

Marine Science and Oceanography

Rubric for Assessing MS Thesis Presentation (Thesis Defense)

Name of MS Candidate: _____

Name of Evaluator: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Scoring:	1-----2-----3-----4-----5			Score
Criterion	Poor		Excellent	
Literature review of chosen field. <i>Knowledge</i>	Shallow, mistaken, containing large gaps, incorrectly cited	Appropriate coverage, accurately represented, up to date.	Extensive, shows deep understanding of material and theory.	
Scientific merit of work. <i>Critical thinking Knowledge</i>	Unoriginal, limited potential for publication Narrow, trivial, or flawed.	Useful contribution, shows some creativity and insight	Sophisticated, highly creative, publishable.	
Scope and quality of data collected <i>Critical thinking Knowledge</i>	Incomplete, or biased data not supporting analysis	Data support tests of hypotheses	Novel, high quality data set.	
Quality of interpretation. <i>Critical thinking Knowledge</i>	Inappropriate analyses, incorrect interpretation.	Reliable analyses, logical conclusions	Creative and insightful analyses and interpretation.	
Quality of writing <i>Communication Knowledge</i>	Numerous grammatical and spelling errors, poor organization	Adequate attention to grammar, spelling and organization	Publication quality, logically organized.	
Oral presentation <i>Communication Knowledge</i>	Hard to follow, confusing, little learned by audience.	Some organization, lack of coherence, some points clear.	Engaging, points clearly made and understood.	

Total =

Other recommendations or comments: