



**Plate 47.**—Classification: SYSTEM Lacustrine, SUBSYSTEM Littoral, CLASS Unconsolidated Shore, SUBCLASS Organic, WATER REGIME Seasonally Flooded, WATER CHEMISTRY Fresh. This beach is only 15 m (50 ft) long and 2 m (6-7 ft) wide. Such organic shores are common in certain areas of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, and many are considerably larger than the one shown here. Evidence of the decline in lake levels over the summer can be seen in the series of low ridges in the peat. Surrounding vegetation includes sedge (*Carex lyngbyei*), bluejoint (*Calamagrostis canadensis*), and willows (*Salix* spp.). (Taluk River area, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Alaska; July 1985; Photo by F. C. Golet)