**EVR2001: Introduction to Environmental Science**

**Writing Project 1**

**Invasive Species Master Rubric**

**General Rubric**

* **Explain the species (15 points)**
	+ Physical description (5 points)
	+ Background information about the invasive species (5 points)
	+ Information about its native environment (5 points)
* **Issues surrounding the species (15 points)**
	+ How it was introduced (5 points)
	+ What impact it has had on native species since introduction (5 points)
	+ Role the species plays in the ecosystems to which it has been introduced (5 points)
* **Remedies (30 points)**
	+ At least one current method of eliminating the species is described (15 points)
		- Including any positive or negative environmental impacts associated with it
	+ Valid argument for why the species is or is not a great enough threat to prompt immediate (and potentially costly) action (15 points)
		- Not an evaluation of whether you have chosen the ‘correct’ point of view
		- Evaluation of how well you defend your position
* **Citations & References (20 points)**
	+ In-text Citation (10 points)
	+ List of references (10 points)
* **Syntax & Organization (20 points)**
	+ Proper spelling & grammar (5 points)
	+ Clear & concise thesis statement (2 points)
		- Something simple like “This species is a problem because of X.” or “This paper looks at the effects species Y has caused on its introduced habitat.”
	+ Paper flows smoothly from topic to topic (10 points)
	+ Only uses 3 lines or fewer of quotations (3 points)