

Guidelines for Analytical Paper

Masters in Marine Policy

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The Analytical Paper (AP) is an article-length paper intended for submission to a policy, law, or economics journal for publication. Your committee members, in effect, serve as referees for the paper. The clarity, quality, format, and scholarly rigor should be at the level of the journal you target for submission. Actual submission and acceptance is not required for degree completion, but encouraged as a matter of personal achievement. The paper should be well written, have a clear policy-analytic contribution, and be based on original work. Some good target journals include *Ocean and Coastal Management*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Coastal Management*, *Energy Policy*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Journal of Environmental Management*, *Marine Policy*, *North American Journal of Fisheries Management*, and *Water Resources Research*. The format for the paper you submit should follow the guidelines laid out for your selected journal.

The topic for your AP must be approved by your committee (see Guidelines for Analytical Paper Proposal). The AP must be defended before your committee and approved by your committee. The relevant milestones are: (1) complete proposal before third semester, (2) form committee before third semester, and (3) defend AP before end of your fourth semester. Be sure to enroll for research credits MAST865 in the semester you intend to do most of your work on the AP.

Notes for Analytical Paper: