

Biological Sciences Department

Rubric for Assessing MS Biology Program (Non - Thesis)

Name of MS Candidate: Shari Tellman

Name of Evaluator: Randy Brooks

Field of Study: _____

Signature and Date:  12/1/12

	Description of Item Assessed	*Score 1-5 (where 5 is best)
	Current Knowledge on Key concepts	5
	Data interpretation and analysis	4
	Communication skill (written and oral)	5
	TOTAL	14

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d) Criterion for success

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Name of MS Candidate: Shari Tellman

Name of Evaluator: John Baldwin

Field of Study: Ecology

Signature and Date: _____

 11/29/12

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Name of Evaluator: Stephen Kajiura

Field of Study: Behavior, Physiology

Signature and Date:  Nov 26 2012

Description of Item Assessed	*Score 1-5 (where 5 is best)
Current Knowledge on Key concepts	4
Data interpretation and analysis	5
Communication skill (written and oral)	3
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