

The College of William and Mary
School of Marine Science/Virginia Institute of Marine Science

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO BYPASS M.S. DEGREE
(Form must be submitted to the SMS Registrar prior to completion of Comprehensive Exam.)

STUDENT: _____ DATE OF ENTRY _____
(Print Name) (Print Semester, Year)

Date: _____ Student's Signature: _____

Student: Attach SMS transcript, CV and statement in item #3.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(SIGNATURES OF ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED)

This certifies that all members of the student's Committee (1) recognize the student's ability to meet the requirements to be considered for a bypass of the Master of Science Degree, and (2) are of the opinion that the student has the scholarly potential to proceed directly to the doctorate. Research is planned for a project acceptable as a Ph.D. dissertation. Major advisor is to check each of the boxes below to certify that the student will meet the following requirements for the Bypass.

- 1. Completion of the SMS core curriculum for the M.S. degree as described in the Graduate Catalog.
- 2. A student must be in good academic standing (cumulative GPA of B or better with no core course grade lower than B-).
- 3. Submission of a CV and 1-2 page statement by the student describing the student's achievements and potential to conduct independent research.

If the Intent to Bypass the M.S Degree is approved, students must then meet the following additional requirements prior to submitting the Application to Bypass the Master of Science Degree:

- Submission of a 1-2 page statement by the student's advisor describing the student's achievements and *demonstrated* potential to conduct independent research.
- Successful completion of the written comprehensive exam **at the Ph.D. level.**
- Formal acceptance of a **Ph.D.** prospectus by the student's committee.
- Successful completion of the qualifying exam **at the Ph.D. level.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MAJOR ADVISOR OR CO-ADVISOR

Next step: Submit this form and accompanying statement to SMS Graduate Registrar for submission to the AS&DC

ACADEMIC STATUS & DEGREES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMEND / **DO NOT RECOMMEND** (Comments on Reverse Side)

DATE: _____ CHAIR, ACADEMIC STATUS & DEGREES COMMITTEE

ACTION OF THE ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ACADEMIC STUDIES

APPROVED / **DENIED** (Comments on Reverse Side)

DATE: _____ ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ACADEMIC STUDIES