Environmental Economics – Spring 2017

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**Guidelines for Preparing a Research Summary**

**There is no research paper required for the final research project. Instead, you will present the findings of your primary and secondary research at the end of the semester.**

**Two documents will be required: 1) Final I to 1 and ½ page research summary and 2) an Annotated bibliography consisting of at least five sources.**

**You will submit a first draft of the research summary the week following the midterm exam on Wed. April 26 and a first draft of the annotated bibliography on Wed. April 19.**

**The Final drafts of both are due on the day you are scheduled to present, either May 17 or May 24.**

**The format for the research summary is described below.**

**I. The Final Research Summary format**: The final summary of your research project should consist of a 1 to 1 and ½ -page **(1” margins; 12 pt. font; single-spaced)** review of the central question that guided your research project, a summary of the major findings from your secondary (i.e. library) research, a discussion of the major contributions of your field research to your research project, your central conclusions including what new insights you gained from the project, and what you believe to be the significant contributions of your research to the field. **See the guidelines below to your five paragraph summary**

1. A one paragraph discussion of the central ***question/hypothesis/thesis*** that guided your research project and ***why you chose the topic***.
2. One paragraph that summarizes the main findings from your ***secondary*** research sources.
3. One paragraph in which you describe the ***significance and the most important contributions of the site you chose for your field research*** to the overall research project, ***and why you chose this site.***
4. A paragraph that summarizes your ***main findings and conclusions***, including new information you obtained from the research you conducted.
5. A final concluding paragraph in which you discuss what you view as the key ***significant contributions of your research.***

**This summary should also guide you in the organization and preparation of your final presentation. (More on this to come)**