

**FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
AIRBOAT OPERATION DOCUMENTATION EXEMPTION FORM**

The Watercraft Safety chapter of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Manual, 241 FW 1, requires that airboat operators have 40 hours of documented driving time before qualifying to operate airboats independently. UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2004, a grandfather clause permitting recognition of driving time without documentation is in effect, if this form is properly completed. The employee must meet the criteria below:

CRITERIA FOR EXEMPTION

EXPERIENCED AIRBOAT OPERATORS WHO:

1. HAVE DEMONSTRATED PROFICIENCY WITH THE SAFE OPERATION OF AIRBOATS.
2. HAVE NO RECORDED AIRBOAT ACCIDENTS.
3. POSSESS A MINIMUM OF 40 HOURS OF AIRBOAT OPERATING TIME.

PRINTED NAME OF EMPLOYEE

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE

DATE

PRINTED NAME OF SUPERVISOR/PROJECT LEADER

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR/PROJECT LEADER

DATE

Retain the signed original exemption form in the employee's personnel file at the station and provide a copy to the Regional Watercraft Safety Coordinator.