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Columbia River trout (including steelhead) and jack chinook sport fishery below I-5 Bridge delayed

The states of Washington and Oregon met today to review the stock status of Columbia River upriver spring chinook and took the following action:

The trout (including steelhead) and jack chinook recreational sport fishery will NOT open on May 16, 2008 as previously scheduled.

The fishery was scheduled to open under permanent regulations on the Mainstem Columbia River in the area from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the I-5 Bridge.

- The shad recreational fishery from Bonneville Dam downstream will open as scheduled on May 16.
- The trout (including hatchery steelhead) and Chinook jack fishery will remain closed through June 15, or until further notice.
- Managers will continue to review the stock status of the upriver spring Chinook and make changes as necessary.
- Notice to Anglers: Call the "Hotline" Number to get the current fishing season. The hotline number is 360-902-2500 or 360-696-6211 *1010.