**Evaluation of Oral Communication in the**

**Public Thesis/Dissertation Defense**

Student’s name:       Degree sought:

Reviewer’s name:        Reviewer’s role on committee:

 (chair, co-chair, member)

The purpose of this form is to evaluate the **quality of oral communication during the thesis or dissertation defense** by graduate students in Biology and Wildlife's MS and PhD programs. The data are for the purpose of programmatic assessment, but committees may share their completed forms with the student if they choose to do so.

Each of the student's graduate advisory committee members is asked to fill out and submit this form, preferably immediately after the defense while the memory is fresh. There are 6 criteria to rank from 1(low) to 5 (high), and an option to comment on the presentation as a whole.

Please email completed form to Rachel Elmer (raelmer@alaska.edu).

Rate the following aspects of the student’s presentation from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent).

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| **Criterion** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** |
| 1. Context and background | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| 2. Goals and objectives of research | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| 3. Clarity and organization | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| 4. Graphics and other visual aids | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| 5. Delivery  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| 6. Answers to questions from audience | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |

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