**Grading rubric for final project presentations**

Spatial Ecology

WILD 7970

37/40 points

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| **30 points** | **Content and organization** | |
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| 5/5 |  | Introduction outlining the purpose and goals of the presentation |
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| 5/5 |  | Clear explanation of the research question’s scientific background |
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| 4/6 |  | Adequate description of methods, particularly of tools/principles learned in class |
|  |  | I’d have liked to see some elaboration on the Maxent model fitting process and the background points you selected |
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| 6/6 |  | Presentation of results that demonstrate your comprehension of tools/principles from class |
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| 5/5 |  | Analysis and interpretation of your findings in the context of your question and relevant literature |
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| 3/3 |  | Effective conclusion of take-home message |
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| **10 points** | **Clarity and delivery** | |
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| 3/3 |  | Use of graphics and figures that enhance understanding |
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| 2/2 |  | Minimal text |
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| 0/1 |  | Appropriate pace of delivery (roughly hits the 12-minute mark) |
|  |  | Too long |
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| 2/2 |  | Engages with audience to maintain interest (i.e., not reading off the slides or paper) |
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| 2/2 |  | Answers questions effectively |