1. I have completed a full draft of my thesis thus far, with all graphs and tables completed.
2. My thesis involved sample collection of near-shore sediment and ghost shrimp specimens and I was not able to use the laboratory at Evergreen to complete total metal and mercury analysis. I instead sent the samples to two separate laboratories (Fremont & Libby Environmental) and the analysis process took longer than expected. I would like to request an extension to submit a more polished product of my thesis, especially of the conclusion and discussion sections.
3. During the next quarter, I feel that my thesis reader and I will have ample time to discuss, critique, and provide changes to my final thesis product. I would prefer to begin the extension by focusing on the final parts of my thesis (discussion and conclusion) and work backwards (results, lab analysis, methods, literature review, introduction, abstract) to complete the thesis.

As I have already completed a full draft, I am confident that meeting weekly to bi-weekly with my thesis reader will resolve in a polished and complete thesis project during this extension.

*Reader notes: Final thesis submission due date is Friday September 3rd, and thesis presentation is September 7th or 9th. I encourage Megan to participate in the graduation and MES hooding ceremony June 11th and 12th with her classmates! Also, given the circumstances leading up to this point, I support a COVID waiver of the extension fee, given unavoidable delays related to lab work, sample processing, and obtaining data.*