

Paper Topics†

1. Declining Amphibians
2. Pheromones (includes endocrine disruption)
3. Fluoride
4. Mercury in Fish
5. Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs)
6. Plasticizers
7. Arsenic
8. Declining Corals
9. Other (subject to instructor approval)

Grading Criteria for Term Paper

Organization

- Does the paper have a clear and concise thesis statement?
- Is there a topic sentence for each paragraph?
- Is the paper organized logically?
- Is there a clear conclusion to the paper?

Presentation

- Does the paper have a title page and a section for references cited?
- Is the paper in a readable format?
 - i.e. double-spaced with a 12-pt. font
 - i.e. numbered pages (please don't put your name on every page)

Analysis and Synthesis

- Are references accurately analyzed and presented as a coherent synthesis?

Sources

- Are references properly credited for the information they provide?
- Are figures, tables, and direct quotes specifically referenced?

Overall Quality

- Is it apparent that the writer has a good command of and generally understands the material presented?
- Is the paper thoughtfully written?

† Each of these eight topic areas will be presented in section, by groups of no more than 3.