Grading Rubric for Marine Biology Lecture Presentation

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| General Description of the Issue  (3 pts) | * The issue affecting marine species is introduced with a general description of the problem * Statistics on the issue were provided | * Issue affecting marine species was not adequately described * No statistics on the issue were provided | * Introduction to the issue affecting marine species was not present or was incomplete |
| Location the Issue is Occurring  (3 pts) | * The location where the issue is occurring was included * A map showing the locations of the marine issue was included in the presentation | * A general location was provided but specific locations were missing * A map of the areas most affected by the issue were absent | * Location information was not provided in the presentation * A map of the location(s) most affected by the marine issue was not provided |
| Cause of the Issue  (4 pts) | * A detailed explanation of the factors causing the issue was described in the presentation * Pictures or figures showing the cause of the issue were included | * The cause of the issue affecting marine species was provided but did not provide enough detail * Pictures or figures were unrelated to the cause of the issue | * Cause of the issue was not provided or was mentioned briefly without any details of the cause * Pictures or figures of cause were not provided |
| Species Being Affected by the Issue  (3 pts) | * The specific species most affected by the issue were included in the presentation * The characteristics of the species that make them most susceptible to the issue were included, with a clear connection between the characteristic and the issue | * Some species were mentioned but specific species most affected by the issue were not mentioned * Characteristics that make certain species more susceptible to the issue were mentioned but a connection was not made between the characteristic and the issue | * Species most affected by the issue were not provided in the presentation * Characteristics that make some species more susceptible to the issue were not provided. |
| Impacts to Humans  (3 pts) | * Presentation described multiple ways humans are affected by the issue affecting marine species * Presentation included ways that humans would be affected by the issue in the future if the issue continues | * Some impacts to humans were mentioned but they lacked detailed descriptions * Future impacts to humans were mentioned but lacked specific ways that humans will be affected if the issue is not resolved | * Ways humans are impacted by the issue affecting marine species was not included in the presentation * Description of future impacts to humans was not included in the presentation |
| Solutions to Issue  (4 pts) | * Presentation provided ways that the issue affecting marine species could be resolved or reduced * Presentation also included ways that we (the students in marine bio) can help resolve the issue | * Description of solutions to the problem were inadequate * Presentation mentioned ways that we could participate in resolving the issue, but did not provide ways to get involved | * Solutions to the issue affecting marine species was not provided * Presentation did not include ways that we could participate in resolving the issue |

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| Presentation Organization  (3 pts) | * Presentation was well organized with each slide representing one of the topics * Presentation slides did not have too much text per slide, and colors and background used were appropriate with clear images and text * Appropriate pictures were shown on each slide | * Presentation lacked organization with some slides out of place or off topic * Some slides had too much text or not enough detail * Colors and/or background distracted from content * Pictures were missing from some slides | * Presentation was not well organized with some topics missing or slides present that were unrelated to the topics * Colors and background were distracting from the content * Few pictures used in presentation |
| Speaking and Timing  (3 pts) | * Presenters spoke with clear and loud voices that could be understood by the entire class. * Presentation was between 9 and 11 minutes in length. | * Presenters were hard to understand at times * Presentation was between 8 and 12 minutes in length | * Presenters spoke too quickly or too slowly * Presentation was less then 7 minutes long or longer than 13 minutes |
| Grammar and Spelling  (2 pts) | * Very few spelling and grammatical errors throughout the assignment | * Multiple spelling and grammatical errors throughout the assignment | * Numerous spelling and grammatical errors throughout the assignment |
| References  (2 pts) | * At least 5 different sources were used in researching topic * References were written in the correct format | * Three or fewer references were used in researching topic * References were not written in the correct format | * References slide was missing from the presentation |
| Overall Score and Comments |  | | |