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Lower-Columbia River Open May 16th For Steelhead & Jack Salmon

Early Numbers Point to Another Year of Excellent Steelhead Fishing followed by Large Summer and Fall Chinook Runs.

Oregon City, OR – The Columbia River from Tongue Point upriver to the I-5 bridge opens to the retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead and adipose fin-clipped jack salmon (less than 24” in length) on May 16th. The daily bag limit for steelhead is 2 per angler and for jack salmon is 5 fish per angler.

“If early indications in local rivers are a barometer of what’s in store for steelhead anglers this summer then fishing should be outstanding”, commented Trey Carskadon, Government Affairs Director for the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association. “Fishing’s already been good and will continue to improve each week into the summer.”

The forecast for this year’s summer steelhead run is expected to be strong. Last year resulted in historic highs with all-time daily records for fish passage broken at Bonneville Dam. Preliminary Steelhead passage over the Dam has started out even higher than in 2009 and the ten year average.

“And this is just the start. The northwest is expecting to see a full season for summer Chinook with no closures expected for the first time in 4 decades; some good offshore salmon opportunity; a very good Buoy 10 season; some great fall Columbia River fall Chinook fishing and better returns on the North Coast for Fall Chinook. If ever there was a year to buy a fishing license this is it.”