**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)