water | Frost scars | Total dead | Canopy height (cm) | Comments |
|--------|-------|-------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------|------------|---------|------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------------|--|--|----------------------|
| C-D | | | 10 | 70 | 5 | 75 | + | + | 15 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 (up to 50% in some areas clipped by voles) | 10 | Equisetum - 25% |
| CE | | | 80 | 10 | + | 90 | 3 | + | r | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | trees 8m, Alnus 3m, Salix 1.5m, clearings 20cm | |
| CF | | | 0 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 50 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | |
| CH | | | | 35 (prostrate) | 35 | + | 1 | 1 | 10 | + | 50 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 | |
| QC-1 | | | 0 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 0 | 60 | + | 5 | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 20 | 30 | |
| QC-2 A | | | 25 | + | 20 | 5 | + | 5 | 65 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 10 | |
| QC-2 B | | | + | 70 | 10 | 60 | + | 15 | + | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 25 | |
| QC-2 C | | | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | + | 2 | 40 | + | 30 | 15 | 0 | 100 | 2 | 2 | |
| QC-3 A | | | 80 | 5 | 85 | 0 | 20 | 5 | + | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 150 | |
| QC-3 B | | | + | 10 | 5 | 5 | 40 | 40 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 25 | |
| CCA | | | | 50 (40 prostrate, 10 erect) | 35 | 15 | + | 2 | 40 | + | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | |
| CCB | | | | 75 (70 prostrate, 5 erect) | 50 | 25 | 2 | 5 | 45 | + | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 5 | |
| CCC | | | | 30 (prostrate) | 30 | + | 5 | + | 10 | + | 50 | + | 0 | + | 10 | 3 | |
| LAVA A | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 6 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | |
| LAVA B | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 1 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | |
| LAVA C | | | 0 | 30 | 25 | 5 | + | + | 45 | r | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | |
| QC25 A | | 65 | 30 | 5 | 2 | 98 | 2 | 5 | + | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 (litter under alders 45) | 450 | ferns +, Equisetum + |
| QC25 B | | 0 | 5 | 15 | 2 | 18 | 25 | 40 | + | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 40 | ferns 0, Equisetum + |
| QC35 A | | | 0 | 45 | 30 | 15 | + | + | 35 | + | 5 | + | 0 | 10 | 5 | 3 | microrelief - 5 |
| QC35 B | | | 0 | 15 | 10 | 5 | + | 0 | 35 | + | 80 | 5 | 0 | 15 | 2 | 2 | microrelief - 3 |
| QC38 A | | | 0 | 45 | 20 | 25 | + | + | 55 | + | 15 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 3 | microrelief - 5 |
| QC38 B | | | 0 | 5 | 2 | 3 | + | 0 | 20 | + | 70 | 5 | 0 | 100 | + | 2 | microrelief - 10 |
| QC45 | | | 0 | 25 | 12 | 12 | + | 30 | 30 | 25 | 0 | + | + | + | 7 | 20 | 15cm tussocks |
| QC49 | | | 70 | 10 | 10 | 70 | + | 10 | + | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | low shrubs 50, alders 100 | microrelief 30cm |

Table 13. Moss, Liverwort and Hornwort Species List

Mosses

Aulacomnium palustre (Hedw.) Schwaegr.
Aulacomnium turgidum (Wahlenb.) Schwaegr.
Brachythecium reflexum (Starke in Web.et
 Mohr) Schimp.
Brachythecium species
Bryum pseudotriquetrum (Hedw.) Gaertn. et al.
Bryum species
Calliergon giganteum (Schimp.) Kindb.
Calliergon species
Calliergon stramineum (Brid.) Kindb.
Catoscopium nigratum (Hedw.) Brid.
Ceratodon purpureus (Hedw.) Brid.
Cirriphyllum cirrosum (Schwaegr. in Schultes)
 Grout
Climacium dendroides (Hedw.) Web. et Mohr.
Ctenidium procerrimum (Mol.) Lindb.
 (= *Pseudostereodon procerrimus*)
Dicranum acutifolium (Lindb. et H.Arnell)
 C.Jens.
Dicranum angustum Lindb.
Dicranum bergeri Bland. in Starke
Dicranum congestum Brid.
Dicranum elongatum Schleich. ex Schwaegr.
Dicranum fuscescens Turn.
Dicranum groenlandicum Brid
Dicranum majus Sm.
Dicranum scoparium Hedw.
Dicranum spadiceum Zett.
Ditrichum flexicaule (Schwaegr.) Hampe
Hylocomiastrum pyrenaicum (Spruce) Fleisch.
 in Broth., Schwaegr.
Hylocomium splendens (Hedw.) Schimp. in
 B.S.G.
Hypnum bambergeri Schimp.
Hypnum holmenii Ando
Hypnum plicatulum (Lindb.) Jaeg.
Limprichtia revolvens (Sw.) Loeske
 (= *Drepanocladus revolvens*)
Mnium ambiguum H.Muell.
Oncophorus wahlenbergii Brid.
Paludella squarrosa (Hedw.) Brid.
Plagiomnium ellipticum (Brid.) T.Kop.
Plagiothecium berggrenianum Frisvoll
Plagiothecium denticulatum (Hedw.) B.S.G.
Pleurozium schreberi (Brid.) Mitt.

Pogonatum urnigerum (Hedw.) P.Beauv.
Pohlia nutans (Hedw.) Lindb.
Pohlia wahlenbergii (Web. et Mohr) Andrews in
 Grout,
Pohlia species
Polytrichum commune Hedw.
Polytrichum hyperboreum R.Br.
Polytrichum jensenii Hag.
Polytrichum juniperinum Hedw.
Polytrichum piliferum Hedw.
Polytrichum strictum Brid.
Ptilidium ciliare (L.) Hampe
Ptilium crista-castrensis (Hedw.) De Not.
Racomitrium lanuginosum (Hedw.) Brid.
Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus (Hedw.) Warnst.
Rhytidium rugosum (Hedw.) Kindb.
Sanionia uncinata (Hedw.) Loeske
 (= *Drepanocladus uncinatus*).
Sphagnum aongstroemii C.Hartm.
Sphagnum balticum (Russ.) Russ. ex C.Jens.,
Sphagnum fimbriatum Wils. in Wils. et Hook.f.
Sphagnum girgensohnii Russ.
Sphagnum lenense H. Lindb. in Pohle
Sphagnum lindbergii Schimp. ex Lindb.
Sphagnum rubellum Wils.
Sphagnum russowii Warnst.
Sphagnum squarrosum Crome
Sphagnum warnstorffii Russ.
Tomentypnum nitens (Hedw.) Loeske
Tortella tortuosa (Hedw.) Limpr.
Warnstorffia fluitans (Hedw.) Loeske
 (= *Drepanocladus fluitans*)
Liverworts and Hornworts
Calypogeia species
Gymnocolea inflata (huds.) Dum.
Lophozia ventricosa (Dicks.) Dum.
Marchantia polymorpha L.(Nees) Burgeff=*M.*
aquatica
Orthocaulis binsteadii (Kaal) Buch (= *Barbilophozia binsteadii*)
Scapania paludicola Loeske et K. Muell.
Sphenobolus minutus (Schreb.)
 Berggr.=*Anastophyllum minutum*
Tetralophozia setiformis (Ehrh.) Schljak. (= *Chandonanthus setiformis*)
Tritomaria quinquedentata (Huds.)Buch

Species identified by Komarov Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia

Table 14. Lichen Species List

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| <i>Agyrophora rigida</i> (Du Rietz) Llano | <i>Cladonia cornuta</i> (L.) Hoffm. |
| <i>Alectoria nigricans</i> (Ach.) | <i>Cladonia crispata</i> (Ach.) Flotow |
| <i>Alectoria ochroleuca</i> Hoffm.) Massal. | <i>Cladonia</i> cf. <i>metacorallifera</i> Asah. |
| <i>Asahinea chrysantha</i> (Tuck.) Culb | <i>Cladonia cyanipes</i> (Sommerf.) Nyl. |
| & Culb | <i>Cladonia deformis</i> (L.) Hoffm. |
| <i>Balomyces rufus</i> * | <i>Cladonia ecmocyna</i> Leighton |
| <i>Bistera</i> species * | <i>Cladonia fimbriata</i> (L.) Fr. |
| <i>Bryocaulon divergens</i> (Ach.) Kaernef. | <i>Cladonia gracilis</i> (L.) Willd. |
| <i>Bryoria nitidula</i> (Th. Fr.) Brodo & D. | <i>Cladonia macrophylla</i> (Schaerer) Stenh. |
| Hawksw. | <i>Cladonia maxima</i> (Asah.) Ahti (Ahti |
| <i>Caloplaca cerina</i> (Ehrh. ex Hedwig) Th. | 1980) |
| Fr. | <i>Cladonia nipponica</i> Asah. |
| <i>Caloplaca tirolensis</i> Zahlbr. | <i>Cladonia pocillum</i> (Ach.) O. Rich |
| <i>Catapyrenium cinereum</i> (Pers.) Koerber. | <i>Cladonia pyxidata</i> (L.) Hoffm. |
| <i>Cetraria aculeata</i> (Schreber) Fr. | <i>Cladonia</i> species Hill ex Browne |
| <i>Cetraria andrejevii</i> Oxner | <i>Cladonia squamosa</i> (Scop.) Hoffm. |
| <i>Cetraria commixta</i> (Nyl.) Th. Fr. | <i>Cladonia subfurcata</i> (Nyl.) Arnold |
| <i>Cetraria cucullata</i> (Bellardi) Ach. | <i>Cladonia sulphurina</i> (Michaux) Fr. |
| <i>Cetraria delisei</i> (Bory ex Schaerer) Nyl. | <i>Cladonia thomsonii</i> Ahti (Ahti 1978; |
| <i>Cetraria islandica</i> (L.) Ach. | Thomson 1979) |
| <i>Cetraria kamezatrica savicz</i> | <i>Cladonia uncialis</i> (L.) Weber ex Wigg. |
| <i>Cetraria laevigata</i> Rass. | <i>Dactylina arctica</i> (Richardson) Nyl. |
| <i>Cetraria nigricans</i> Nyl. (Kaernefelt | (Thomson 1984) |
| 1979) | <i>Dactylina beringica</i> Bird & Thomson |
| <i>Cetraria nivalis</i> (L.) Ach. | (Thomson 1979) |
| <i>Cladina aberrans</i> (des Abb.) Hale & | <i>Dactylina madreporiformis</i> (Ach.) Tuck. |
| Culb. | <i>Dactylina ramulosa</i> (Hook.) Tuck |
| <i>Cladina arbuscula</i> (Wallr.) Hale & | <i>Evernia divaricata</i> (L.) Ach. |
| Culb. | <i>Evernia perfragilis</i> Llano |
| <i>Cladina mitis</i> (Sandst.) Hustich | <i>Hypogymnia subobscura</i> (Vainio) Poelt |
| <i>Cladina rangifera</i> (L.) Nyl. | <i>Icmadophila ericetorum</i> (L.) Zahlbr. |
| <i>Cladina stellaris</i> (Opiz) Brodo | <i>Lecanora epibryon</i> (Ach.) Ach. |
| <i>Cladina stygia</i> (Fr.) Ahti (Ahti 1984; | <i>Lecidea ramulosa</i> Th. Fr. |
| Ahti & Hyvoenen 1985) | <i>Leptogium gelatinosum</i> (With.) Laundon |
| <i>Cladonia cenotea</i> (Ach.) Schaerer | <i>Lobaria linita</i> (Ach.) Rabenh. |
| <i>Cladonia</i> cf. <i>cabriuscula</i> * | <i>Lopadium pezizoideum</i> (Ach.) Koerber |
| <i>Cladonia</i> cf. <i>acuminata</i> (Ach) Norrlin | <i>Masonhalea richardsonii</i> (hook.) |
| <i>Cladonia alaskana</i> A. Evans | Kaernef. |
| <i>Cladonia amaurocraea</i> (Floerke) | <i>Megaspora verrucosa</i> * |
| Schaerer | <i>Mycobilimbia lobulata</i> * |
| <i>Cladonia bellidiflora</i> (Ach.) Schaerer | <i>Nephroma arcticum</i> (L.) Torss. |
| <i>Cladonia chlorophaea</i> (Floerke ex | <i>Nephroma expallidum</i> (Nyl.) Nyl. |
| Sommerf.) Sprengel | <i>Ochrolechia frigida</i> (Swartz) Lynge |
| <i>Cladonia coccifera</i> (L.) Willd. | <i>Ochrolechia upsalienses</i> (L.) Massal. |

Table 14. Lichen Species List (continued)

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|---|---|
| <i>Pannaria pezizoides</i> (Weber) Trevisan | <i>Polyblastia</i> species Massal. |
| <i>Parmelia omphalodes</i> (L.) Ach. | <i>Pseudophebe pubescens</i> (L.) M. Choisy |
| <i>Parmelia omphalodes</i> ssp. <i>glacialis</i> Skult (Skult 1985) | <i>Rinodina turfacea</i> (Wahlenb.) Koerber |
| <i>Peltigera apthosa</i> (L.) Willd. | <i>Rinodina roscida</i> (Sommerf.) Arnold |
| <i>Peltigera leucophlebia</i> (Nyl.) Gyelnik | <i>Solorina bispora</i> (Nyl.) |
| <i>Peltigera malacea</i> (Ach.) Funck | <i>Solorina saccata</i> (L.) Ach. |
| <i>Peltigera polydactyla</i> (Necker) Hoffm. | <i>Sphaerophorus globosus</i> (Huds.) Vainio |
| <i>Peltigera scabrosa</i> Th. Fr. | <i>Sphaerophorus fragilis</i> (L.) Pers. |
| <i>Peltigera</i> species | <i>Stereocaulon alpinum</i> (Laurer ex Funck (Lamb 1977) |
| <i>Pertusaria panyrga</i> (Ach.) Massal. | <i>Stereocaulon paschale</i> (L.) Hoffm. |
| <i>Pertusaria bryontha</i> (Ach.) Nyl. | <i>Stereocaulon tomentosum</i> Fr. |
| <i>Pertusaria coriacea</i> (Th. Fr.) Th. Fr. | <i>Stereocaulon vesuvianum</i> Pers. |
| <i>Pertusaria dactylina</i> | <i>Thamnotia subuliformis</i> (Ehrh.) Culb. |
| <i>Peziza</i> species* | <i>Thamnotia vermicularis</i> (Swartz) Ach. ex Schaerer) |
| <i>Polyblastia gelatinosa</i> (Ach.) Th. Fr. (Ahti <i>et al.</i> 1973) | <i>Umbilicaria hyperborea</i> (Ach.) Hoffm. |
| <i>Polyblastia sendtneri</i> Krempelh. (Thomson 1979) | <i>Umbilicaria proboscidea</i> (L.) Schrader |
| | <i>Vulpicida tilesii</i> * |

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Table 15. Relevé leaf area index

| QC35 grid point | LAI 7/29/2000 | QC38 grid point | LAI 7/28/2000 | QC45 grid point | LAI 7/28/2000 | QC49 grid point | LAI 7/28/2000 |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 100 | 0.27 | 100 | 0.00 | 100 | 0.52 | 0 | 4.91 |
| 90 | 0.04 | 90 | 0.02 | 90 | 1.70 | 0 | 1.22 |
| 80 | 0.09 | 80 | 0.02 | 80 | 0.05 | 0 | 3.23 |
| 70 | 1.27 | 70 | 0.00 | 70 | 0.30 | 0 | 6.38 |
| 60 | 0.03 | 60 | 0.12 | 60 | 1.48 | 0 | 2.69 |
| 50 | 0.12 | 50 | 0.24 | 50 | 0.16 | 0 | 5.36 |
| 40 | 0.04 | 40 | 0.09 | 40 | 0.03 | 0 | 5.38 |
| 30 | 0.51 | 30 | 0.02 | 30 | 0.04 | 0 | 2.13 |
| 20 | 0.00 | 20 | 0.11 | 20 | 2.82 | 0 | 0.79 |
| 10 | 0.52 | 10 | 0.00 | 10 | 1.21 | 0 | 1.77 |
| mean | 0.29 | | 0.06 | | 0.83 | | 3.39 |
| standard error ± | 0.13 | | 0.02 | | 0.28 | | 0.60 |

Table 16. Soil descriptions (by Skip Walker)

| Relevé | Date | Soil classification | Depth | Horizon | Color | Structure | Gravel | Consistency | Texture | Boundaries | Collected | Notes |
|--------|---------|---------------------|-------|---------|---|--|--------|-------------|---------|------------|-----------|--|
| C1 | 7/13/00 | | 0-8 | Oe | 7.5 yr 3/2 dark brown | 1 pl | 0 | | | c s | X | loose organic layer composed of fine to med. fine roots & mosses |
| | 7/13/00 | | 8-20 | A | 7.5 yr 2/0 black | 1 f gr | 0 | ss ps | SL | a w | X | smooth, many very fine roots |
| | 7/13/00 | | 20-31 | A/B | mix of A color & 5yr 3/3 dark reddish brown | 1 m abk | 0 | ss ps | SL | a w | X | occasional fine roots in B |
| | 7/13/00 | | 31-40 | 2B | 10yr 3/3 dark brown | m m abk (breaking to a moderate fine granular) | 0 | s p | CL | | X | streaks of brownish orange mottles - large 5yr 4/4 reddish-brown; occasional fine roots. |
| C2-A | 7/11/00 | | 0-13 | Oi | brown | | 0 | | | c s | X | includes 3cm live moss, loose dead <i>Sphagnum</i> bases |
| | 7/11/00 | | 13-25 | Oe | dark brown | | | | | | X | composed of root fibers and sedge bases |
| C2-B | 7/11/00 | | 0-8 | Oi | whitish | | 0 | | | a s | x | lichens - Claran & Claarb |
| | 7/11/00 | | 8-24 | 1Oe | dark reddish brown | | 0 | | | a s | x | mix of fine roots, sedge parts, <i>Sphagnum</i> and other mosses |
| | 7/11/00 | | 24-27 | 2Oe | yellowish brown | | 0 | | | a s | x | frozen sedge & fine roots & moss pieces |
| C2-C | 7/11/00 | pergelic cryaquept | 0-8 | Oe | very dark brown | | 0 | | | a w | x | |
| | 7/11/00 | | 8-36 | Bw | greyish brown | m | 0 | s p | CL | | | many medium mottles that are orange-ish, permafrost base |

Table 16. Soil descriptions (continued)

| Relevé | Date | Soil classification | Depth | Horizon | Color | Structure | Gravel | Consistency | Texture | Boundaries | Collected | Notes |
|--------|---------|---|-------|---------|---------------------------|------------|--------|-------------|---------|------------|-----------|---|
| C3-B | 7/14/00 | pergelic cryaquept | 0-9 | Oi | reddish brown | loose moss | 0 | | | a s | | loose mat of <i>Hylspl</i> |
| | 7/14/00 | | 9-11 | Oe | very dark blackish brown | 1 pl | 0 | | | a s | | tight fibrous mat of very fine roots & moss |
| | 7/14/00 | | 11-13 | Oa | very dark blackish brown | 1 pl | 0 | ss ps | SiL | a s | | parent material - colluvium (silt rich) |
| | 7/14/00 | | 13-18 | A | dark brown | m gr | 0 | ss ps | SiL | c w | x | |
| | 7/14/00 | | 18-40 | B | brown | 1 m gr sbk | <10 | s p | L | | | |
| C4-B | 7/15/00 | | 0-5 | Oi | | | | | | g w | | been raining for 2 1/2 days, hole fills with water |
| | 7/15/00 | | 5-7 | Oe | | | | | | d w | | |
| | 7/15/00 | | 7-9 | Oa | | | | | | g s | | |
| | 7/15/00 | | 9-15 | A | | | | | | c s | x | |
| | 7/15/00 | | | B/C | | | | | | | x | mineral, has rocks, very clayey, sticky, no sand |
| C5-A | 7/12/00 | pergelic cryaquept/pergelic cryoboroll? | 0-10 | A | 7.5YR 2.5/2 v.dk brown | 1 f gr | 10 | ss ps | SiL | c l | x | organic rich horizon beneath patches of Dryas, many very fine roots |
| | 7/12/00 | | 10-25 | C | 7.5YR 2/2 dk.brown | 1 f gr | 25 | ss ps | SiL | | x | dark brown, few fine roots. Parent material - limestone |
| C6-A | 7/19/00 | Sphagnum fibrist | 0-23 | Oi | 7.5 YR 6/6 reddish yellow | | 0 | | | a s | X | collected 5cm from surface, loose mat of <i>Sphagnum</i> |
| | 7/19/00 | | 23-43 | A/O | 10 YR 1.5/2 dark black | 1 m sbk | <10 | ss ps | SiL | | X | mix of mineral & organic (very fine roots, sedge stems & leaves), gravel up to ~1cm diam. |

Table 16 Soil descriptions (continued)

| Releve | Date | Soil classification | Depth | Horizon | Color | Structure | Gravel | Consistency | Texture | Boundaries | Collected | Notes |
|--------|---------|---------------------|----------------|---------|---|-----------|--------|-------------|---------|------------|--------------|---|
| C6-B | 7/19/00 | | 0-10 | O | | | 0 | | | a s | | mat of <i>Clad</i> .spp. |
| | 7/19/00 | | 10-14 | A | 10 YR 2/2 very dark brown | 1 m sbk | 10 | s p | L | c w | X | organic rich layer below lichens w/ many fine and very fine roots |
| | 7/19/00 | | 14+ | Bw | 10 YR 4/1 dark grey | m | >75 | s p | L | | | very gravely colluvium, parent material - shale derived colluvium |
| C8 | 7/16/00 | | 0-9 | Oi | | | | | | a s | | mat of <i>Sphagnum russowii</i> |
| | 7/16/00 | | 10-20 | Oe | | | | | | a s | | partially decomposed <i>Sphagnum russowii</i> |
| | 7/16/00 | | 20-30 (frozen) | 2Oe | | | | | | | X | fine sedge roots and stems, some mineral material, 5% silt |
| C9 | 7/16/00 | pergelic cryaquept | 0-3 | Oi | | | | | | a s | | loose mat of <i>Pleurozium</i> |
| | 7/16/00 | | 3-7 | Oe | very dark brown | | | | | a s | | organic, many roots, fine & large, 5% silt |
| | 7/16/00 | | 7-20 | B | brown with many medium dark-brown mottles | m m gr | 0 | ss ps | L | | X (top of B) | few fine roots |
| C13 | 7/17/00 | | 0-1 | Oi | | | | | | | | lichen mat |
| | 7/17/00 | | 1-2 | Oe | | | | | | | | roots |
| | 7/17/00 | | 2-5 | Oa | | | | | | | | decomposed litter & mineral soil |
| | 7/17/00 | | 5-8 | A | | | | | | | | small rocks w/ some organic |
| | 7/17/00 | | 8-18 | B | | | | | | | | w/ small rocks, ~ no organic |

Table 16. Soil descriptions (continued)

| Relevé | Date | Soil classification | Depth | Horizon | Color | Structure | Gravel | Consistency | Texture | Boundaries | Collected | Notes |
|--------|---------|---------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|---------|------------|-----------|--|
| C14 | 7/17/00 | | 0-3 | Oi | | | | | | | | lichen/ <i>Empetrum</i> roots, dark |
| | 7/17/00 | | 3-5 | Oe | | | | | | | | fibrous, fine & coarse roots |
| | 7/17/00 | | 5-8 | Oa | | | | | | | | fine roots, organic detritus |
| | 7/17/00 | | 8-11 | A | | | | | | | X | less roots, dark finely decomposed soil |
| | 7/17/00 | | 11-13 (rock) | B | | | | | | | | rocks |
| C15 | 7/17/00 | | 0-1 | Oi | | | | | | | | Calcan litter |
| | 7/17/00 | | 1-2 | Oe | | | | | | | | fine roots & organic |
| | 7/17/00 | | 2-4 | Oa | dark brown | | | | | | | fine roots & organic |
| | 7/17/00 | | 4-8 | A | gray-brown | | | | | | x | |
| | 7/17/00 | | >8 | C | gray with brown mottles | | | | | | | some clay |
| C16 | 7/17/00 | | 0-2 | Oi | dark gray-brown | | | | | | | thin alder litter layer |
| | 7/17/00 | | 2-5 | Oe | dark gray-brown | | | | | | | decomposed leaves, some roots |
| | 7/17/00 | | 5-11 | Oa | dark gray-brown | | | | | | | fewer roots |
| | 7/17/00 | | >11 | B | grey-brown w/ brown mottles | | | | | | X | mostly mineral, some large some fine roots |
| C17 | 7/18/00 | | 0-1 | C | | | | | | | | soil/rock slabs on surface |
| | 7/18/00 | | >1 | C | | | | | | | X | soil/gravel mix |

Table 16. Soil descriptions (continued)

| Relevé | Date | Soil classification | Depth | Horizon | Color | Structure | Gravel | Consistency | Texture | Boundaries | Collected | Notes |
|--------|---------|---------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|---------|------------|-----------|--|
| C18 | 7/19/00 | | 0-4 | Oa | dark reddish brown | | | | | | x | some detritus & fine roots |
| | 7/19/00 | | >4 | C | grey | | | | | | x | unsorted varied rocks |
| C19 | 7/19/00 | | 0-18 | Oi | light orange-brown | | | | | | | compacted <i>Sphagnum lenense</i> |
| | 7/19/00 | | 18-27 (frozen) | Oe | dark reddish brown | | | | | | x | fine roots and decomposing <i>Sphagnum</i> |
| BH1 | 7/19/00 | | 0-3 | Oa | | | | | | | | |
| | 7/19/00 | | 3-20 | B | | | | | | | x | |
| QC1 | 7/23/00 | histic pergelic cryaquept | 0-2 | Oi | | | | | | a w | | loose mat of <i>Polytrichum</i> & litter |
| | 7/23/00 | | 2-10 | Oe | 7.5 YR 3/2 dark brown | | | | | a w | | tight mass of sedge leaves & roots |
| | 7/23/00 | | 10-15 | Oa | 7.5 YR 2/2 very dark brown | 2 m sbk | | so po | Si | c w | | 10% silt, base of Oa is a layer of carbon |
| | 7/23/00 | | 15-35 | B | 10YR 3/2 very dark greyish brown | 2 m pl | <10 fine gravel | s p | CL | | | many fine roots |
| QC2-A | 7/22/00 | | 0-6 | Oi | | | | | | a w | | loose mat of <i>Dicranum</i> & <i>Cladonia</i> |
| | 7/22/00 | | 6-10 | Oa | 7.5 YR 2/1 very dark brown | | | ss ps | Si | c w | | decomposed roots, many very fine roots |
| | 7/22/00 | | 10-19 | A | 7.5 YR 2/0 black | 1 m sbk | 0 | ss ps | SiL | a w | x | a lot of fine & very fine roots |
| | 7/22/00 | | >19 | B | 10 YR 3.5/2 dark grayish brown | 2 m sbk | 50 | s p | CL | | x | many stones up to 10-15cm, some mottling w/ color of 10YR 4/4 dark yellowish brown |

Table 16. Soil descriptions (continued)

| Relevé | Date | Soil classification | Depth | Horizon | Color | Structure | Gravel | Consistency | Texture | Boundaries | Collected | Notes |
|--------|---------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| QC3-B | 7/26/00 | pergelic cryaquept | 0-2 | Oi | | | | | | c s | | loose mat of <i>Aulpal</i> and litter |
| | 7/26/00 | | 2-7 | Oe | 7.5 YR 2/2 very dark brown | | | | | c s | | fibrous mat of grass and sedge roots and bases |
| | 7/26/00 | | 7-10 | Oa | 7.5 YR 2.5/2 very dark brown | | | | | c s | | same as Oe, with 5% silt |
| | 7/26/00 | | >10 | B | 10YR 3.5/3 dark brown | m m pl | <10 fine | s p | CL | | X top of B | fine roots, mottles concentrated around patches of organic matter |
| | 7/26/00 | | | patches in B | 10YR 5/1.5 greyish-brown | m m sbk | | | | | | |
| | 7/26/00 | | | many large mottles in B | 10YR 4/4 dark yellowish-brown | 1 m gr | | | | | | |
| QC25 | 7/29/00 | alfisol | 0-4 | Oi | | | | | | a w | | alder leaves |
| | 7/29/00 | | 4-24 | A | 10 YR 2/2 very dark brown | loose mat of organic mixed with mineral | | so po | Si | c w | x | very porous, fine roots & bits of wood & other plant parts |
| | 7/29/00 | | 24-40+ | B | 10 YR 2.5/2 very dark greyish brown | | m m sbk | ss po | SiL | | x | |
| QC35 | 7/29/00 | pergelic cryorthent? | 0-2 | Oi | | | | | | a s | | mostly live & dead <i>Stereocaulon</i> <i>paschala</i> |
| | 7/29/00 | | 2-6 | A or Oa | 7.5 YR 2.5/2 very dark brown | weak m sbk | <2 | so po | Si? | c s | X top of A, may have some B | very fine roots, 10- 15% mineral |
| | 7/29/00 | | 6-40 | B | 10 YR 3.5/4 dark yellowish brown | weak m sbk | 10 fine gravel | ss sp, sandy | SL, very fine | | | |

Table 16. Soil descriptions (continued)

| Relevé | Date | Soil classification | Depth | Horizon | Color | Structure | Gravel | Consistency | Texture | Boundaries | Collected | Notes |
|--------|---------|---------------------------|----------------|---------|---|------------|---------------|-------------|---------|------------|-----------------|---|
| QC38 | 7/28/00 | pergelic cryorthent | 0-4 | Oi | | | | | | a s | | loose mat of dead <i>Claunc</i> |
| | 7/28/00 | | 4-10 | A or Oa | 7.5 YR 2.5/2 very dark brown | weak m sbk | 5 fine gravel | ss sp | SiL | a s | x - grab sample | |
| | 7/28/00 | | 10-40 | 1B | 10 YR 4/3 dark brown | loose | 85 | | | | | |
| | 7/28/00 | | | 1B | 7.5 YR 3/2 dark brown | | | | | | | organic mixed in 1B layer |
| | 7/28/00 | | 40+ | 2B | 10 YR 4/3 dark brown | m m sbk | 20 | s p | CL | | | |
| QC45 | 7/28/00 | pergelic cryohemist ? | 0-8 | Oi | 7.5 YR 5/4 brown | | | | | c s | | loose mat of <i>Sphaang</i> |
| | 7/28/00 | | 8-25 | Oe | 7.5 YR 2/2 very dark brown | | | | | g s | | moderately decomposed layer of <i>Sphagnum</i> and sedge leaves, stems & fine roots |
| | 7/28/00 | | 25-28+ (frost) | Oa | 7.5 YR 2.5/2 very dark brown | | | | | | | well decomposed layer of compacted <i>Sphagnum</i> peat |
| QC49 | 7/28/00 | histic pergelic cryaquept | 1-10 | Oi | 10 YR 6/6 brownish yellow (predominant) | | | | | a w | | loose mat of <i>Sphgir</i> |
| | 7/28/00 | | 10-19 | Oe | 7.5 YR 2/2 very dark brown | | | | | c w | | sedge bases and leaves, fine roots, partially decomposed |
| | 7/28/00 | | 19-31 | Oa | 7.5 yr 3/2 dark brown | | | | | a w | | nearly fully decomposed organic horizon w/ very many fine roots |
| | 7/28/00 | | 31-33+ (frost) | B | 10 YR 4/1 dark grey | massive | 30 | s p | SCL | | x - grab sample | |

Table 17. Relevé soil moisture

| Relevé | Sample # | Horizon | Wet Wt. | Dry Wt. (w/Tare) | Tare Wt. | Dry Wt. | Water Wt. | %Soil Moisture |
|--------|----------|---------|---------|------------------|----------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| C1 | 1 | Oe | 64.7 | 31.1 | 12.3 | 18.8 | 33.6 | 1.8 |
| | 2 | A | 124.8 | 45 | 13.7 | 31.3 | 79.8 | 2.5 |
| | 3 | A/B | 178.1 | 82.7 | 12.9 | 69.8 | 95.4 | 1.4 |
| | 4 | 2B | 320.3 | 259.5 | 12 | 247.5 | 60.8 | 0.2 |
| C2A | 13 | Oe | 99.8 | 28.2 | 10.8 | 17.4 | 71.6 | 4.1 |
| | 14 | Oi | 39.1 | 18.9 | 12.1 | 6.8 | 20.2 | 3.0 |
| C2B | 15 | 1Oe | 85.3 | 28.6 | 15.8 | 12.8 | 56.7 | 4.4 |
| | 16 | 2Oe | 126.9 | 26.4 | 12.3 | 14.1 | 100.5 | 7.1 |
| C2C | 17 | Oe | 109.4 | 27 | 12.6 | 14.4 | 82.4 | 5.7 |
| | 18 | Bw | 278.4 | 199.1 | 12.1 | 187 | 79.3 | 0.4 |
| C3 | 25 | A | 164.6 | 51.2 | 0 | 51.2 | 113.4 | 2.2 |
| C4 | 26 | Oa | 170.1 | 29.7 | 0 | 29.7 | 140.4 | 4.7 |
| | 27 | C | 373.3 | 291.9 | 0 | 291.9 | 81.4 | 0.3 |
| C5 | 23 | A | 142.4 | 105.2 | 13.6 | 91.6 | 37.2 | 0.4 |
| | 24 | C | 227.8 | 187.2 | 11 | 176.2 | 40.6 | 0.2 |
| C6A | 28 | Oi | 37 | 5.5 | 0 | 5.5 | 31.5 | 5.7 |
| | 29 | A/O | 58 | 30.2 | 0 | 30.2 | 27.8 | 0.9 |
| C6B | | O | | | | | | |
| | 31 | A | | 75.1 | | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | | B | | | | | | |
| C8 | 33 | 2Oe | 127 | 11.5 | 0 | 11.5 | 115.5 | 10.0 |
| C9 | 34 | B | 230.8 | 97.3 | 0 | 97.3 | 133.5 | 1.4 |
| C13 | 35 | A | 228.1 | 160.6 | 0 | 160.6 | 67.5 | 0.4 |
| C14 | 36 | A | 224 | 67.4 | 0 | 67.4 | 156.6 | 2.3 |
| C15 | 37 | A | 198.4 | 111.8 | 0 | 111.8 | 86.6 | 0.8 |
| C16 | 38 | B | 203.8 | 108.1 | 0 | 108.1 | 95.7 | 0.9 |
| C17 | 39 | C | 224 | 188 | 0 | 188 | 36 | 0.2 |
| C18 | 40 | Oa | 84.7 | 32.4 | 0 | 32.4 | 52.3 | 1.6 |
| | 41 | C | 208.4 | 172.3 | 0 | 172.3 | 36.1 | 0.2 |
| C19 | 42 | Oe | 132.2 | 18.5 | 0 | 18.5 | 113.7 | 6.1 |
| BH1 | 43 | B | 147.6 | 68.9 | 0 | 68.9 | 78.7 | 1.1 |
| QC1 | 50 | B | 203.1 | 99.3 | 0 | 99.3 | 103.8 | 1.0 |
| QC2A | 51 | A | 112.2 | 27.5 | 0 | 27.5 | 84.7 | 3.1 |
| | 52 | B | 246 | 183.1 | 0 | 183.1 | 62.9 | 0.3 |
| QC2B | 53 | Oa | 162.9 | 36.3 | 0 | 36.3 | 126.6 | 3.5 |
| QC2C | 54 | B | 192.1 | 162.2 | 0 | 162.2 | 29.9 | 0.2 |
| QC25 | 55 | A | 84.8 | 34.7 | 0 | 34.7 | 50.1 | 1.4 |
| | 56 | B | 164.2 | 93.6 | 0 | 93.6 | 70.6 | 0.8 |
| QC35 | 57 | A | 174.8 | 128.5 | 0 | 128.5 | 46.3 | 0.4 |
| QC38 | 58 | | 273.1 | 203.5 | 0 | 203.5 | 69.6 | 0.3 |
| QC45 | 59 | | 146.7 | 21.1 | 0 | 21.1 | 125.6 | 6.0 |
| QC49 | 60 | | 259.7 | 200.7 | 0 | 200.7 | 59 | 0.3 |
| CC | 70 | A | 247.5 | 59.5 | 0 | 59.5 | 188 | 3.2 |
| | 71 | B | 175.1 | 67.7 | 0 | 67.7 | 107.4 | 1.6 |
| LAVA-C | 72 | | 140.5 | 65.9 | 0 | 65.9 | 74.6 | 1.1 |
| QC3 | 97 | B | 247.3 | 172.2 | 0 | 172.2 | 75.1 | 0.4 |

Table 18. Relevé soil analysis by horizon

| Relevé | horizon | Sample # | pH | P | K | Ca | Mg | Na | % Loss on | % | % | % | % | % |
|--------|---------|----------|------|-----|-----|-------|------|-----|-----------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| | | | | ppm | ppm | ppm | ppm | ppm | Ignition | Sand | Silt | Clay | C | N |
| C 1 | Oe | 1 | 4.68 | 134 | 782 | 6924 | 334 | 72 | 89.61 | na | na | na | 44.02 | 2.16 |
| | A | 2 | 5.38 | 44 | 221 | 10380 | 226 | 73 | 74.63 | na | na | na | 36.66 | 2.42 |
| | A/B | 3 | 5.74 | 5 | 42 | 6933 | 82 | 74 | 34.09 | na | na | na | 13.95 | 0.98 |
| | 2B | 4 | 5.93 | 3 | 34 | 2528 | 43 | 25 | 3.30 | 36.8 | 39.2 | 24.0 | 1.40 | 0.15 |
| C2A | Oe | 13 | 3.76 | 20 | 196 | 936 | 400 | 68 | 92.83 | na | na | na | 44.24 | 1.64 |
| | Oi | 14 | 3.68 | 72 | 612 | 948 | 792 | 104 | 98.90 | na | na | na | 45.86 | 1.01 |
| C2B | 1Oe | 15 | 3.70 | 34 | 332 | 1096 | 658 | 70 | 94.75 | na | na | na | 44.43 | 1.29 |
| | 2Oe | 16 | 3.90 | 44 | 156 | 1896 | 788 | 100 | 96.22 | na | na | na | 44.78 | 1.26 |
| C2C | Oe | 17 | 3.97 | 16 | 568 | 692 | 316 | 116 | 71.03 | na | na | na | 32.33 | 1.51 |
| | Bw | 18 | 4.06 | 4 | 29 | 209 | 55 | 39 | 7.53 | 20.8 | 47.2 | 32.0 | 3.31 | 0.13 |
| C 3 | A | 25 | 5.78 | 9 | 97 | 7107 | 222 | 28 | 40.95 | na | na | na | 18.95 | 1.32 |
| C 4 | Oa | 26 | 6.50 | 48 | 216 | 14718 | 188 | 48 | 64.33 | na | na | na | 34.38 | 2.27 |
| | C | 27 | 8.09 | 1 | 59 | 6407 | 47 | 11 | 2.63 | 42.0 | 35.6 | 22.4 | 1.97 | 0.10 |
| C 5 | A | 23 | 7.05 | 54 | 64 | 9738 | 102 | 8 | 26.87 | na | na | na | 14.79 | 1.07 |
| | C | 24 | 7.76 | 7 | 35 | 9113 | 57 | 5 | 8.89 | 50.8 | 37.2 | 12.0 | 6.10 | 0.52 |
| C6A | Oi | 28 | 3.72 | 68 | 576 | 1660 | 636 | 88 | 95.08 | na | na | na | 46.76 | 1.05 |
| | A/O | 29 | 4.12 | 70 | 206 | 1646 | 342 | 58 | 84.29 | na | na | na | 42.25 | 2.00 |
| C6B | A | 31 | 4.01 | 31 | 111 | 287 | 100 | 10 | 22.58 | na | na | na | 13.26 | 0.55 |
| C8 | 2Oe | 33 | 3.94 | 50 | 232 | 1102 | 436 | 110 | 94.45 | na | na | na | 47.33 | 1.75 |
| C9 | B | 34 | 4.58 | 8 | 70 | 272 | 46 | 23 | 12.39 | 32.0 | 57.6 | 10.4 | 4.82 | 0.35 |
| C13 | A | 35 | 4.36 | 5 | 39 | 41 | 18 | 5 | 6.55 | 48.0 | 39.6 | 12.4 | 3.20 | 0.23 |
| C14 | A | 36 | 4.97 | 17 | 113 | 2485 | 371 | 26 | 37.13 | na | na | na | 24.34 | 1.17 |
| C15 | A | 37 | 4.64 | 5 | 18 | 97 | 19 | 14 | 9.14 | 44.0 | 43.6 | 12.4 | 3.87 | 0.29 |
| C16 | B | 38 | 5.73 | 10 | 24 | 1276 | 165 | 17 | 9.60 | 40.0 | 51.2 | 8.8 | 3.84 | 0.34 |
| C17 | C | 39 | 8.12 | 4 | 20 | 5047 | 35 | 4 | 3.03 | 76.0 | 15.2 | 8.8 | 7.21 | 0.25 |
| C18 | Oa | 40 | 5.38 | 58 | 150 | 10964 | 172 | 36 | 65.08 | na | na | na | 31.13 | 2.27 |
| | C | 41 | 6.05 | 3 | 18 | 2020 | 31 | 9 | 3.96 | 56.0 | 29.2 | 14.8 | 2.57 | 0.26 |
| C19 | Oe | 42 | 3.85 | 4 | 152 | 1260 | 300 | 92 | 84.17 | na | na | na | 38.10 | 1.54 |
| BH1 | B | 43 | 5.34 | 14 | 110 | 2532 | 104 | 38 | 24.69 | na | na | na | 10.49 | 0.73 |
| QC1 | B | 50 | 4.62 | 3 | 45 | 475 | 106 | 21 | 22.55 | na | na | na | 13.24 | 0.60 |
| QC2A | A | 51 | 4.00 | 88 | 596 | 3630 | 696 | 64 | 90.32 | na | na | na | 44.54 | 1.52 |
| | B | 52 | 5.10 | 5 | 47 | 576 | 91 | 18 | 5.41 | 42.8 | 38.8 | 18.4 | 3.30 | 0.20 |
| QC2B | Oa | 53 | 5.28 | 102 | 402 | 6552 | 1054 | 76 | 87.16 | na | na | na | 42.22 | 1.88 |
| QC2C | B | 54 | 5.15 | 9 | 63 | 905 | 177 | 23 | 5.07 | 53.5 | 28.5 | 18.0 | 2.65 | 0.17 |
| QC3 | B | 97 | 5.05 | 4 | 38 | 857 | 132 | 17 | 6.30 | 51.2 | 35.6 | 13.2 | 4.40 | 0.34 |
| QC25 | A | 55 | 3.77 | 70 | 188 | 1902 | 264 | 14 | 48.32 | na | na | na | 23.30 | 1.49 |
| | B | 56 | 4.55 | 10 | 59 | 269 | 33 | 12 | 13.04 | 50.8 | 44.8 | 4.4 | 6.40 | 0.51 |
| QC35 | A | 57 | 4.17 | 12 | 99 | 128 | 62 | 7 | 16.49 | na | na | na | 11.80 | 0.42 |
| QC38 | | 58 | 4.30 | 34 | 140 | 339 | 85 | 13 | 22.35 | na | na | na | 16.31 | 0.69 |
| QC45 | | 59 | 4.04 | 24 | 312 | 1724 | 700 | 68 | 88.96 | na | na | na | 40.70 | 1.28 |
| QC49 | | 60 | 5.41 | 3 | 47 | 1195 | 366 | 38 | 6.36 | 50.8 | 30.8 | 18.4 | 4.32 | 0.21 |
| CC | A | 70 | 4.34 | 32 | 318 | 1124 | 416 | 44 | 76.24 | na | na | na | 38.79 | 1.51 |
| CC | B | 71 | 5.17 | 7 | 209 | 883 | 296 | 30 | 39.72 | na | na | na | 19.70 | 0.94 |
| LAVA-C | | 72 | 5.19 | 2 | 90 | 300 | 83 | 63 | 23.80 | na | na | na | 8.75 | 0.35 |



C 1: Council, Seward Peninsula. Open white spruce forest on gentle (3°) south-facing toe slope above Melsing Creek. Undisturbed since logging 80 years ago. Moist *Picea glauca*, *Salix* species, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Hylocomium splendens*, evergreen tree/low shrub.



C 3: Ophir Creek, Council, Seward Peninsula. Shrubs on hillside above creek. 5° slope to southwest. Relevé A: shrubby sites. Moist *Betula glandulosa*, *Salix glauca*, *Hylocomium splendens*. Relevé B: clearings. Moist *Pentaphylloides floribunda*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Festuca altaica*, *Hylocomium splendens*, *Salix reticulata*.



C 2: 5 miles west of Council, Seward Peninsula. Flat basin dissected by several small drainages. Soils: pergelic spagnohemist . Relevé A: raised mossy hummocks. Moist *Rubus chamaemorus*, *Betula nana*, *Ledum decumbens*, *Sphagnum fuscum*, erect dwarf shrub/moss. Relevé B : between hummocks. Moist *Cladonia arbusculoides*, *Cladonia rangiferina*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Carex aquatilis*, lichen/erect dwarf-shrub tundra. Relevé C : wet depression. Wet *Eriophorum angustifolium*, *Sphagnum* species, sedge tundra.



C 5: Hilltop between Solomon and Council, Seward Peninsula. Soil: pergelic cryochrept, on frost shattered limestone colluvium. Relevé **A:** >50% *Dryas* cover. Dry *Dryas octopetala*, *Oxytropis bryophyla*, prostrate dwarf-shrub/forb tundra. Relevé **B:** < 50% cover, sorted stone nets. Dry *Dryas octopetala*, barren complex.



C 6: Blueberry Hill, Council, Seward Peninsula. Broad hillslope on shale derived colluvium. 10° slope to west. Relevé **A.**: moist *Betula nana*, *Ledum decumbens*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Carex bigelowii*, *Sphagnum* species, dwarf shrub tundra. Relevé **B.**: moist *Cladonia* species, *Empetrum nigrum*, tundra



C 8: 10 km west of Council, Seward Peninsula. Slight slope to southeast, with shrubby drainages. Soil: pergelic sphagnum fibrist. Relevé **A.**: moist *Rubus chamaemorus*, *Empetrum nigrum*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Sphagnum russowii*. Relevé **B.**: moist *Cladonia* species, *Carex aquatilis*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*



C 9: Glacier Creek, Seward Peninsula. Open old growth white spruce forest. Part way down hill, 7° slope to SW. Soil: pergelic cryaquept. Moist *Picea glauca*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Empetrum nigrum*. Open forest/low shrub.



C 13: Crest of hill at head of Guy Rowe Creek, Seward Peninsula. Rocky tundra area. 3° slope to south. Relevé A: .dry *Bryocaulon divergens*, *Umbilicaria proboscidea*, *Loiseluria procumbens*, *Ledum decumbens*, *Stereocaulon paschala*, *Arctous alpina*, prostrate dwarf-shrub/lichen.





C 14: Slope above Guy Rowe Creek, Seward Peninsula, 5° south facing slope. Moist *Betula nana*, *Empetrum nigrans*, *Loiseluria procumbens*, *Stereocaulon tomentosum*, prostrate dwarf-shrub/lichen.



C 15: Dense alder shrub on slopes above Guy Rowe Creek, Seward Peninsula, 4° south facing slope. Relevé **A:** moist *Alnus crispa*, *Spirea beauvardiana*, *Calamagrostis canadensis*. Relevé **B:** moist *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Spirea beauvardiana*, *Salix pulchra*.





C 16: Low willow shrubs on banks above Guy Rowe Creek, Seward Peninsula, 5°south facing slope. Moist *Salix pulchra*, *Salix lanata*, rock.





C 17: Council Mountain, Seward Peninsula. 70% rocky limestone scree, 7° slope to south. Dry *Dryas octopetala*, *Hedysarum mackenzii*, *Cetraria* species, *Thamnia subuliformis*





C 18: Ophir Creek, Council, Seward Peninsula. Patchy alder stands above grid C 3, 4° slope to the south. Relevé **A**: moist *Alnus crispa*, tall shrub. Relevé **B**: moist *Salix glauca*, *Pentaphylloides floribunda*, *Calamagrostis canadensis*, open low shrub/graminoid/forb meadow.



C 19: Ophir Creek, Council, Seward Peninsula. Shoulder of broad hill above creek. Slight slope to south. Moist *Eriophorum vaginatum*, *Rubus chamaemorus*, *Sphagnum* species, dwarf shrub tussock tundra.





C-D: Equisetum areas, midslope on N side of Council Mtn., probably hold snow. Moist *Equisetum arvense*, *Salix reticulata*, *Salix lanata*, *Tomentypnum nitens*, open low-shrub, dwarf-shrub, moss.





C-E: Council Mountain, Seward Peninsula. 70% rocky limestone scree, 7° slope to south. Moist *Betula glandulosa*, *Salix* species, low shrub tundra.



Blueberry Hill. Moist *Picea glauca*, *Betula glandulosa*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Hylocomium splendens*, shrub woodland.



Cassiope Cone. Cone on northern side of Seward Peninsula lava flow. Bottom of slope, 7° slope, facing north.



QC 1: Tussock tundra on shoulder of hill above Mauze Creek, Seward Peninsula. 4° west-facing slope. Moist *Eriophorum vaginatum*, *Ledum decumbens*, *Rubus chamaemorus*, *Sphagnum* species, tussock graminoid/erect dwarf-shrub.





QC 2: Mauze Creek, Seward Peninsula. Moist erect dwarf shrub tundra with frost features: stripe and scars. South facing hillside, 7° slope. Soils: histic pergelic cryaquept, with pergelic cryumbrept and pergelic cryorthent on frost features. Relevé **A:** Dry *Empetrum nigrum*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Arctous alpina*, *Cladonia* species lichen/prostrate dwarf-shrub tundra. Relevé **B:** Moist *Betula nana*, *Salix pulchra*, *Carex bigelowii*, erect dwarf shrub tundra. Relevé **C:** dry *Loiseluria procumbens*, *Salix phlebophylla*, *Sphaerophorus fragilis*, *Bryocaulon divergens*, lichen/prostrate dwarf shrub barren.



QC 3: Mauze Creek, Seward Peninsula. Low shrubs in upper drainage, 5° slope to S. Soil: pergelic cryaquept. Relevé **A:** moist *Salix pulchra*, *Calamagrostis canadensis*, low shrub tundra. Relevé **B:** moist *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Carex podocarpa*, *Solidago multiradiata*, *Hylocomium splendens*, dwarf shrub/graminoid meadow.



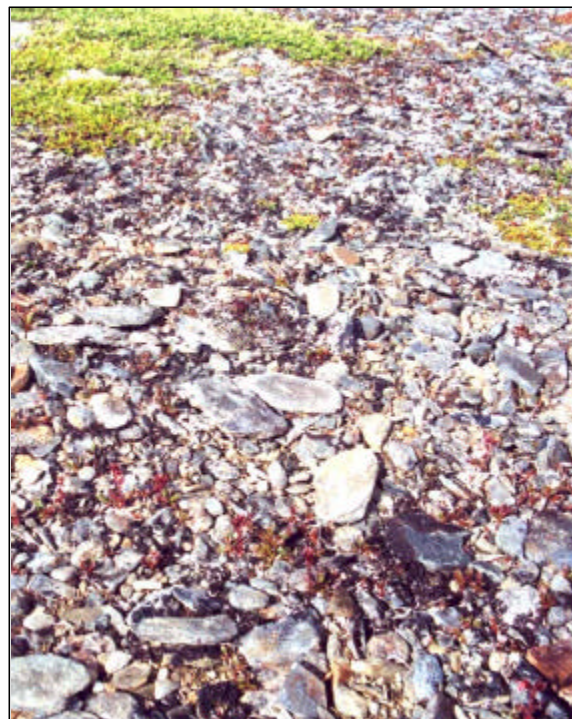


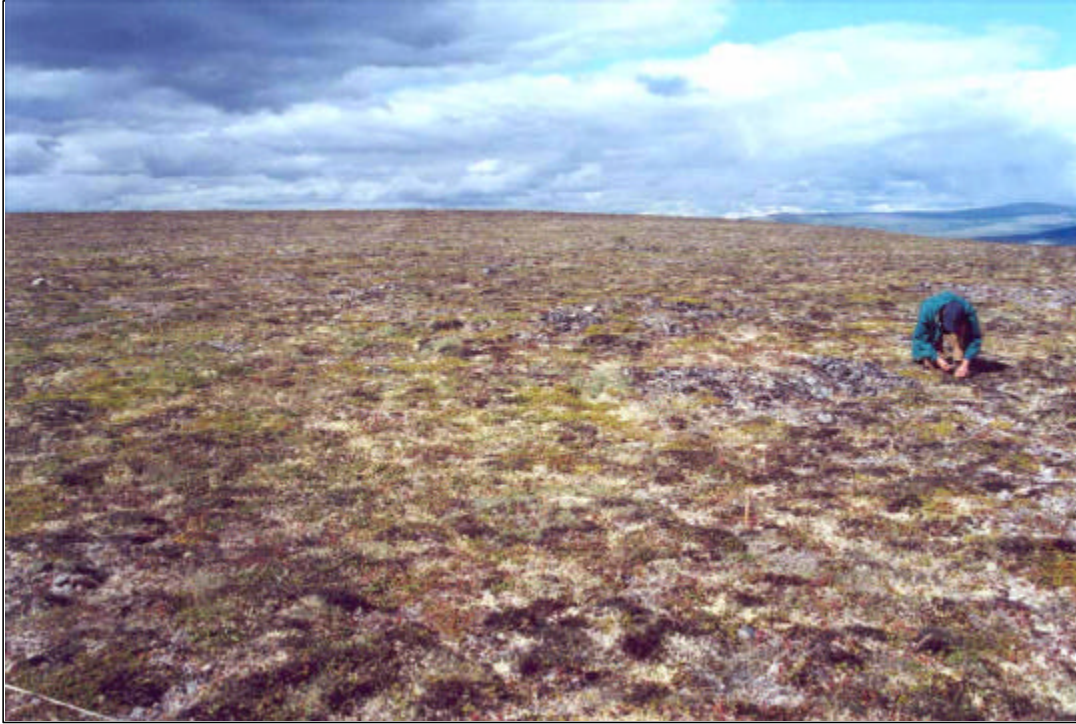
QC 25: Tall alder stand above Kougarak Road, Kigluaik Mnts, Seward Peninsula. 7° slope, south facing. Subplot **A**: moist *Alnus crispa*, tall shrub. Subplot **B**: moist *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Spirea beauvardiana*, *Senecio lugens*, grass/forb meadow.





QC 35: Flat river outwash plain in Kigluaik Mtns, Seward Peninsula. Soil: pergelic cryorthent. Subplot **A:** dry *Betula nana*, *Loiseluria procumbens*, *Stereocaulon pascala*, prostrate shrub lichen. Subplot **B:** dry *Rhododendron camschatika*, *Loiseluria procumbens*, barren.





QC-38. Kigluaik Mnts, Seward Peninsula. Flat site with slight southern exposure. 10% frost scars. Soil: pergelic cryorthent. **A.** Dry *Empetrum nigrum*, *Loiseluria procumbens*, *Arctous alpina*, prostrate dwarf-shrub/lichen tundra. **B.** Dry *Dryas octopetala*, *Salix phelbophylla*, *Rhododendron camschatika*, prostrate dwarf-shrub/lichen barren





QC 45: Kigluaik Mtns, Seward Peninsula. Lichen tussock tundra on slight slope to NE. Soil: pergelic cryohemist dysic. Moist *Eriophorum vaginatum*, *Cladonia* species, *Sphagnum lenense*, dwarf shrub/lichen/tussock tundra.



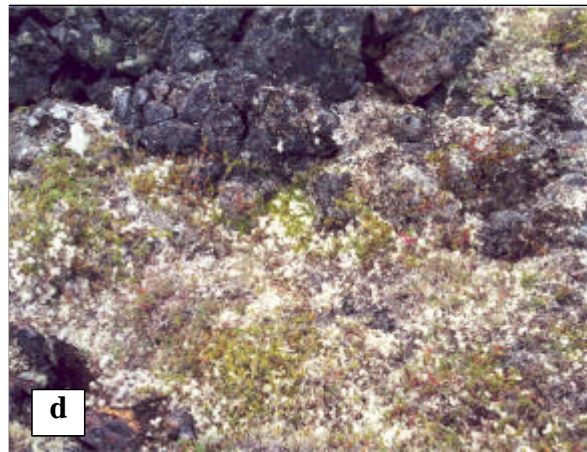
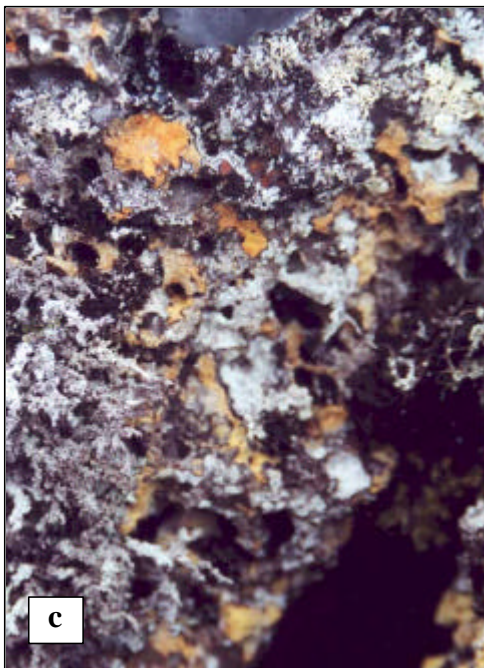
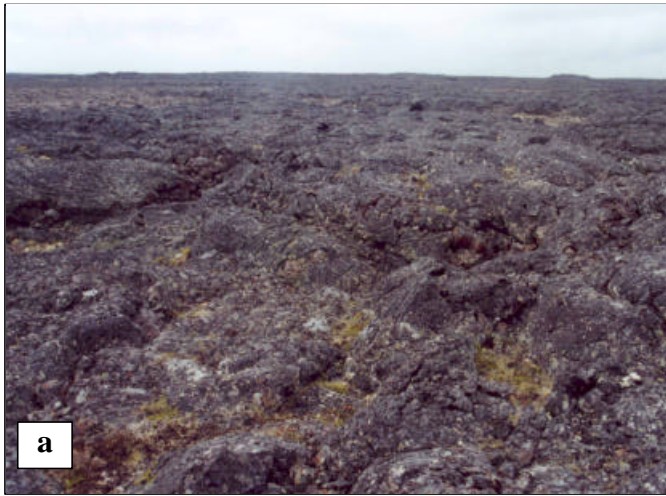
QC 49: Alder savannah on northern side of Kigluaik Mtns., 20 miles south of Kougarak River, Seward Peninsula. 3° slope to west. Soil: histic pergelic cryaquept. Moist *Betula nana*, *Alnus crispa*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Carex bigelowii*, low shrub/graminoid tundra.





Lava. Seward Peninsula lava flow. Patches of vegetation occur on more weathered areas. Younger lava flow, on the right side of photo, overlies older lava (a). Close up of lichen mat (b): appears to be moist *Loiseluria procumbens*, *Empetrum nigrum*, *Cladonia stellaris*, *Cetraria nivalis*, prostrate dwarf-shrub/lichen.





Lava. Seward Peninsula lava flow: view of landscape (**a**, **b**); close up of lichens growing on lava rock (**c**, **e**); lichen mat amongst lava (**d**).

A preliminary Landsat MSS-derived land-cover map of the Seward Peninsula, Alaska: classification methods, and comparison with existing data sets

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ABSTRACT:

Present climate-change and ecosystem research studies in Arctic and Sub-Arctic areas have created a high demand for detailed land-cover maps. I produced a preliminary land-cover map of the Seward Peninsula, Alaska, using Landsat Multi-Spectral Scanner (MSS)-derived imagery. I used a multiple scene mosaic furnished by the USGS, EROS Data Center, and an Isoclass clustering algorithm to arrive at 10 broad land-cover classes. The Seward Peninsula Multi-Spectral Scanner Map (MSS) has the following land-cover classes and respective percentages: Barrens, 5.3%; Dry tundra, 4.6%; Wet herbaceous tundra, 14.2%; Moist herbaceous, dwarf-shrub tundra, 42.6%; Moist low-shrub tundra, 6.8%; Tall shrublands or Deciduous forest, 16.1%; Evergreen forest, 5.4%; Water, 4.7%; Snow and ice, <1%; Shadows, <1%.

The MSS map gives a high level of spatial detail that is unequaled by the comparison data sets: the Major Ecosystems of Alaska (MEA) map, and the Seward Peninsula Soil Conservation Service (SCS) map. Comparative graphs show the breakdown of land-cover percentages for each of the three data sets. Additionally, difference matrices were calculated, which provide a quantitative indication of how well the land-cover classes of the three data sets overlay each other. The MSS map gives a better representation of the variable spatial distribution of vegetation within the otherwise homogeneous SCS and MEA map land-cover designations. Overall, the high level detail provided by the MSS data set offers a superior map for understanding the complex patterns of vegetation distribution on the Seward Peninsula.

INTRODUCTION:

Present climate change and ecosystem research studies in Arctic and Sub-Arctic areas are creating a high demand for detailed land-cover maps. The MSS-derived Seward Peninsula land-cover map (MSS) was created to supply a detailed land-cover map for two National Science Foundation funded projects: the Arctic Transitions in the Land-Atmosphere System (ATLAS) project, and the Circumpolar Arctic Vegetation Map (CAVM) project (Walker, 1995).

The ATLAS project addresses the role of energy, water vapor, and trace gasses in the Arctic region, and ultimately, how these variables interact with the global-scale climate structure. When combined with field observations, the MSS map provides a basis for calculating total trace gas fluxes, biomass, radiation and heat flux on the Seward Peninsula.

The goal of the CAVM project is to provide the first detailed vegetation map of the entire circumpolar area. When completed, the CAVM map will provide a framework for global-scale climate and ecosystem studies such as the ATLAS project. The Seward MSS map serves as an indication of the effectiveness of integrating Multi-Spectral Scanner data into the overall CAVM project.

Geography of the Seward Peninsula and study area

Sometimes referred to as the "nose" of Alaska, the Seward Peninsula is a remote, yet diverse region located in northwestern Alaska. Bordered by the Chukchi Sea to the north, the Bering Strait to the west, and Norton Sound to the south, the Peninsula is surrounded by relatively cold water to the north and west but relatively warm water to the south. The temperature of surrounding water bodies serves as a large determinant to the distribution of land-cover present on the Peninsula. Vegetation types range from dense evergreen forests to the southeast to treeless wet herbaceous tundra to the north.

The study area is defined as the entire Seward Peninsula west of an arbitrary line drawn between the Elephant Point to the north, and the Koyukuk River Delta to the south (Figure 1). The study area is approximately 50, 000 square kilometers, roughly double the land area of Vermont.

Existing Maps of the Seward Peninsula

I compared the MSS-derived Seward map with two other digital-form maps: The Major Ecosystems of Alaska (MEA) map (Joint Federal State Land

Use Planning Commission, 1973) and the Range Survey of the Seward Peninsula Reindeer Ranges, Alaska (U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service, 1985). I will refer to these maps as the MEA and SCS maps respectively.

The MEA map is the historic standard for all other vegetation-distribution maps of Alaska (Figure 2). The digital MEA vector based data set is based on a map created by John Spetzman in 1959. The MEA data set was digitized from the Spetzman-derived MEA map in 1991 at a scale of 1:2, 500, 000. The Seward Peninsula portion of the MEA map contains seven land-cover classes. However, for map comparison, the seven categories were reduced to six (Table 1a). Although the MEA data does a good job at conveying the state-wide distribution of vegetation in Alaska, it is highly generalized due to its small production scale, and is generally not an appropriate base map for current scientific research.

The vector based SCS map is the current standard for vegetation maps of the Seward Peninsula (Figure 3). The primary purpose of its production was to aid in the management of large commercial reindeer herds throughout the Seward Peninsula and immediate area. The hard copy SCS map was published in 1985, the culmination of a ten-year effort. Photo interpretation of 1:60, 000 scale high altitude infrared color photos resulted in a staggering 169 distinct land-cover types. For the purpose of map comparison, the large number of land-cover classes were combined into eight broad land cover categories, which closely correspond with the MSS map categories (see crosswalk in Table 1b). In contrast to the MEA data, the SCS map is superior in both spatial detail and stratification of land-cover categories. The SCS data is the primary rival of the MSS data set.

METHODS:

MSS data characteristics

The Seward-MSS data set was derived from a multiple scene mosaic prepared by the USGS, EROS Data Center in 1999. Mosaic-ing of the image was accomplished using the Large Area Mosaic Software (LAMS), which is a component of the Land Analysis Software (LAS). Each scene was acquired during the summer snow-free growing season, however, each scene was presumably captured at a different time and date, and thus there are minute differences in the appearance of each scene. The original 80-meter pixels were resampled to a 50-meter pixel size using an unknown algorithm. The original and

resampled image consists of three bands (red, near-infrared, and green). Visual analysis of the image revealed several problems including striping, missing data, and poor radiometric correction. These errors could not be corrected because of time constraints, and the fact that the image had previously been georeferenced and mosaiced. The simple land-cover classification scheme I employed lessened the negative effects of striping and poor radiometric correction. Cropping the image to the study area eliminated the majority of missing data except for two small areas: the westernmost tip of the Peninsula, and a portion of the southwest coastline.

Alteration of original MSS data set

To simplify land-cover classification, data set comparison, and to shorten processing time, I made three alterations to the original data. Since the Seward Peninsula was the exclusive area of interest, the original three-band image was cropped to a rectangular area of interest polygon that included all data between approximately 64.3 and 66.8 degrees North, and 162.5 and 169.9 degrees West. The initial crop of the image lowered the file size from 584.1 MB to 105.6 MB.

To facilitate integration with GPS collected ground-truth information, and comparison with the SCS and MEA data sets, the cropped MSS data was re-projected from Albers Equal Area WGS84 datum to Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM), zone 3, North American Datum 1927 (NAD27). UTM zone 3 NAD27 serves as the common comparison projection for all three data sets. The spatial boundaries of the Seward Peninsula slightly overlap into UTM zone 2 (168° to 174° W) and zone 4 (156° to 162° W). However, map distortion in these small overlap areas is negligible given all but centimeter accuracy.

A portion of the pixels within the re-projected MSS image were filled with zeros to eliminate pixels representing large areas of ocean and land, which were superfluous to the study area. Although the 105.6 MB file size was retained, unwanted pixels that would otherwise add additional data for the classification algorithm were eliminated.

Alteration of the original SCS and MEA data sets

The SCS data were projected from Albers Equal Area NAD27 to UTM zone 3 NAD27, the common comparison projection. The data set was cropped to conform to the eastern boundary of the altered MSS data set. Finally, the 169 different land-cover categories were simplified into eight broad classifications:

Barrens, Dry tundra, Wet herbaceous tundra, Moist herbaceous dwarf-shrub tundra, Moist low-shrub tundra, Tall shrublands or Deciduous forest, Evergreen forest, and Water (see Table 1b for crosswalk).

The MEA data was reprojected from Albers NAD27 to the common comparison projection of UTM zone 3 NAD27. The statewide data was cropped to conform to the spatial boundaries of the MSS and SCS data sets. Upon examination of the cropped data, two errors in the original MEA data were found and corrected. A small polygon with a curious value of 0 for all attribute fields belongs in the "water" category. In addition, a polygon labeled "low brush, muskeg-bog" was correctly relabeled as "high brush." Finally, the seven original land-cover classes were altered to include these six categories: Alpine tundra, Moist tundra, Wet tundra, High brush, Evergreen forest, and Water (see Table 1a for crosswalk).

Classification procedure

Using the United States Geological Survey's free remote sensing software, LAS (version 7.2), I performed an Isoclass unsupervised classification algorithm utilizing the red and near-infrared bands (bands 2 and 4, respectively). The paragraph below refers to table 2, which contains descriptions of six important parameters used for the Isoclass algorithm.

The LAS Isoclass algorithm begins by calculating the mean vector and standard deviations of all pixel values contained in the specified bands of the input image. On the first iteration, the original mean-vector and standard deviation calculation is split into two clusters. For each of the following iterations, the resulting clusters are continually split or combined based upon the values of parameters CLUSDIST and MAXCLSTD. For example, the digital number (DN) mean cluster centroids of clusters 42 and 43 are 90.7, 19.01 and 99.73, 16.5 respectively (Figure 3), therefore, these two clusters were not combined because their inter-cluster values are greater than the distance of 3.0 specified by the CLUSDIST parameter. MAXCLSTD operates in a similar fashion, except clusters are split only if the inter-cluster standard deviation is greater than the 3.5 specified for MAXCLSTD, and also only if the cluster has more than 10002 pixels, which is equal to $(2 * (\text{MINCLUST} + 1))$. If a cluster had less than MINCLUST, the cluster is deleted altogether, and the pixels again become available for inclusion into another cluster on the next iteration of the Isoclass algorithm. Each iteration is either designated a split or combine iteration. This designation is based upon a pre-programmed sequence of SSSCSCSCSC...S where S is a split and C is a combine iteration. Given twelve iterations, the first four are split iterations, and then combine and split, combine and split for the

remaining eight. On the last iteration, clusters are "chained" (combined) together if their mean inter-cluster distance is less than the 3.0 specified by CHNTHR. Once in a chain, any clusters within CHNTHR pixel values are also included into the chain. Note that the number of clusters cannot be specified, rather only the maximum number of desired clusters. The CHNTHR value can be tweaked so that more or fewer clusters are chained on the last iteration.

The output of the Isoclass algorithm was a one-band gray value image composed of 70 clusters. Each pixel in the Isoclass image was assigned a value of 0 through 70 depending on what cluster assignment it was given. Pixels containing values of 0 in the input two-band image were put into cluster 1, which represents areas of "no data" within the image. Clusters 2 through 70 represent land-cover categories.

When assigning clusters to a land-cover category, I used the SCS data set, high altitude CIR aerial photographs, and my personal recollection of the area to group the 70 clusters into 8 land-cover categories (Table 1c). Since my familiarity of the Seward Peninsula is confined to the areas around Council, the Kuzatrin River, and the roads connecting them, I gave these areas the most weight when assigning clusters to a certain land-cover category. I identified 11 clusters that overlapped land-cover categories. These include clusters 18, 26, 33, 35, 41, 44, 47, 48, 53, 54, and 58. I felt that clusters 35, 41, and 48 are the most necessary candidates for cluster stratification. Due to time limitations and difficulty with the cluster stratification routine in LAS, I did not have the opportunity to further differentiate these 11 clusters. I assigned the overlapping clusters to the dominant land-cover category they represented.

GIS Integration and manipulation of the MSS data

The Isoclass image was converted to an ESRI ArcInfo grid using the "LAS2ARC" command available in LAS. The spatial modeling abilities available in ArcInfo and ArcView Geographic Information System (GIS) software packages allowed for the spatial overlay of the MSS, SCS, MEA, and ground-truthing data sets. In addition, I used ArcView to tabulate spatial statistics such as total area, percentage land-cover, and area of agreement.

Taking land-cover comparison into consideration, I decided it was necessary to crop the ARC form MSS grid to the spatial boundaries of the previously cropped and re-projected SCS data set. It should be noted that the SCS and MSS data sets were derived completely independent of each other, each using different input data, spatial rectification routines, and processing software. As a result of different production methods, the MSS grid data and the SCS data do not overlay each other perfectly. The maximum spatial offset

occurs along the NE coastal boundary, where the MSS data is shifted approximately 800 meters to the NE. I believe the relatively large offset in this area is due to poor mosaic-ing and/or rectification of the MSS data set (evident upon close examination of the MSS .bil file). Further, I believe the SCS data to be the more spatially precise representation of the NE coastal area of disagreement. Taking this into account, I cropped the MSS data set to a grid-based representation of the SCS data set. In this way, the SCS and MSS data sets were overlaid for comparison.

The first version of the Isoclass image had a problem. Due to the low DN values, shadows in the taller mountains were incorrectly classified as water. This problem was rectified by using a set of mask polygons digitized over areas of concern. All occurrences of water that were within the boundaries of the mask polygons were reclassified as shadows.

Comparison of the MSS, SCS, and MEA data sets

To quantitatively compare the data sets, I used both area-wise and spatial overlay comparisons. Using a cell size of 50-meters, the vector based MEA and SCS data were converted to raster based data, the identical form of the MSS data. Although the MSS data was clipped to the boundaries of the altered SCS data, the numbers of pixels in these two data sets are not exactly the same. This is due to a small polygon in the original vector based SCS data that was incorrectly labeled as having a 0 value for a land-cover class. I did not have time to correct this small error. Compared to the MSS data, the grid based MEA data has an even larger difference as to the total number of pixels contained in the data set. This is a result of the generalized nature of the original MEA data set. The disparity between the number of pixels in each data set is not a significant factor affecting the land-cover categories in each data set

The data for the area-wise comparison were calculated in terms of percentage of total area within a given land cover type. Two different area-wise comparisons were made. The first, comparing the MEA and MSS data, and the second, comparing the SCS and MSS data. In each instance, the MSS land-cover categories were generalized in order that be compatible to the land-cover categories presented in the other data sets. Table 3a illustrates the crosswalk that was used to simplify the MSS to the MEA data. Also, the SCS data was simplified for comparison to the MEA data set (Table 3b).

For the spatial overlay comparison, I generalized the MSS data in the same fashion as in the area-wise comparison, using the same land-cover crosswalk. Two difference matrices were produced. The first comparing the MEA

and MSS data (Table 4a), and the second, comparing the SCS and MSS data (Table 4b). The difference matrices show the agreement between each land-cover category in each map. Values are in number of pixels contained in each land-cover category.

RESULTS:

Comparison of land-cover area

Of the 20, 211, 710 pixels (50, 529 sq. km) in the MSS data, the land-cover category Barrens comprise 5.3%; Dry tundra, 4.6%; Wet herbaceous tundra, 14.2%; Moist herbaceous, dwarf-shrub tundra, 42.6%; Moist low-shrub tundra, 6.8%; Tall shrublands or Deciduous forest, 16.1%; Evergreen forest, 5.4%; Water, 4.7%; Snow and ice, <1%; Shadows, <1%. When put into the land-cover categories used for the SCS data, the percentages round out to be approximately the same. This is because the only difference between the MSS and SCS categories is that the MSS categories "Snow and Ice" and "Shadows" (both less than 1%) were put into the MSS class "Barrens" since this is the category where snow, ice, and shadows would most likely be found. However, when the MSS categories are grouped to correspond with the MEA categories, the MSS map indicates the following: Alpine tundra comprises 10.2%; Moist tundra, 49.4%; Wet tundra, 14.2%; High brush, 16.1%; Evergreen forest, 5.4%; and Water 4.7%. The MSS map land-cover percentages are, of course, different from the land-cover percentages calculated from the MEA and SCS maps. Consult figures 5a and 5b for a graphical and tabular comparison of the percent of total area within each land-cover category.

Comparison of spatial overlay

MEA versus MSS:

There is an overall 38.7% agreement between the MEA and MSS maps. In the MSS map, 44.1% of the Alpine tundra area overlay the MEA Alpine tundra areas (horizontal comparison). In contrast, 22.8% of the Alpine tundra areas of the MEA map are identified as Alpine tundra on the MSS map (vertical comparison). The lower agreement of the MSS map can largely be attributed to the greater resolution of the MSS data. While the MEA map only identifies large homogeneous polygons of Alpine tundra, the MSS map identifies individual 50 by 50-meter areas of Alpine tundra. This large disparity in mapping units and general mapping precision is the source of much disagreement between maps.

Table 4a contains the complete results of the MEA versus MSS spatial overlay analysis.

SCS versus MSS:

Between the SCS and MSS maps there is an overall agreement of 41.8%. The land-cover Barrens designated by the MSS map overlays 51.2% of the area designated as Barrens in the SCS map (horizontal comparison). Alternately, 50.4% of the SCS Barrens category overlays the MSS Barrens category (vertical comparison). The higher resolution of the SCS data is a large contributing factor to the improvement in overall agreement between the SCS and MSS maps. Table 4b contains the complete results of the SCS versus MSS spatial overlay analysis.

DISCUSSION:

Qualitative Evaluation of the three data sets

All three maps give a reasonable representation of the distribution of the major vegetation categories on the Seward Peninsula. The most general grouping of land-cover categories: Alpine tundra, Moist tundra, Wet tundra, Tall brush, Evergreen forest, and Water, have roughly similar distribution patterns. For instance, all three maps correctly identify mountainous areas as either Alpine tundra (MEA map), or a combination of Barrens and Dry tundra (MSS and SCS maps). However, when a high level of detail is an issue, the differences of land-cover classifications and spatial precision between maps becomes apparent.

The MEA map contains six land-cover classes (originally seven, see Table 1a), the SCS map has eight (originally 169, see Table 1b), and the MSS map, ten (see table 1c). In terms of land-cover classes, the unaltered SCS map is unquestionably the most detailed representation. However, differentiating between 169 land-cover categories on a hard copy map is virtually impossible. If hard-copy production of a map is desirable, generalization of land-cover classes is a necessity. Cartographically speaking, it is best to keep the number of land-cover categories to a minimum, yet at the same time, it is important not to generalize categories to the point of having a map that does not effectively represent vegetation differences. Taking this into account, eight to ten land-cover categories is an appropriate number, six is too generalized, and 169 is far too complex.

Both the MEA and SCS maps were derived from a vector polygonal data set (i.e. uses polygons with coordinate referenced vertices to represent data).

The vector approach is generally a more precise form of data, since the location of a point in space can be infinitely specified. The MSS data is raster based (i.e. uses groups of 50 by 50-meter pixels to represent data). In the case of the MSS data set, spatial location can only be specified to within a 50-meter polygon (pixel). Because of this, raster based data is generally less precise than vector data. However, when attempting to represent land-cover at a small-scale (for example, a 1:1, 000, 000 scale) superior results are obtained by raster based data. This fact becomes apparent when you consider that the vector based SCS data has approximately 9, 000 polygons of variable sizes. On the other hand, the MSS data has over 20 million polygons in the form of 50 by 50-meter pixels. Because vector data is limited to how many coordinates a human can punch into a computer, the digitally collected and processed MSS satellite data is able to show more spatial detail. For example, the SCS map indicates the presence of tall shrublands and moist herbaceous tundra within mountain valleys, areas that were simply classed as Alpine tundra by the MEA map. However, SCS polygons that represent areas of dominant Tall shrublands also commonly contain small areas of Moist herbaceous, dwarf-shrub tundra. While the SCS data does not give any sort of indication of the heterogeneous nature of its vector polygons, this important information is provided by the MSS map on a pixel by pixel basis.

Overall, the MSS map shows more plant diversity in areas that were classed as only one land-cover type by the MEA and SCS maps. This fact is most apparent in areas that were categorized as Moist tundra (MEA map) and Moist herbaceous, dwarf-shrub tundra (SCS map). The MSS map indicates that these areas also contain extensive areas of tall and low shrublands (in addition to intermittent patches of Wet herbaceous tundra, Dry tundra, and small bodies of standing water). The higher diversity of land-cover indicated by the MSS map is a significant improvement over the SCS and MEA maps.

Major shortcomings of the three data sets

The MEA data set is by far the most generalized. It represents shoreline and vegetation boundaries as very linear and sharp-angled features, even at small scales. Additionally, no inland fresh water lakes, except one are represented. This fact is the dominant reason why the % area of Water was so low on the MEA map (Figure 5). Future use of the MEA map should include the integration of a lakes and rivers map layer. The seven land-cover classes (reduced to six for map comparison) are too few, and the boundaries are of insufficient precision to warrant the use of the MEA map by any serious scientific research.

Land-cover classification and spatial detail of the SCS map are far superior to that of the MEA map. Similar to the MEA data, the complete lack of inland fresh water bodies is a curious drawback to a generally representative data set. Future use of the SCS map should include the integration of a lakes and rivers map layer. Although the SCS is the superior vector based data set, it gives no indication as to the diversity of land-cover types within its 9, 000+ polygons. As stated before, 169 different land-cover designations are very difficult, if not impossible to differentiate on a printed map. Therefore, simplification of the original land-cover categories is a necessity on a printed map.

The MSS-derived land-cover map has shortcomings as well. The effect of spectral mixing between mountain shadows and the Barrens and Dry tundra categories often resulted in the classification of Wet herbaceous tundra, which in reality should be areas of either Barrens or Dry tundra. Similarly, the sunny side of a hill gives off a different spectral reflectance than the shaded side of the same hill, even if the land-cover is entirely the same. As a result, some areas of the same land-cover type were classed differently, based upon aspect. This distortion caused by elevation and aspect is rectifiable by the integration of a digital elevation model (DEM). This is a planned future activity. Poor radiometric correction is another consideration. In many instances, the seams between the individual MSS scenes are very apparent, this is a particular problem for an area to the west of the Kigluaik Mountain Range. The probable result is the partially incorrect land-cover classification of the immediate area surrounding the seam areas. Using the present mosaic-ed MSS data set, this problem cannot be solved. Also, an area of low clouds and fog on the southwest coast of the Peninsula gives a false impression of Tall shrublands, which in reality, should be classed as either Moist herbaceous, dwarf-shrub tundra or Wet herbaceous tundra. The use of a simple polygonal mask could easily be used to change the land-cover assignment. Additionally, a curious blob on the western edge of Imuruk Basin is also an area of concern. This blob could be a large mat of seaweed or perhaps a low cloud. Regardless of its composition, the blob area should be classed as Water. A simple polygonal mask could easily vanquish the Imuruk Basin blob. Despite the problems, the MSS data offers the most precise spatial representation of the distribution of vegetation on the Seward Peninsula.

CONCLUSIONS:

- 1) A raster-based remote sensing approach was an appropriate method of mapping the distribution of vegetation on the Seward Peninsula.

- 2) The MSS map provides a higher degree of spatial detail than the SCS and MEA vector-based maps.
- 3) The MSS map offers a better representation of the diversity of land-cover types within the individual SCS and MEA land-cover polygons.
- 4) Overall, percentages of each land-cover category are closely approximated by all three data sets (Figures 5a and 5b). However, the precise distribution of the land-cover categories is highly variable, as indicated by the difference matrices (Tables 4a and 4b).
- 5) Areas of Tall shrublands and Moist low-shrub tundra that are not present on the SCS and MEA maps are identified on the MSS map. Since the MSS map indicates these areas occur in drainage-like patterns (associated with small intermittent streams), it is assumed that the shrublands do indeed exist.
- 6) Total agreement between the three maps is not impressive (38.7% between the MSS and MEA maps, and 41.8% between the MSS and SCS maps). The main cause of the relatively large margin of disagreement is most likely due to the comparison between vector based data (MEA and SCS) and raster based data (MSS). An additional factor affecting the low agreement of the maps could be caused by the independently derived land-cover classification systems employed by the creators of each data set.
- 7) The MSS map offers possibly the first Multi-Spectral Sensor-derived land-cover map of the Seward Peninsula. An accuracy assessment of MSS map is planned for the near future.

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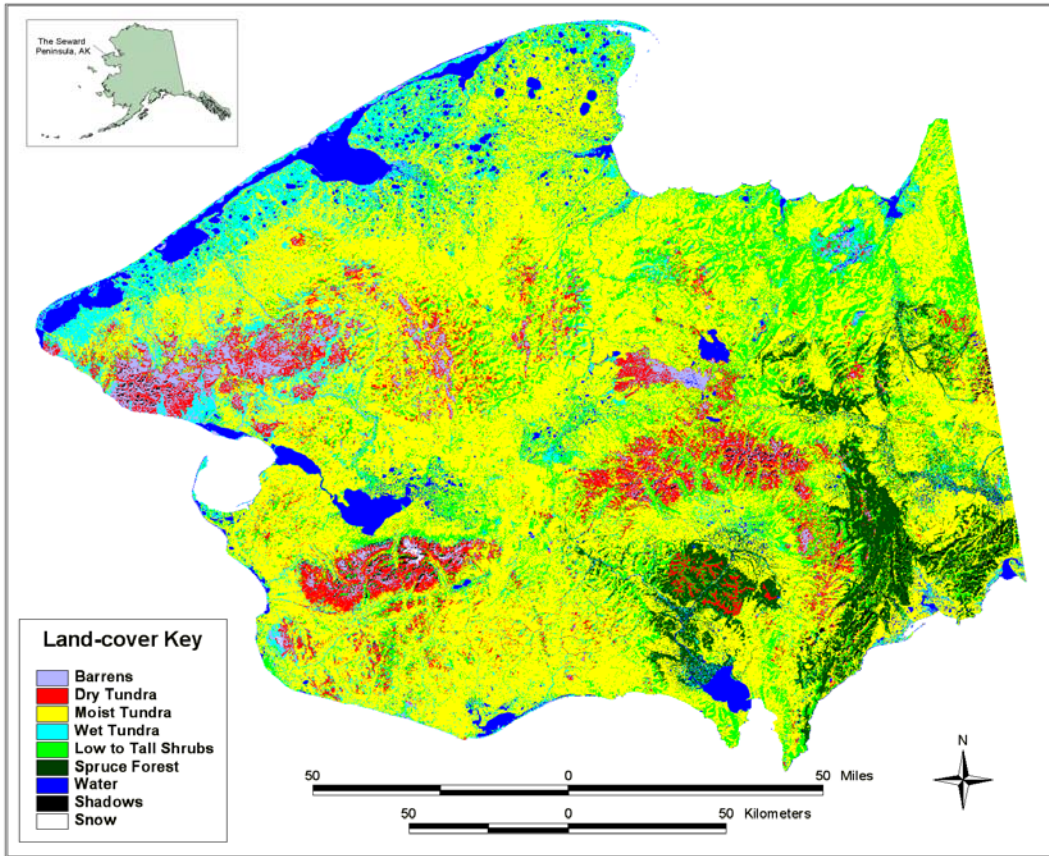


Figure 1: The SP-MSS land-cover map.

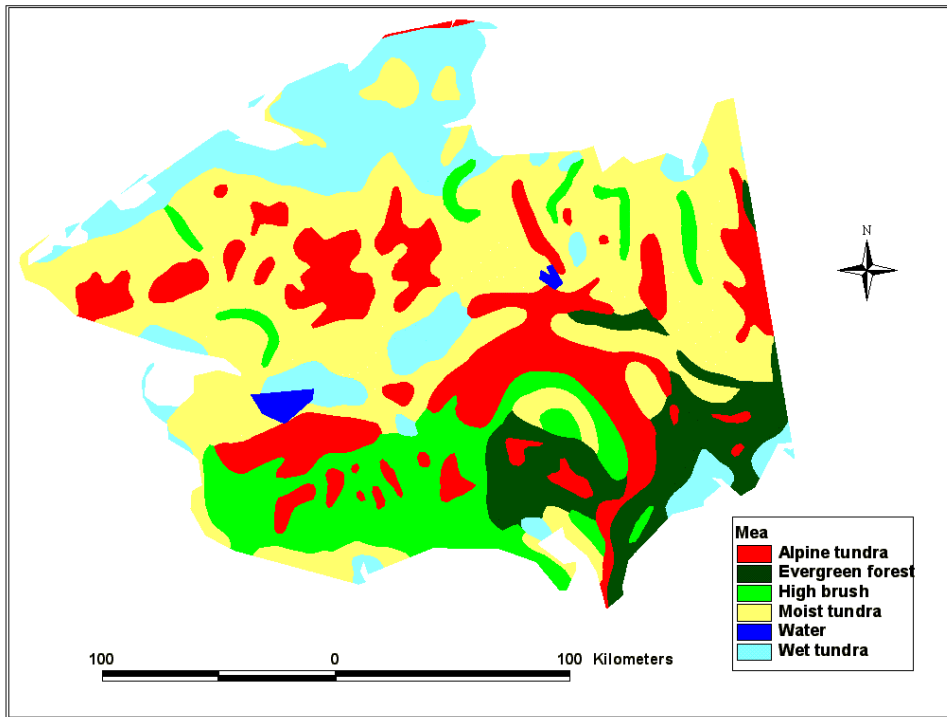


Figure 2: The MEA land-cover map.

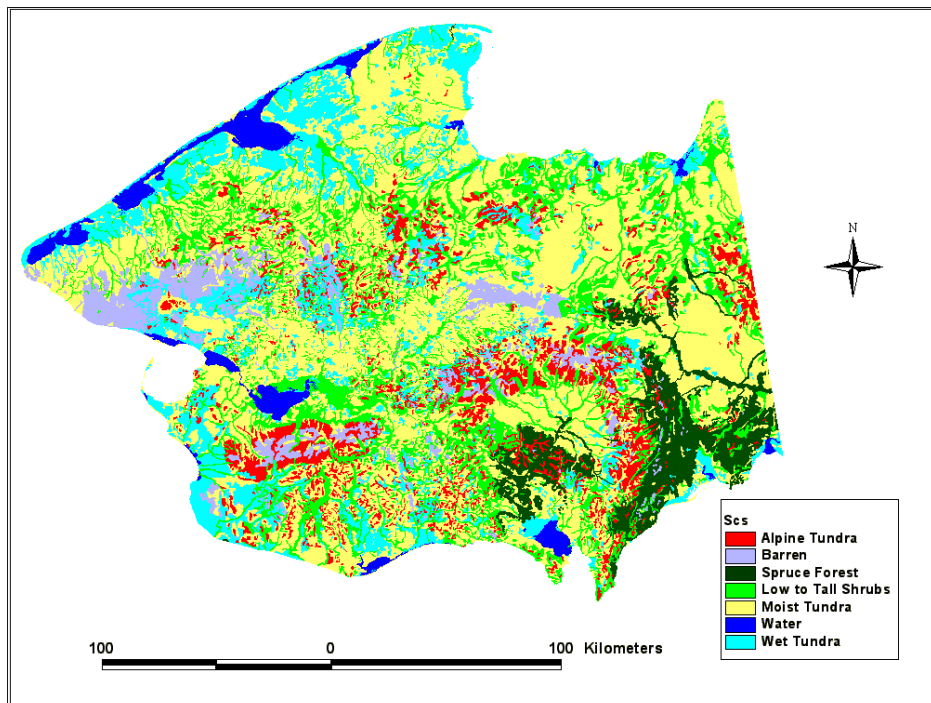


Figure 3: The SCS land-cover map.

Figure 4. Scatter plot graph of Isoclass cluster centroids. Values are in digital numbers. The x-axis represents the near-ir band, the y-axis represents the red band.

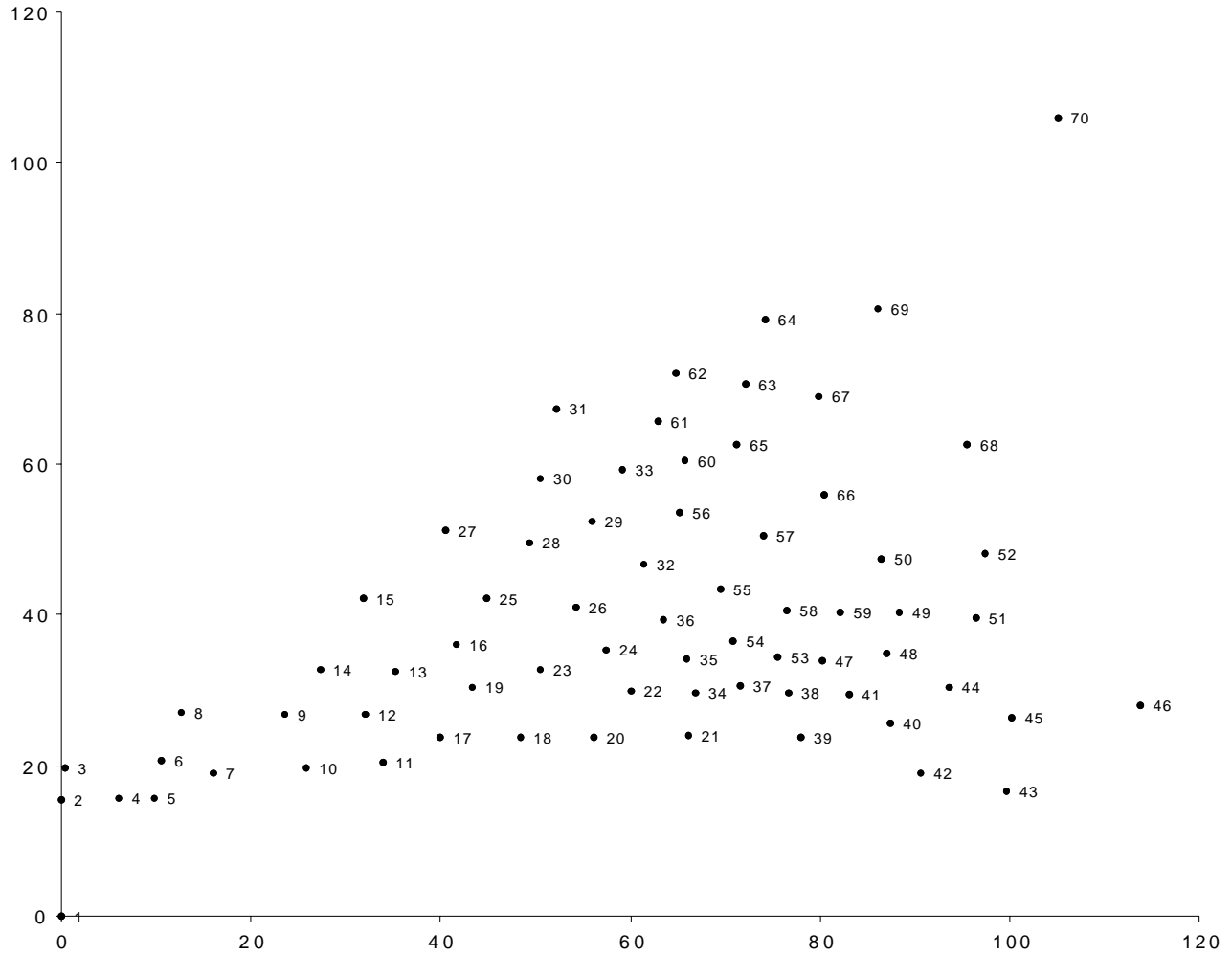


Figure 5. Percentage of total area based on land cover category.

(a) MSS, SCS, and MEA maps, (b) MSS and SCS maps.

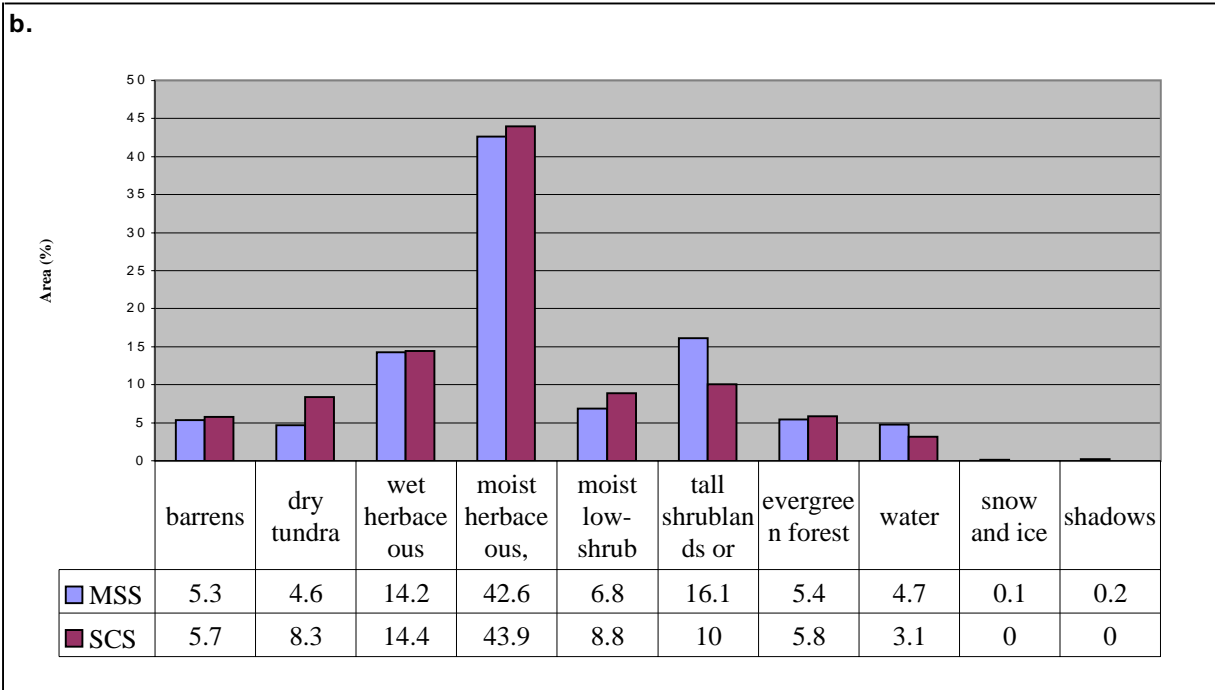
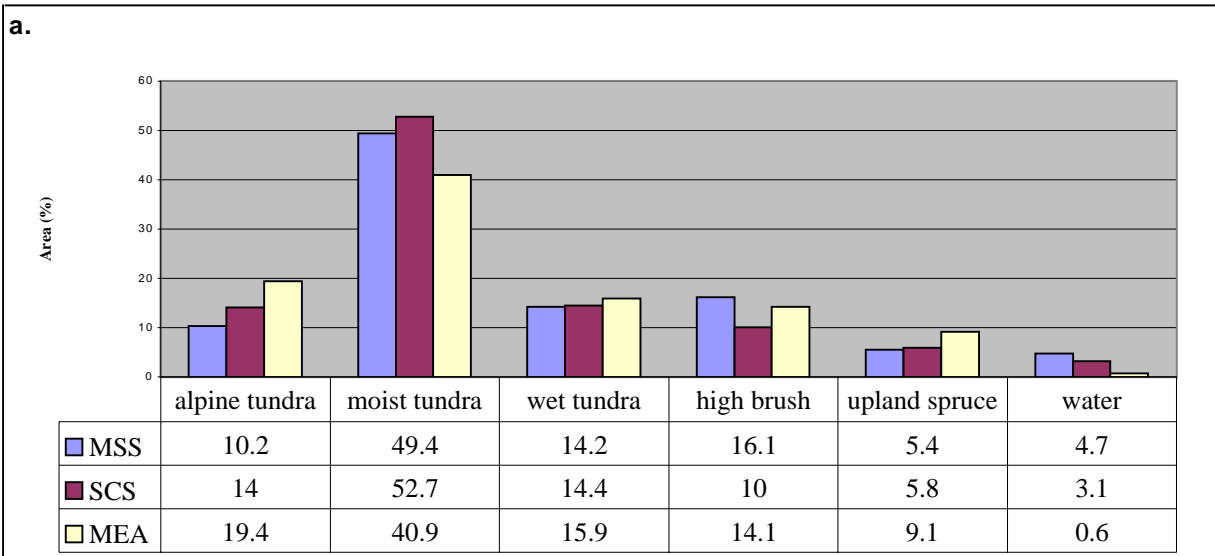


Table 1. (a) Crosswalk between original and altered MEA land-cover classes, (b) Crosswalk between original SCS "fmuid" land-cover numbers and altered SCS land-cover classes. Note that if not otherwise specified, "complex" fmuid numbers (i.e. 10-22) were classified as the first fmuid land-cover (10), (c) Crosswalk between original cluster values and MSS land-cover classes.

| a. | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Original Name</u> | <u>Altered Name</u> |
| Alpine tundra | Alpine tundra |
| Moist tundra | Moist tundra |
| Wet tundra | Wet tundra |
| High brush | High brush |
| Bottomland spruce-poplar forest | Evergreen forest |
| Upland spruce-hardwood forest | Evergreen forest |
| Water | Water |

| b. | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Original Fmuid Numbers</u> | <u>Altered Name</u> |
| 72,74,80,81,82,60-80 | Barrens |
| 60,61,63,63-43,64,65,66,70,71 | Dry tundra |
| 51,52,54,55,56,57 | Wet herbaceous tundra |
| 41 to 45,50,60,63,66-20,66-54,66-55,91 | Moist herbaceous, dwarf-shrub tundra |
| 32,34,35 | Moist low-shrub tundra |
| 14,20,21,22 | Tall shrublands or Deciduous trees |
| 10,11,12,13,15,90 | Evergreen forest |
| 4,5 | Water |

| c. | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Cluster Number</u> | <u>Land-Cover</u> |
| 9,11-16,25,27,30,31,60-69 | Barrens |
| 26,28,29,32,33,50,52,55,56,57 | Dry tundra |
| 17,19,23,24,36,54 | Wet herbaceous tundra |
| 35,37,41,44,48,49,51,58,59 | Moist herbaceous, dwarf-shrub tundra |
| 34 | Moist low-shrub tundra |
| 18,22,38,39,40,45,46 | Tall shrublands, or Deciduous trees |
| 20,21 | Evergreen forest |
| 2-8,10 | Water |
| 42,43,70 | Clouds and ice |

Table 2. LAS parameters used in the Isoclass Clustering Algorithm

Structure of my parameter descriptions are as follows:

LAS PARAMETER = **value:** (parameter and value)
Description...

PARAMETERS:

MAXNUMIT = 12: (maximum number of iterations = 12)
Upon each iteration, Isoclass analyses the input data and assigns pixels to a cluster using a split or combine operation. Isoclass will terminate upon its MAXNUMIT iteration.

CLUSDIST=3.0: (threshold mean cluster distance = 3.0)
Clusters with a mean inter-cluster distance of less than CLUSDIST pixel values will be combined.

MAXCLSTD=3.5: (threshold standard deviation = 3.5)
A cluster with a standard deviation of greater than MAXCLSTD and number of pixels is greater than $2 * (\text{MINCLUST} + 1)$ will be split into two clusters.

MINCLUST=5000: (minimum pixels = 5000)
A cluster with less than MINCLUST pixels will be deleted. Also, this parameter is used in determining if a cluster is split (see above parameter MAXCLSTD).

MAXCLUST=70: (maximum number of clusters = 70)
Upon reaching MAXCLUST number of clusters, Isoclass will no longer split or combine clusters.

CHNTHR=3.0: (cluster chaining threshold = 3.0)
After MAXNUMIT has been reached, clusters are chained (combined) into one cluster if their mean inter-cluster distances are less than CHNTHR.

Table 3. (a) MSS to MEA land-cover crosswalk, (b) SCS to MEA land-cover crosswalk, (c) MSS to SCS land-cover crosswalk

| a. | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <u>MSS Land-Cover</u> | <u>MEA Land-Cover</u> |
| Barrens | Alpine tundra |
| Dry tundra | Alpine tundra |
| Moist herbaceous, dwarf-shrub tundra | Moist tundra |
| Wet herbaceous tundra | Wet tundra |
| Moist low-shrub tundra | Moist tundra |
| Tall shrubland or Deciduous forest | Tall brush |
| Evergreen forest | Evergreen forest, previously (Bottomland and Upland Spruce) |
| Water | Water |
| Clouds and snow | Alpine tundra |
| Shadows | Alpine tundra |

| b. | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <u>SCS Land-Cover</u> | <u>MEA Land-Cover</u> |
| Barrens | Alpine tundra |
| Dry tundra | Alpine tundra |
| Moist herbaceous, dwarf-shrub tundra | Moist tundra |
| Wet herbaceous tundra | Wet tundra |
| Moist low-shrub tundra | Moist tundra |
| Tall shrubland or Deciduous forest | Tall brush |
| Evergreen forest | Evergreen forest, previously (Bottomland and Upland Spruce) |
| Water | Water |

| c. | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>MSS Land-Cover</u> | <u>SCS Land-Cover</u> |
| Barrens | Barrens |
| Dry tundra | Dry tundra |
| Moist herbaceous, dwarf-shrub tundra | Moist herbaceous, dwarf-shrub tundra |
| Wet herbaceous tundra | Wet herbaceous tundra |
| Moist low-shrub tundra | Moist low-shrub tundra |
| Tall shrubland or Deciduous forest | Tall shrubland or Deciduous forest |
| Evergreen forest | Evergreen forest |
| Water | Water |
| Clouds and snow | Barrens |
| Shadows | Barrens |

Table 4. Difference matrices (a) MSS versus MEA map , (b) MSS versus SCS map. Values are in number of 50 by 50-meter pixels.

| a. Major Ecosystems of Alaska Map | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|---|
| MSS | Alpine tundra | Moist tundra | Wet tundra | High brush | Evergreen forest | Water | Total | Agreement (%) | |
| Alpine tundra | 868463 | 629933 | 187491 | 231420 | 43393 | 6590 | 1967290 | 44.1 | |
| Moist tundra | 1610141 | 4731935 | 1250820 | 1606245 | 692593 | 12172 | 9903906 | 47.8 | |
| Wet tundra | 548923 | 881366 | 934537 | 339184 | 93633 | 3788 | 2801431 | 33.4 | |
| High brush | 619488 | 1329178 | 347292 | 474754 | 451044 | 10950 | 3232706 | 14.7 | |
| Evergreen forest | 133500 | 289237 | 97536 | 92191 | 458012 | 5697 | 1076173 | 42.6 | |
| Water | 20511 | 105061 | 253524 | 11820 | 36804 | 83105 | 510825 | 16.3 | |
| Total | 3801026 | 7966710 | 3071200 | 2755614 | 1775479 | 122302 | 1949233 | | 1 |
| Agreement(%) | 22.8 | 59.4 | 30.4 | 17.2 | 25.8 | 68.0 | | | |
| Total Agreement=38.7% | | | | | | | | | |

| b. Soil Conservation Service Map | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| MSS | Barrens | Dry tundra | Wet herbaceous tundra | Moist herbaceous, dwarf-shrub tundra | Moist low-shrub tundra | Tall shrublands or Decid forest | Evergreen forest | Water | Total | Agreement (%) |
| Barrens | 575531 | 174613 | 120651 | 123058 | 24006 | 41414 | 33559 | 32015 | 1124847 | 51.2 |
| Dry tundra | 248600 | 194433 | 179748 | 230640 | 21429 | 45749 | 2570 | 2505 | 925674 | 21.0 |
| Wet herbac tundra | 160273 | 393589 | 900769 | 1069489 | 122077 | 161139 | 58375 | 11622 | 2877333 | 31.3 |
| Moist herbaceous, dwarf-shrub tundra | 101730 | 645273 | 1103711 | 4890943 | 821986 | 854179 | 181158 | 6412 | 8605392 | 56.8 |
| Moist low-shrub tundra | 10545 | 59960 | 125814 | 750690 | 197781 | 151108 | 80519 | 827 | 1377244 | 14.4 |
| Tall shrublands or Decid forest | 33403 | 161978 | 275395 | 1462466 | 459886 | 595935 | 262439 | 10696 | 3262198 | 18.3 |
| Evergreen forest | 9248 | 30381 | 39710 | 201543 | 112193 | 159564 | 525607 | 6928 | 1085174 | 48.4 |
| Water | 3133 | 10817 | 156125 | 153997 | 21882 | 13922 | 33748 | 560129 | 953753 | 58.7 |
| Total | 1142463 | 1671044 | 2901923 | 8882826 | 1781240 | 2023010 | 1177975 | 631134 | | |
| Agreement(%) | 50.4 | 11.6 | 31.0 | 55.1 | 11.1 | 29.5 | 44.6 | 88.7 | | |
| Total Agreement=41.8% | | | | | | | | | | |

Table 5 Council Road Truck Survey

Observers: Walker and Snyder

Date: 7/16/00

| Guess/Land Cover Codes | Veg. Cover (Shrub and Tree) |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1a - barren | 1 - scattered: <5% |
| 1b - prostrate shrub/lichen | 2 - patchy: 5-25% |
| 1c - prostrate shrub w/ no lichen, Loipro and Empnig | 3 - open: 25-75% |
| 2 - moist acidic tundra (MAT) | 4 - closed: >75% |
| 3 - moist non-acidic tundra (MNT) | |
| 4 - moist dwarf shrub/lichen/graminoid | |
| 5a - prostrate dwarf shrub, Empnig, Loipro, and heath | |
| 5b - erect dwarf shrub, Vaculi and Betnan | |
| 5c - low shrub, Salix sp and Betgla | |
| 5d - tall shrub, Alncri | |
| 5e - alder savanah | |
| 6 - wet | |
| 7a - needleleaf woodland w/ Salix spp. | |
| 7b - needleleaf woodland w/ lichen | |
| 8 - broadleaf forebalst, Pop | |
| 9 - water | |
| 10 - ice | |

| Shrub Height |
|--------------|
| 1 - <5cm |
| 2 - 5-40cm |
| 3 - 40-200cm |

| Tree Height |
|-------------|
| 1 - <2m |
| 2 - 2-10m |
| 3 - >10m |

| Site | GPS N | GPS E | Relative Position | Shrub Cover | Shrub Height | Tree Cover | Tree Height | Water% | Barren% | Guess | Land Cover | SCS | Plant Association/Notes |
|------|---------|--------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|------------|-----|---|
| 144 | 7196350 | 562488 | 50m W | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | <5 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | lichen, empnig, vaculi, rubcha, erivag (10%), shrubs 30% |
| 145 | 7195881 | 562361 | 50m E | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | lichen 50%, dwarf shrubs 40%, graminoids 10% |
| 145a | 7194106 | 562074 | 10m SE | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | tall riparian shrubland |
| 146 | 7193740 | 562084 | 10m E | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | | picgla, salpla, betgla (40-200cm) |
| 147 | 7162499 | 561794 | 10m E and W | 3 to 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 5 | | closed low salpla with a few tall salpla, dwarf shrub understory |
| 148 | 7192267 | 561741 | 100m E | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | lichen 40%, dwarf shrub 50%, graminoid 10% (clas sp, betnan, leddec, empnig, erivag) |
| 149 | 7191529 | 561562 | 10m E | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | <5 | 0 | 6 and 4 | 6 and 4 | | drainage with wet graminoid tundra (erivag, caraqu) with H.C. polygons with betnan, rubcha, etc |
| 150 | 7191404 | 651532 | 200m E | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | releve C2 is in this polygon |
| 151 | 7191010 | 651434 | 20m E | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | tall salpla with widely scattered picgla |

Table 5 Council Road Truck Survey (continued)

| Site | GPS N | GPS E | Relative Position | Shrub Cover | Shrub Height | Tree Cover | Tree Height | Water% | Barren% | Guess | Land Cover | SCS | Plant Association/Notes |
|------|---------|--------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|------------|------|---|
| 152 | 7190510 | 561316 | 50m E | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | dwarf shrub 60%, lichen 50%, sedge 10% |
| 153 | 7190084 | 561212 | 50m E | 3 | 3 | 1 to 2 | 2 | <5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | | tall salpla with widely scattered picgla |
| 154 | 7189564 | 561091 | 50m E | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | | picgla, salpul woodland, open tall picgla |
| 163 | 7188528 | 560475 | 800m W | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | | alder shrubland with widely scattered picgla |
| 164 | 7188147 | 560410 | 250m E | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | | open picgla/willow woodland, 20-30% tree cover |
| 165 | 7188147 | 560410 | 100m E | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | | open picgla/willow woodland, 20-30% tree cover |
| 167 | 7187671 | 560061 | 1km WSW | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 and 5 | 5 and 4 | | complex of birch shrublands and lichen, dwarf shrub, graminoid tundra |
| 168 | 7188015 | 560322 | 1km SW | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 1b | 1b | | probably alpine lichen, prostrate shrub tundra |
| 169 | 7187245 | 559776 | 20m SSE | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1b | | complex of lichen, prostrate shrub (empnig, betnan, leddec) and shrubs (betnan, salpul, salgla) |
| 170 | 7187599 | 559951 | 1km W | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1b | 1b | | alpine tundra, looks like lots of lichens |
| 171 | 7186546 | 559002 | 1km ENE | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | | tall alders |
| 172 | 7186546 | 559002 | 300m ENE | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | | low willows with open tall alders |
| 173 | 7186480 | 558917 | 1km W | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | | tall open alders |
| 174 | 7186497 | 558939 | 50m SSE | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1b | 1b | | lichen, empnig, leddec, betnan, prostrate shrub with scattered dwarf shrubs (mainly betnan, salgla) |
| 175 | 7186150 | 558573 | 30m S | 2 | 1 to 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1b | 1b | | nice, lichen 65%, prostrate shrub 25% (loipro, empnig, betnan, vaculi) loipro 30%, betnan 20% |
| 176 | 7185795 | 558308 | 20m S | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1b | 1b/5 | | lichen heath with low shrubs 20%, mostly betnan low shrubs |
| 177 | 7185196 | 557949 | 10m NE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | >90 | 1a | 1a | | gravel pit! |
| 178 | 7184902 | 557839 | 1.2 km SSW | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | | open tall alders |
| 179 | 7184478 | 557439 | 20m S | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1b | 1b | | lichen heath, 15% dwarf and low shrubs (betnan, salpul) |
| 180 | 7184103 | 557261 | 20m S | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1b | 1b | | lichen heath, 15% dwarf and low shrubs (betnan, salpul) |
| 181 | none | none | none | none | none | none | none | none | none | none | none | none | none |
| 182 | 7182762 | 555932 | ? | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | | MA I with carbig (lichen only about 5-10%), betnan 20%, leddec 20%, rubcha 5%, carbig 35%, vaculi 20% |

Table 5 Council Road Truck Survey (continued)

| Site | GPS N | GPS E | Relative Position | Shrub Cover | Shrub Height | Tree Cover | Tree Height | Water% | Barren% | Guess | Land Cover | SCS | Plant Association/Notes |
|------|---------|--------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|-----|---|
| 183 | 7181932 | 555594 | 120m SSE | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 to 10 | 1b/1a | 1b/1a | | mostly 1a with 20% rocks |
| 184 | 7182132 | 556042 | 20m SSW | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | | mixed low willow 60% and tall alders 40% |
| 191 | 7191742 | 561614 | 10m E and W | 3 to 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 to 10 | 0 | 5 | 5 | | salpul (low and tall) with widely scattered picgla |
| 192 | 7189690 | 561119 | 20m E | 3 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | dwarf shrub 50%, lichen 40%, erivag 10% |
| 193 | 7187076 | 559622 | 1km W | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | | tall alders |
| 194 | 7187076 | 559622 | 600m W | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5/1b | | low willows with patches of dwarf shrub lichen |
| 195 | 7186027 | 558236 | 20m E | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 20 | 5 and 1 | 5 and 1 | | tall salale and gravel bars |
| 196 | 7185196 | 557949 | 1km SE | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | | tall alders |
| 197 | 7185196 | 557949 | 500m E | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | | low willows with patches of 1b and a few scattered picgla |

Table 6 Council Area Helicopter Survey

7/18/00

Observers: Walker and Snyder

| Site # | GPS N | GPS E | Shrub Cover | Shrub Height | Tree Cover | Tree Height | Water % | Barren % | Guess | Land Cover | SCS | Plant Association/Notes |
|--------|---------|--------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|----------|----------|---------------|-------|--|
| 1 | 7223000 | 559970 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 1a | 1a | 70 | 85% 1a with 15% 1b |
| 2 | 7222900 | ? | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 1b | 1b | 70 | 1b Dryas, oxybry |
| 3 | 7221422 | 559800 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 5 and 2? | 41 | dwarf shrubland, solifluc, vaculi, dryoct, betnan, salpul |
| 4 | 7220988 | 559800 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-5 | 4 | 1b | 41 | lichen, betnan, loipro, leddec, photo 00-05-24,23,22 |
| 5 | 7220880 | 559800 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | comp 4/5 | 1b, 5, and 1a | 41 | complex of rocks, shrubs, and lichens (dominant) |
| 6 | 7219000 | 559530 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 21 | mix of dwarf and low shrubland (riparian), 20% tall shrubs |
| 7 | 7218533 | 559778 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 60 | lichen, carbig - close to 1b but no sedges and more sphagnum |
| 8 | 7218400 | 559690 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 21 | open salpla with eriang, equarv understory, 1 m tall |
| 9 | 7218030 | 560640 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4, 2, and 6 | 60 | complex, lichen rich, quite a bit of sphagnum |
| 10 | 7215700 | 560150 | 1 | 1 to 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 1a | 1a and 1b | 60 | barren hill, 20%1b, 80%1a |
| 11 | 7216006 | 560788 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 20-34 | low shrubland willow |
| 11a | 7215630 | 562450 | 3 | 1 to 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 and 2 | 60-54 | none |
| 12 | 7213615 | 564323 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 60 | lichen rich tussock tundra |
| 13 | 7212922 | 564369 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 35 | lichen rich carbig tundra |
| 14 | 7212300 | 563429 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | comp 5/4 | 5 and 1b | 35 | complex of low betgla with lichen stripes (<20%) |
| 15 | 7212300 | 563429 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 and 1b | 35 | complex of low betgla with lichen stripes (~40%) |
| 16 | 7210000 | 562835 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 5 | 35 | willow/birch low shrubs, closed |
| 17 | 7208800 | 562740 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 5 | 35 | willow/birch shrubland, some popbal on upper slope |
| 18 | 7208680 | 563500 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 5 | 35 | birch/willow shrubland, 10% lichen heath |
| 19 | 7207900 | 563960 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 5 and 8 | 35 | birch/willow shrubland, with island of poplars <10%, low willows |

Table 6 Council Area Helicopter Survey (continued: see Table 5 for codes)

| Site # | GPS N | GPS E | Shrub Cover | Shrub Height | Tree Cover | Tree Height | Water % | Barren % | Guess | Land Cover | SCS | Plant Association/Notes |
|--------|---------|--------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|----------|----------|--------------|-------|---|
| 20 | 7207170 | 563000 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 72 | willow/birch low shrubland |
| 21 | 7207617 | 562280 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | comp 5/4 | 1b | 72 | dryas tundra with ~10% barren (mostly continuous cover) |
| 22 | 7207500 | 567685 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ? | 1b | 1b and 1a | 35 | barren with dryas tundra |
| 23 | 7206800 | 562600 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 35 | open low birch willow shrubland |
| 24 | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | 5 | 5 | 35 | tall??? |
| 25 | 7203200 | 561500 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 35 | patches of alders (40%), poplars (10%), and willows (50%) |
| 26 | 7202850 | 562850 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 5 | 35 | mostly low willow/birch, scattered picgla, patches of alders (20%) |
| 27 | 7203645 | 565630 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1b | 1b | 61 | lichen heath with patches of willows |
| 28 | 7203300 | 565650 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 22 | low willow shrubland with some poplars at lower edge |
| 29 | 7202680 | 565724 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7a | 12 | open picgla with some popbal and willow understory |
| 30 | 7201500 | 567700 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1a | 1b | 61 | dryas oxybry |
| 31 | 7201130 | 567763 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3, 1b, and 5 | 12 | complex of MNT, dryas tundra, and low willows |
| 32 | 7200950 | 567700 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 12 | willow shrubland with scattered picgla and popbal |
| 33 | 7200560 | 567360 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | 35 | open picgla with scattered popbal and willow understory |
| 34 | 7200000 | 563900 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | 12 | open picgla with willows |
| 35 | 7197832 | 563950 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | 35 | open picgla with willows |
| 36 | 7197750 | 564129 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 35 | 50% alders with scattered picgla, 40% low willows |
| 37 | 7196145 | 563835 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 60 | tussock tundra |
| 38 | 7195847 | 558919 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 60-54 | lichen, graminoid, dwarf shrub, sphagnum, <10% water tracks, photo 00-05-21,20,19,18,17 |
| 39 | 7192450 | 558660 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 22 | closed alder shrubland |

Table 6 Council Area Helicopter Survey (continued: see Table 5 for codes)

| Site # | GPS N | GPS E | Shrub Cover | Shrub Height | Tree Cover | Tree Height | Water % | Barren % | Guess | Land Cover | SCS | Plant Association/Notes |
|--------|---------|--------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|----------|-------|------------|-------|---|
| 40 | 7193490 | 559850 | 2 | 1 to 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 60 | lichen, graminoid, sphagnum, dwarf shrub (carag?) |
| 41 | 7193615 | 560550 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 60 | lichen, graminoid, sphagnum, dwarf shrub (carag?) |
| 42 | 7193850 | 561200 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 7a/5 | 7a and 5 | 10 | open picgla, willow |
| 43 | 7193676 | 562245 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | 10 | open picgla, willow/birch |
| 44 | 7194025 | 562526 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 and 7a | 10 | riparian shrub and scattered picgla |
| 45 | 7193615 | 563563 | 3 | 1 to 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 10 66 | lichen tussock tundra |
| 46 | 7193305 | 564366 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7b | 10 66 | lichen woodland, 40-50% trees |
| 47 | 7191700 | 565696 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7b | 10 66 | lichen woodland, ~35% trees |
| 48 | 7191360 | 567570 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | 10 | picgla/willow, photo 00-05-10, 9, 8 |
| 49 | 7192330 | 568915 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 12 | graminoid, lichen, dwarf shrub, sphagnum tundra |
| 50 | 7190080 | 568340 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 10 20 | popbal to 5m, photo 00-05-7,6 |
| 51 | 7190020 | 569195 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 8 and 5 | 10 20 | 70%popbal, 30% tall willows |
| 52 | 7191483 | 571211 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 60 | lichen, dwarf shrubs, graminoids, sphagnum tundra, lots of rubcha |
| 53 | 7189090 | 571200 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | 10 | open and tall picgla/willows, photo 00-05-7,6 |
| 54 | 7189100 | 571919 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 8 and 5 | 10 20 | open popbal/willows |
| 55 | 7189000 | 572700 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | 10 20 | open and tall picgla/willows |
| 56 | 7188590 | 572360 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 10 20 | open popbal, 10m tall |
| 57 | 7187810 | 573000 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 and 8 | 10 20 | riparian willows and popbal |
| 58 | 7187560 | 571780 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 7a | 7a | 10 | picgla/willow |
| 59 | 7106400 | 571770 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | 10 20 | picgla/willow |
| 60 | 7185877 | 571109 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 10 20 | lichen, graminoid, dwarf shrub |
| 61 | 7185100 | 570590 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7b and 7a | 10 20 | lichen woodland |

Table 6 Council Area Helicopter Survey (continued: see Table 5 for codes)

| Site # | GPS N | GPS E | Shrub Cover | Shrub Height | Tree Cover | Tree Height | Water % | Barren % | Guess | Land Cover | SCS | Plant Association/Notes |
|--------|---------|--------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|----------|----------|------------|-------|---|
| 62 | 7186018 | 569728 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7b and 7a | 10 20 | open lichen/shrub/woodland |
| 63 | 7186920 | 570630 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | comp 5/6 | 6 | 66 54 | drained lake, wet tundra, carsax, eriang |
| 64 | 7188070 | 570260 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 to 3 | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | 66 54 | picgla/willow with quite a bit of lichens |
| 65 | 7188198 | 569700 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 66 54 | lichen, graminoid, dwarf shrub |
| 66 | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | 54 | picgla/willow/lichen |
| 67 | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | 0 | 0 | 7a | 7a | 54 | picgla/willow |
| 68 | 7187625 | 569550 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 and 8 | 54 | willow/wetland complex |
| 69 | 7185477 | 567227 | 3 | 1 to 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | comp 4/5 | 4 and 5 | 54 | dwarf shrub, lichen, graminoid, shrub, water tracks 20% |
| 70 | 7186625 | 566680 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 12 | dwarf shrub, lichen, graminoid |
| 71 | 7186200 | 564260 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 12 | willow shrubland with scattered picgla |
| 72 | 7187253 | 564353 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 60 | dwarf shrub lichen with betnan, leddec, rubcha, sphag, and empnig |
| 73 | 7186970 | 563090 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7a | 12 | open picgla/willow |
| 74 | 7186160 | 561822 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 22 | open alders with low willows |
| 75 | 7186830 | 561340 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1b | 1b | 61 | empnig, loipro, and lichens |
| 76 | 7182388 | 566682 | 3 | 1 to 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | comp 4/5 | 4 | 60 | dwarf shrub, lichen, graminoid |
| 77 | 7182529 | 566280 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7a | 12 | open picgla willow |
| 78 | 7182525 | 565786 | 2 | 1 to 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 12 | moss, graminoid, wet meadow, 10% shrubs |
| 79 | ? | 565840 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 12 | riparian willows |
| 80 | 7191020 | 564185 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 54 | caraqu, eriang |
| 81 | 7189090 | 564945 | 2 | 2 to 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 8 and 4 | 60 54 | complex of wetland lichen, tussock tundra, mostly shrub lichens |
| 82 | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | 0 | 7b | 7b | 60 20 | lichen woodland |
| 83 | 7188100 | 566100 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7b | 7b | 60 20 | lichen woodland |
| 84 | 7224421 | 566632 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 1a | 1a | 81 | dryas tundra, few scattered alders |
| 85 | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | 0 | 5 | 5 | 22 | alder shrublands |
| 86 | 7225400 | 562669 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 22 | closed alder shrublands |

Table 7. Quartz Creek road survey (see Table 5 for codes)

7/20/00

| Site | GPS N | GPS E | Relative Position | Guess | Actual | Species | Notes |
|------|---------|--------|-------------------|-------|------------|---|--|
| 1 | 7152918 | 485274 | 50m W | 2 | 2,6 | Erivag,Eriang,Betnan,Empnig | hummocks, almost strangmoor, very wet between strang |
| 2 | 7154539 | 486232 | - | 2 | 2 | Eritri,Caaq,Erivag,Empnig,Betnan | similar to 1, drier, MAT dominated by dwarf shrub |
| 3 | 7155782 | 487318 | 50m NW | 2,5 | 5b,2 | | dwarf shrub with some MAT patches |
| 3a | 7159367 | 488257 | - | | 5a | Empnig, Loipro,Betnan | few lichen, some Salpul |
| 4 | 7159570 | 488427 | - | 5 | 5b | Vaculi,Empnig,some Betnan/Betgla,Salpul patches to 15cm | taller stripes of low shrubs to 2m |
| 5 | 7167405 | 485589 | 50m NW | 5 | 5c,5b | | mostly low shrub, some prostrate |
| 6 | 7171394 | 485617 | 200m S | 2,5 | 3,5b | Carbig,Eritri,Equarv,Tomnit,Hylspl,Salret,Dryint, some Carmem,Caraqua | low shrub stripes/hummocks with Vaculi,Betnan |
| 7 | 7173118 | 485661 | 100m WNW | 5 | 5c | | mixed birch,willow |
| 7a | 7174669 | 485896 | 100m W | | 3 | | MNT, small patches of shrub |
| 8 | 7176142 | 486217 | 100m W | 5 | 5d | Alncri,Sal spp. | |
| 9 | 7176142 | 486217 | 2km W | 5 | 5c | | too far to get details |
| 10 | 7181849 | 489634 | 200m W | 5 | 5c | Salgla,Sallan,Betgla | |
| 10a | 7181849 | 489634 | 1km NW | | 3 | | MNT, too far to see details |
| 11 | 7183941 | 489743 | - | 5c | 5d,some 5c | Alncri patches, Empnig,Betnan,Vaculi between | between second & third ditch |
| 11a | 7183941 | 489743 | 100m E | | 5c | Sal spp,Betgla to 1.5m, patches of Vaculi open areas | between first and second ditch |
| 11b | 7183941 | 489743 | ? | | 1b | Loipro,lichen,Dryoct,Rhocam,Arcalp,Empnig | top of ridge, some is drier - Dryoct.forb community |
| 12 | 7186203 | 490084 | 600m W | 5b,5c | 5c | | low shrub |
| 12a | 7186247 | 490085 | 1.5km NW | 3 | 3 | | |
| 13 | 7190167 | 488390 | 50m NW | 5a | 5b,5c | Vaculi,Carbig,Salret | patches of Salpul |
| 14 | 7191055 | 487528 | - | 1b,5a | 1c,5b | Empnig,Vaculi,Loipro | patches of Salpul |
| 15 | 7193923 | 487733 | 50m SW | 1b | 1c | Empnig,Loipro | bare soil on hummock tops, moister areas have Vaculi, some Salpul |
| 16 | 7195200 | 488380 | 75m W | 1b | 1c | | same as 15 |
| 17 | 7195486 | 488519 | 550m E | 5b | 5b,3,5c | | mostly dwarf shrub, with some patches of MNT (25%), some low shrub (10%) |
| 18 | 7195486 | 488519 | ? | 5c | 5c | | low shrub, some MNT |
| 19 | 7196284 | 490635 | 700m S | 5d | 5c | | |
| 20 | 7196284 | 490635 | 50m N & S | | 1c | | |
| 21 | 7196273 | 491891 | 100m N | 5b | 5b | Vaculi,Betnan,Salpul,Leddec,Empnig | |

Table 7. Quartz Creek road survey (continued: see Table 5 for codes)

| Site | GPS N | GPS E | Relative Position | Guess | Actual | Species | Notes |
|------|---------|--------|-------------------|-------|--------|--|--|
| 22 | 7196500 | 492473 | 75m N | 5c | 5c | Salix spp. | |
| 23 | 7196930 | 493587 | 75m NNW | 1c | 1c,5b | Empnig | Empetrum heath with scattered Salpul |
| 24 | 7197376 | 494771 | 100m NE | 5b,5c | 5b,5c | Salpul | complex, low shrub to 1.5m, lots dwarf shrub |
| 25 | 7197828 | 496458 | 75m NE | 5c | 5d | | dense alders on side of mountain, covering both sides of road |
| 26 | 7198676 | 499360 | 100m N | 3 | 1b | Loipro,Betnan,Stetom,Leddec,Cetisl | scattered Salpul |
| 27 | 7199296 | 500511 | 600m N | 5b,5c | 5c | | low shrub, farther up slope 5c/5b complex on solifluction lobes |
| 28 | 7200094 | 502808 | - | 5b | 1c | Betnan,Vaculi,Loipro,Rhocam,Dryint,Leddec | some lichen, bare soil & rocks, no Empnig |
| 29 | 7199935 | 504623 | 500m N | 5c,5d | 5d,5c | | Alder mixed with tall willow and low shrub patches |
| 30 | 7202329 | 508017 | 700m E | | 5c | | |
| 31 | 7203350 | 509135 | 200m NW | 5d | 5d | | |
| 32 | 7204000 | 510048 | - | 1c | 3,6 | Erivag,Caraqua,Salpul,Saxhir,Dryint | quite wet |
| 33 | 7204538 | 510414 | 350m N | 5b | 3 | Carbig,Carsci,Carmem,Dryint,Equarv,Salret,Tomnit,Vaculi,Betnan,Rubcha,Rholap | |
| 34 | 7204919 | 510827 | 50m SE | 1c | 1c | Loipro | |
| 35 | 7205176 | 511108 | 50m NW | 1c | 1c | Loipro | |
| 36 | 7206419 | 512448 | 50m NW | 5c | 5d | | tall willows |
| 37 | 7208410 | 514128 | - | 1c | 3 | Dryint,Salret,Carsci,Equarv,Tomnit,Carbig | MNT |
| 38 | 7209963 | 514268 | - | 1a | 1b | Empnig,Aleoch,Cetraria,Arcalp,Carbig,Brydiv,Dialap | dark color due to lichen - closer to top up to 50% barren |
| 39 | 7210112 | 514498 | - | 5b | 2 | Carbig,Leddec,Empnig,Betnan,Cetcuc,Sphag | 60% cover dwarf shrub, very hummocky |
| 40 | 7211564 | 513821 | - | 5c,5b | 2 | Betnan,Vaculi,Empnig,Caraqu,Carbig | MAT with lots of dwarf shrubs (more than 39), alders along ditches |
| 41 | 7212905 | 513350 | 50m NE | 5d | 5d | | tall alders |
| 42 | 7214637 | 514202 | - | 2 | 2 | Erivag,Leddec,Rubcha,Vaculi,Betnan,Sphag | tussocks |
| 43 | 7215717 | 515091 | 200m E | 2 | 2 | | like 42 |
| 44 | 7216261 | 515679 | 50m ESE | 5c | 5c | | low & dwarf shrubs |
| 45 | 7218725 | 515417 | 100m W | 4 | 4 | Erivag,Empnig,Sphag,Leddec,Rubcha,Cetrarias | 25% lichen cover |
| 46 | 7220340 | 514390 | 200m WSW | 4 | 4 | Erivag,Sphfus,Leddec,Rubcha,Cetrarias | 20% lichen cover |
| 47 | 7220696 | 514128 | 100m SW | 5c | 5c,2 | | complex dwarf shrub, MAT, low shrubs on edges |

Table 7. Quartz Creek road survey (continued: see Table 5 for codes)

| Site | GPS N | GPS E | Relative Position | Guess | Actual | Species | Notes |
|------|---------|--------|-------------------|-------|------------------------|---|---|
| 48 | none | none | none | 2 | can't see | | can't see |
| 49 | 7224577 | 510676 | 100m SW | 5c | 5e, some 5d | | evenly spaced alder (1m high) & low shrub - alder savannah. |
| 50 | 7226648 | 509055 | 100m SW | | 5e | Erivag, Leddec, Empnig, Vaculi, Sphag, Alncri | tussock tundra with scattered alders |
| 51 | 7227549 | 508396 | 100m SW | 4 | 2 | Erivag, Carbig, Betnan, Sphag, Vacvit, Leddec, Rubcha | |
| 52 | 7229283 | 508414 | 100m E | 1b | 1b | Stetom, Betnan, Empnig, Brydiv, Carbig | |
| 53 | 7230550 | 507985 | 100m E | 5e | 5b, 5c | Betgla, Salpul, Betnan, Carbig, Vaculi, Leddec, Sphag, Cladran, Aulpal | mix of MAT, dwarf shrub |
| 54 | 7231590 | 508176 | 200m W | 5b | 5c | Betgla, Arclat, Carbig, Fesalt, Rhyrug, Aultur | across river from actual site of 54 |
| 55 | 7234962 | 508641 | 100m W | 5b | 5c | Betgla, Salpul | open from road is more open |
| 56 | 7237082 | 509496 | 50m N | 5b | 5c | Salpul, Betnan | open low shrub to 1m |
| 57 | 7238817 | 509665 | 100m N | 2 | 3, 5c | Salpul, Sallan, Betnan/Equarv, Carbig, Equarv, Vaculi, Leddec, Hvlspl, Tomnit, Dryint, Salret, Aulpal | low shrub & MNT |
| 58 | 7240017 | 510567 | 100m W | 4 | 2, <u>borderline</u> 3 | Carbig, Salret, Vaculi, Tomnit, Salgla, Sallan, Salgla, Rholap, Carsci, Leddec, Arcrub, Betnan | |
| 59 | 7241513 | 511042 | 200m W | 2 | 2 | Erivag | great MAT |
| 60 | 7242976 | 513122 | 100m N | 2 | 5b | Vaculi, Leddec, Rosaci, Cetraria, Empnig, Salphl/Betgla, Salgla, Salpul, Leddec | dry stripes with shrubs in between to 1m, farther above road more solid dwarf shrub |
| 61 | 7244742 | 514275 | 50m W | 5c | 2 | | MAT with shrubs (60%) |
| 62 | 7246926 | 515111 | 25m W | 5c | 2 | Erivag, Betnan, Leddec, Salpul, Pelt, Sphgir | shrubby MAT |
| 63 | 7250382 | 515611 | 100m SE | 4 | 2 | Erivag, Betnan, Vacvit, Leddec, Rubcha, Petfri, matSphag, Aulpal | shrubby MAT, more shrubby than 62 (60%) |

Table 8. Quartz Creek Helicopter Survey (see Table 5 for codes)

7/24/00

Observers: Walker and Thayer

| Site # | GPS N | GPS E | Shrub Cover | Shrub Height | Tree Cover | Tree Height | Water % | Barren % | Guess | Land Cover | SCS | Plant Association/Notes |
|--------|---------|--------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|----------|------------|------------|-----|---|
| 1 | 7260320 | 517234 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4b | | MNT with lichens, photo 00-06-2,1 |
| 2 | 7261173 | 516710 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1b/5c | | complex of 1b and low birch and willow |
| 3 | 7262846 | 517578 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | | MAT with lichens, carbig, betnan, leddec stripes, cetcuc, clarb, some dryas |
| 4 | 7267200 | 519892 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 1b | 1a | | barren with 20% dryoct patches |
| 5 | 7261190 | 519925 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 1b/5b | 1b | | ? Ilegible ? < 30% barren |
| 6 | 7262160 | 520456 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | MNT with lots of lichens (cetcuc), carbig, ?, ?, ? |
| 7 | 7261444 | 517580 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c/4 or 1b | 5c/4 or 1b | | stripes with willow and lichen, dwarf shrub |
| 8 | 7259372 | 517245 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5b | 5c | | low and tall salpul |
| 9 | 7259094 | 516845 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | low and tall salpul |
| 10 | 7258704 | 516805 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | blank | | MNT with 10% salgla, <15% ?, lots of ? |
| 11 | 7260312 | 515750 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | drainage with low salpul |
| 12 | 7257555 | 518450 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1b/5b | | stripe complex with lichen stripes, dwarf birch interstripes, photo 00-07-24,23,22,21,20,19 |
| 13 | 7257840 | 518805 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5b | 5c | | low and tall willows |
| 14 | 7256933 | 518545 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c/2 | | indistinct drainage with low salpul and MAT |
| 15 | 7257056 | 515801 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | MAT with lots of erivag (60%) |
| 16 | 7258532 | 516675 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5b | 5c/3? | | low salpul with ?, salret, ?, ?, hylspl |
| 17 | 7262365 | 520050 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 1b/5b | 1b/1a | | drint?, carrup, thasub, ?, with 30% barren |
| 18 | 7256978 | 516325 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2/5b | | MAT with lots of dwarf birch patches |
| 19 | 7258169 | 515030 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | mostly betnan with scattered taller salpul |
| 20 | 7261075 | 515332 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | MNT with lichens, 10% low salgla |
| 21 | 7258750 | 516225 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5b | | dwarf betnan, salpul, carbig, vaculi, leddec, equarc |
| 22 | 7259118 | 517260 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | low and tall salpul, (plot QC3?) |
| 23 | 7259731 | 517107 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4/1b | | strip complex with 1b and 4 (acidic) carbig,, salret, betnan, vaculi, empnig |
| 24 | 7258882 | 517002 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | MAT |
| 25 | 7260488 | 515757 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5b | 5c/2 | | low to tall open salgla and salpul with MAT |

Table 8. Quartz Creek Helicopter Survey (continued: see Table 5 for codes)

| Site # | GPS N | GPS E | Shrub Cover | Shrub Height | Tree Cover | Tree Height | Water % | Barren % | Guess | Land Cover | SCS | Plant Association/Notes |
|--------|---------|--------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|----------|---------|-------------|-----|--|
| 26 | 7259860 | 514675 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | willows |
| 27 | 7261077 | 517633 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | low to tall salpul |
| 28 | 7261280 | 517663 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | low to tall willows |
| 29 | 7261405 | 518980 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | MAT, 30% dwarf shrubs |
| 30 | 7262629 | 515685 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | mixed willow/birch to about 50cm |
| 31 | 7259822 | 515716 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2/5c | | MAT with 30% salpul (low) |
| 32 | 7257190 | 515278 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | mixed low willow and birch |
| 33 | 7267695 | 520415 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 1b | 1a | | 10% 1b, barren with dryoct patches |
| 34 | 7268695 | 520340 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 1b | 1a | | <25% 1b, barren with dryoct patches |
| 35 | 7266500 | 521357 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | | solifluction area with MNT (good) |
| 36 | 7264880 | 522702 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | salpul 1.5 m tall |
| 37 | 7263711 | 522580 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5b | 5c/2 | | open salpul with MAT |
| 38 | 7262060 | 522704 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 2 | 2 | | burned MAT with lots of arclat |
| 39 | 7262125 | 523231 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5b/5c | 2 | | lightest patch with calcan, burned area |
| 40 | 7256210 | 521390 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5b/5c | 2 | | burned MAT |
| 41 | 7254624 | 522769 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | burned MAT with lots of calcan, 20% black soil |
| 42 | 7254567 | 522907 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5b | 2 | | burned MAT with 50% black soil |
| 43 | 7255094 | 523924 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c/6 | 6/5c | | calcan with salpul, burned area, drainage |
| 44 | 7251760 | 522324 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 | | burned MAT, lots of dead sphag, 20% dwarf shrubs |
| 45 | 7250757 | 523545 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 and 2 | 6/5b | | caraqu, erivag, dwarf birch on hummocks, 20% dead ?, no lichens |
| 46 | 7250296 | 523833 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 and 6 | 6/2 or 2/6? | | burned ice wedge polygons |
| 47 | 7247313 | 522541 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 6 and 2 | 6/2 or 6/5a | | wetland complex with large circular sphagnum mats |
| 48 | 7249047 | 524068 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 and 2 | 6 and 2 | | ice wedge polygons, 30% MAT |
| 49 | 7249110 | 525000 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 and 6 | 2 and 6 | | ice wedge polygons, burned 30%, wet |
| 50 | 7246780 | 522377 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 6 and 2 | 6/1a or 6/2 | | none |
| 51 | 7248273 | 522753 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | | burned MAT, lots of sphang and standing dead MAT short tussocks, <5% lichens, lots of dead sphagnum litter |
| 52 | 7251500 | 521547 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | | |

Table 8. Quartz Creek Helicopter Survey (continued: see Table 5 for codes)

| Site # | GPS N | GPS E | Shrub Cover | Shrub Height | Tree Cover | Tree Height | Water % | Barren % | Guess | Land Cover | SCS | Plant Association/Notes |
|--------|---------|--------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|----------|---|------------|-----|--|
| 54 | 7246135 | 520154 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5c/5b | 5c | | tall willows and poplars |
| 55 | 7246000 | 519375 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | bluff with low birch and willows |
| 56 | 7247000 | 519132 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 and 6 | 2/5b | | flat polygons with with dwarf birch and MAT |
| 57 | 7247590 | 518330 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6/5c | | drained lake, 6 with 5c around edges |
| 58 | 7248260 | 519447 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 or 5b | | MAT (carbigo), 65% shrubs |
| 59 | 7248820 | 522877 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5c | 5b/6 | | 5b dwarf betnan, wetland complex with erisch ? |
| 60 | 7246746 | 520030 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5b/2 | | dwarf birch and ?, 20% MAT |
| 53 | 7245400 | 522697 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c/6 | | low shrub/wetland, heterogeneous polygon |
| 61 | 7243423 | 515250 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | MAT short tussocks, <5% lichens, lots of dead sphagnum litter | | | |
| 67 | 7237399 | 516107 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | | 6 with sphagnum |
| 68 | 7236777 | 512956 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5c/5b | | low salpul, carret, carvar, scattered betnan, a few palsas |
| 69 | 7236687 | 515513 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 or 5b | 2 | | 2, 25% dead shrubs |
| 70 | 7238300 | 509060 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | low salpul, 85% cm |
| 71 | 7244182 | 505959 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 1b | 1a/1b | | limestone barren with 10% dryint |
| 72 | 7241250 | 507449 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4/5b | 1b/5b | | stripe complex dominated by lichen stripes |
| 73 | 7241639 | 506948 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5b/1b | | stripe complex dominated by dwarf shrubs |
| 74 | 7245988 | 507954 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5b | 5b/2 or 3 | | open shrubs on solifluction lobes with tossuck tundra |
| 75 | 7245913 | 506466 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | stripe complex with MNT and lichen, equarc |
| 76 | 7264800 | 514685 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | low to tall willows |
| 77 | 7265700 | 516516 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | low to tall willows |
| 78 | 7265835 | 517255 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | low to tall willows, like plot QC2 |
| 91 | 7250624 | 519720 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5c | 5c | | closed low birch |

A comparison of forest composition and structure of old and new growth *Picea glauca* forests of Council, AK

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Introduction

In forest ecosystems, tree and shrub canopy cover affect many ecosystem processes. It can exert biotic control over the microclimate of the ground, while potentially affecting soil pH and chemistry and understory composition and structure. Ultimately, these factors play a role in the development of a forest ecosystem, controlling multiple floral and faunal interactions.

In the ATLAS project, several flux-monitoring sites were selected as representatives of large ecosystems. One of the sites, C1, is located in a new growth *Picea glauca* forest that was logged in the early 20th Century. Selected for its accessibility, the forest was assumed to have similar ecosystem processes and gas fluxes as the extensive old growth *Picea glauca* forests of interior Alaska. The purpose of our study was to examine contrasts between site C1 and the closest old growth forest at Glacier Creek (Figure 1). We hypothesize the C1 new growth forest differs from the old growth forest in the following ways: (1) smaller basal area and diameter of trees, (2) greater density of trees, (3) greater shrub density and cover, and (4) greater plant diversity.

Methods

We measured and compared basal area and tree density of three *Picea glauca* stands in northwestern Alaska: (1) an old growth forest adjacent to Glacier Creek (Figure 2), (2) the C1 Council new growth forest (Figure 3), and (3) a remnant stump forest within the C1 site (Figure 3). We used the Point-Centered Quarter (PCQ) method (Cottam and Curtis, 1962). Four quadrants based on the four cardinal directions were defined at 10-meter intervals along a 100-meter transect. The distances to the closest live tree and stump was measured in each quadrant and the corresponding basal diameter at knee height (Figure 4). Tree density per hectare was calculated by the equation: $D = 10^4 \text{ m}^2 / \bar{d}^2$, where \bar{d} is the mean distance to the nearest tree or stump for all quadrants. Basal area was determined by the equation: $A = r^2 \times D$, where A is area, r is the radius at knee height, and D is density of trees. In addition, plant species composition was obtained using the Braun-Blanquet relevé method. (Westoff, 1978) At each site, species richness and percent cover of vegetation were estimated using the Braun-Blanquet cover estimate scale. The following describes the specific methods used for each site.

Glacier Creek Old Growth Forest N 64.8852° W 163.3188°

This site is approximately 20 miles east of the Council site, and was unscathed by the turn-of-the-Century logging. Three randomly selected transects were employed using a 100-meter tape, and PCQ was used to measure the density and basal area of the forest.

Council New Growth Forest N 64.9076° W 163.6748°

This is the ATLAS one-hectare forest grid, C1. Located approximately 2 miles north of Council, AK, this is a new growth forest that was logged at the turn of the century. Three transects were used from the grid for PCQ.

Council Stump Forest

Within the Council site, C1, are hundreds of stumps from the remnant old growth forest. (Figure 3) For this site, the same transects from the Council new growth forest site were used to measure the density and basal area of the remnant old growth forest.

Results

Basal area of the Council stump forest and Glacier Creek forest is $4980 \pm 18 \text{ m}^2$ per hectare and $4205 \pm 107 \text{ m}^2$ per hectare, respectively, compared to $2719 \pm 175 \text{ m}^2$ per hectare at the Council new growth forest (Figure 5). The density of the Council new growth forest is 1554 ± 296 individuals per hectare compared with 734 ± 35 and 823 ± 111 individuals in the Council stump forest and Glacier Creek forest, respectively (Figure 6).

The Council new growth and the Glacier Creek old growth forests also had important differences in vegetation composition and structure. Glacier Creek was dominated by the dwarf shrubs, *Empetrum nigrum* and *Betula glandulosa*, and the low shrub, *Salix planifolia* ssp. *pulchra* -with many open spaces containing numerous *Picea glauca* seedlings less than 2 m high (Figure 7). The Council site had a greater density of low shrub thickets composed of *Salix lanata*, *Salix planifolia* ssp. *pulchra*, *Salix hastata*, and *Populus balsamifera* (Figure 7). It contained significantly less *Empetrum nigrum*, yet possessed a much higher vascular plant species richness - 51 compared to 19 species (Figure 8). Both sites were dominated by a *Hylocomium splendens* and *Pleurozium schreberi* moss carpet.

Conclusions

- Climax succession *Picea glauca* forests contain larger, fewer trees when compared with new growth *Picea glauca* stands. Over time, individuals die out due to competition for resources, disease, or stochastic events, opening the forest canopy for recruitment, while allowing for the unhindered growth of the remaining trees. In addition, the shrubs - *Empetrum nigrum*, *Salix planifolia* ssp. *pulchra* and *Betula glandulosa* - have out competed the primary succession species and created a stable understory structure (Figure 2).
- At the Council site, the continued dominance of *Salix lanata*, *Salix planifolia* ssp. *pulchra*, *Salix hastata*, *Populus balsamifera*, and many other vascular plant species in the understory is due to multiple factors. The turn-of-the-Century logging left the shrubs relatively unscathed, augmenting their growth and success, while the immature new growth forest has only begun to naturally reduce their abundance (Figure 3).

- The effects of greater shrub and tree cover could potentially affect trace gas fluxes. The observed differences in vegetation between Glacier Creek and Council forest could play a role in heat exchange and CO₂ production. Although many other factors play a role, age of the forest and the vegetation composition and structure should be considered when measuring gas flux in the forest ecosystems of Alaska.

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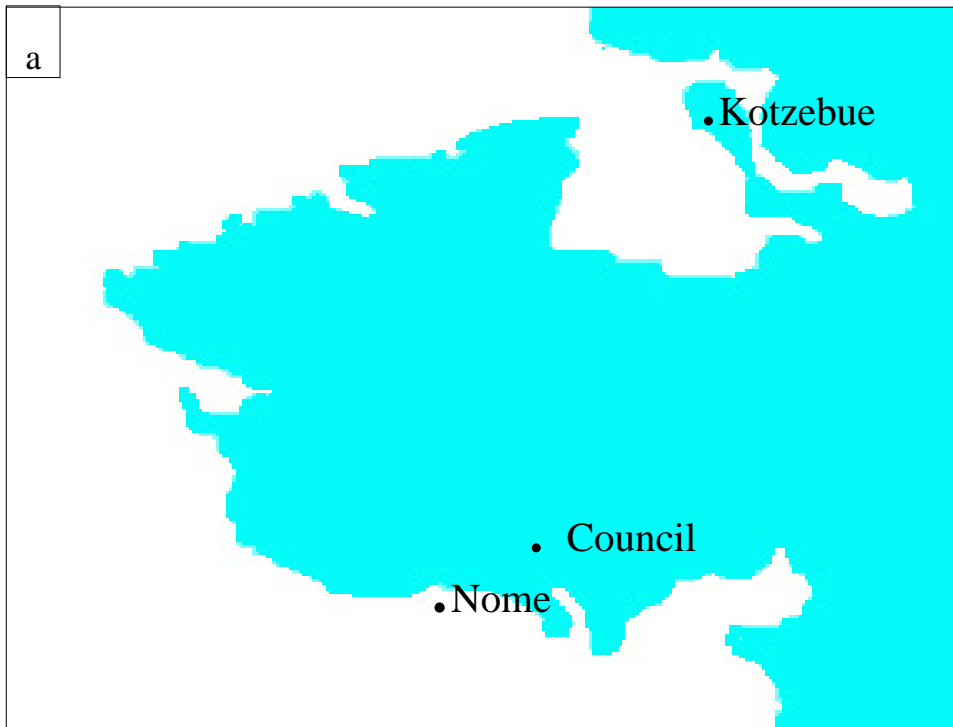
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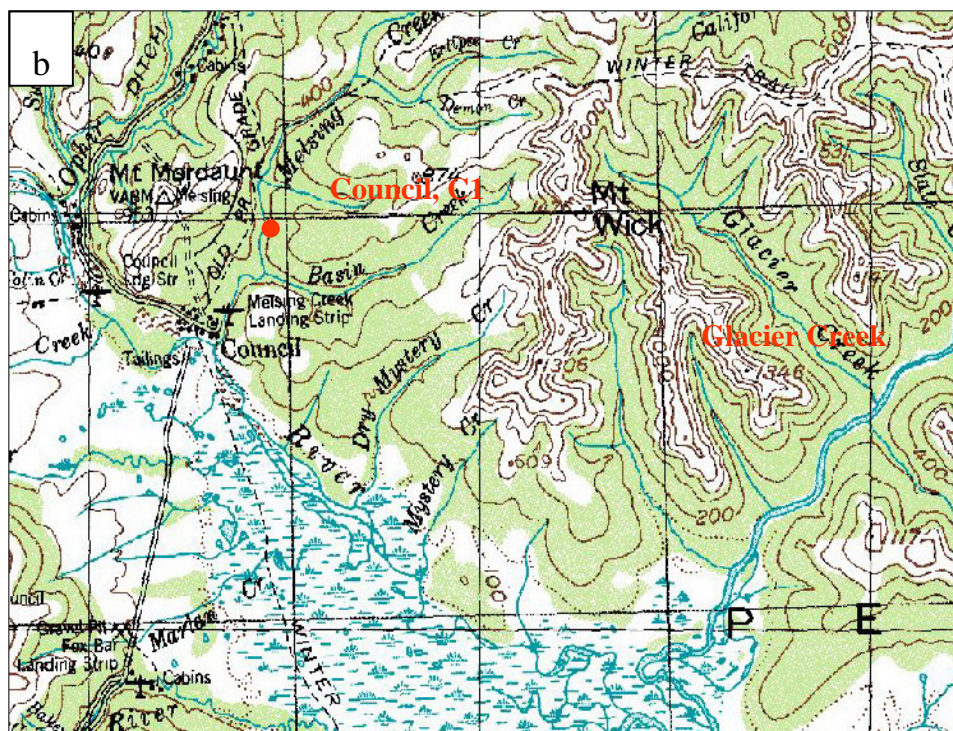
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Figure 1.



a. Map of the Seward Peninsula, Alaska.



b. Topographical map of Council area showing study sites.

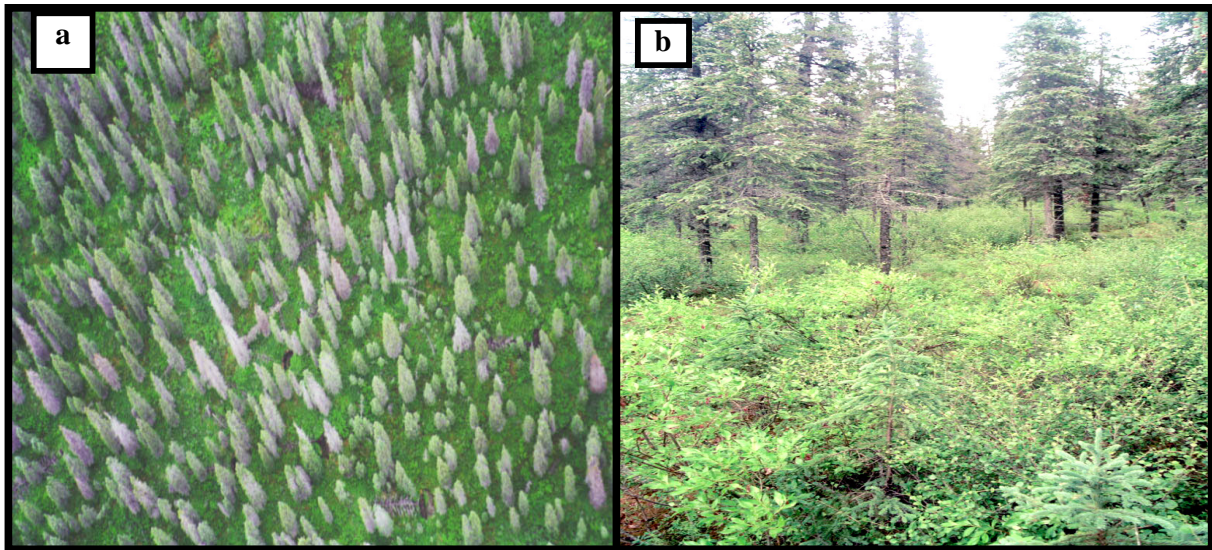


Figure 2a Overhead view of Glacier Creek. Note the dead and overturned *Picea glauca* individuals not observed at the Council site. **2b** The open understory of Glacier Creek dominated by the dwarf shrubs *Empetrum nigrum* and *Betula glandulosa* and the low shrub *Salix planifolia ssp. pulchra*. Note the *Picea glauca* seedlings in the foreground.

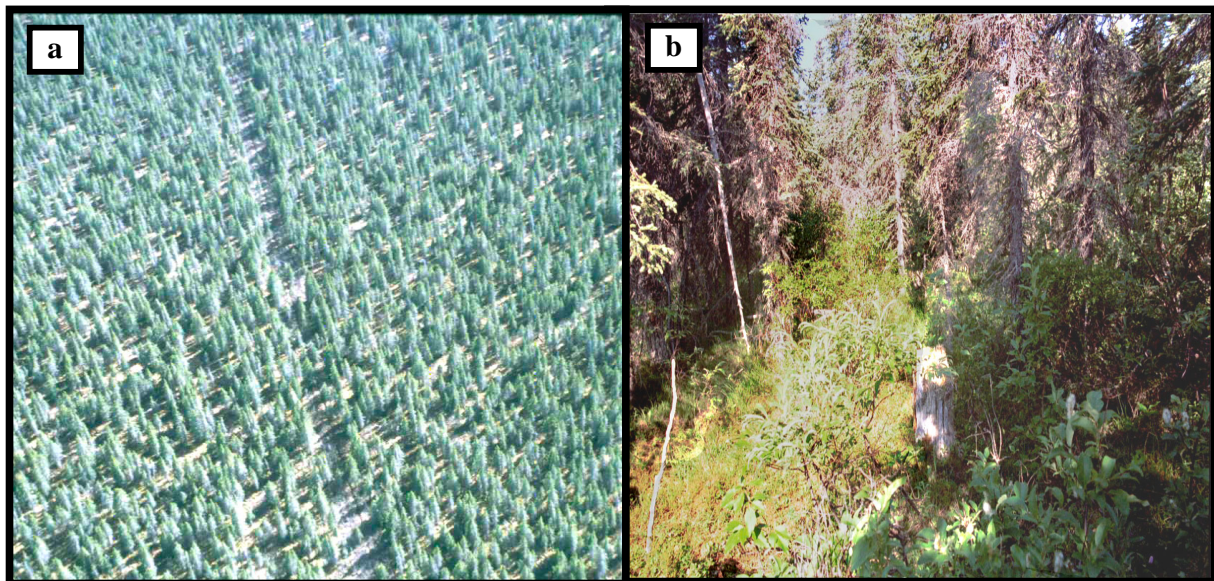


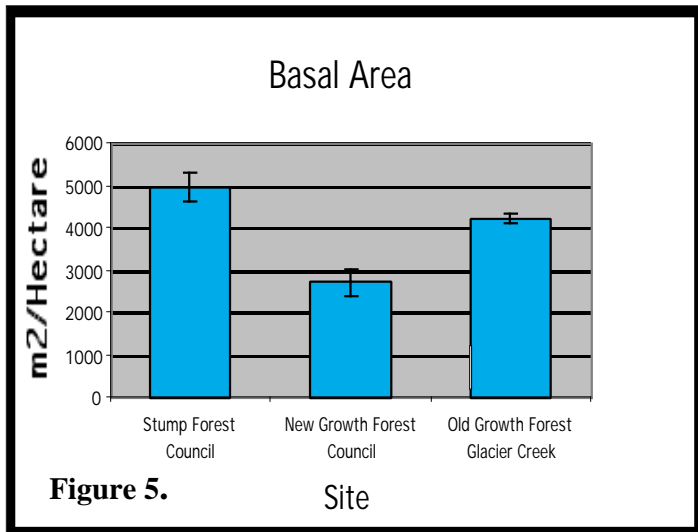
Figure 3a. 1. Overhead view of the Council, C1, site. **3b.** The dense understory of the Council site dominated by the low shrubs *Salix lanata*, *Salix planifolia ssp. pulchra*, *Salix hastata*, and *Populus balsamifera*.



Figure 4 a One of the many *Picea glauca* stumps found within the Council new growth forest site.



Figure 4 b. A diagram of the PCQ Method and Chris Thayer-Snyder measuring stump diameter at knee height.



**Braun-Blanquet
Cover
Estimate Values:**

r=rare

+common, but
<1%

1=1-5%

