

Student Name (please print): _____

**University of North Carolina Wilmington
Department of Biology and Marine Biology**

Authorship of Publications Resulting from Thesis Research

The relationship between a graduate student and graduate advisor is very important, and it is absolutely necessary that student and professor share a clear understanding of the nature and extent of the research to be accomplished by the student. This generally is handled by the approval of the student's prospectus by the advisory committee. A major point of possible conflict not covered by that document is the determination of authorship of any published works resulting from the student's efforts.

There are several considerations that make a number of authorship arrangements possible and proper. It is not the purpose of this document to dictate any particular arrangement, but to assure that, prior to the beginning of the work, student and professor agree on the arrangement to be followed. Both student and professor should sign the option selected from those below or should formulate their own option in the space provided. This should be considered binding unless there is agreement for change by both parties. Any change will require that a new option be selected and authorized by the Department Chairman.

1. **OPTION 1** The advising professor shall be the sole author of any publications resulting from the student's research. The student shall author only the thesis.

Professor: _____

Student: _____

Date: _____

2. **OPTION 2** The student shall be the sole author of any publications resulting from the student's research.

Professor: _____

Student: _____

Date: _____

3. **OPTION 3** The student and professor shall share authorship of all publications resulting from the student's thesis research.

A. The student shall be the senior author and the professor the junior author.

Professor: _____

Student: _____

Date: _____

B. The professor shall be the senior author and the student the junior author.

Professor: _____

Student: _____

Date: _____

4. **OPTION 4** (describe)

Professor: _____

Student: _____

Date: _____

Approved by the Chair of the Department of
Biology and Marine Biology:

Signature (Chair)

Date