

# Sport fishing in Québec

## Fishing periods, limits and exceptions

(April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024)

• You must also consult the "News" section to see if any regulatory changes made during the season affect your body of water.

• IMPORTANT: catch limits and fishing periods that apply in wildlife territories may differ from those mentioned here. In these cases, you will be informed on the spot.

### Rules for the zone

#### Zone 21

Period	Species	Catch limit	Note	Engine
April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Black Crappie	30		
	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all		
	Lake Trout and Splake Trout	2 in all	A length limit may apply for this species. Check the applicable limits for this zone.	
	Landlocked Salmon	Fishing prohibited	Landlocked salmon are considered absent from zone 21. Fishing for landlocked salmon is still permitted in 2 bodies of water in exception in zone 21, including a sector of the Saguenay River and a sector of the Aux Outardes River.	
	Pike	6 in all		
	Rainbow Smelt	120	The limit is 60 Smelt in parts of the area 21.	
	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
	Walleye and Sauger	6 in all	A length limit may apply for this species. Check the applicable limits for this zone.	
	Yellow Perch	50		
	Other species	no limit		
June 1st, 2023 to August 31st, 2023	Atlantic Salmon	1 small fish caught and retained or 3 caught and released according to the quota caught first	A length limit may apply for this species. Check the applicable limits for this zone. Elsewhere than in salmon rivers. Salmon fishing licence mandatory.	Angling only

June 15th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Sturgeon	1 in all	A length limit may apply for this species. Check the applicable limits for this zone.	Angling only
June 15th, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Bass	6 in all		
	Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge	2 in all		Angling only

## Water bodies – Exceptions

That part of the area 21 designated as "Banc-des-Américains marine protected area" the maritime water of the Gulf of St. Lawrence which is made up of the seabed and the subsoil and which is included within the limits described below: Starting from point (1) 48°45'00" N., 64°08'24" W., located near the southern end of Cap Gaspé, thence, following a straight line to point (5) 48°45'00.13" N., 64°07'16.48" W., thence, following a straight line to point (6) 48°37'13.33" N., 63°55'28.47" W., thence, following a straight line to point (7) 48°37'19.43" N., 63°54'33.91" W., thence, following a straight line to point (8) 48°36'28.92" N., 63°53'17.65" W., thence, following a straight line to point (9) 48°34'54.11" N., 63°54'06.36" W., thence, following a straight line to point (10) 48°30'24.46" N., 63°47'20.43" W., thence, following a straight line to point (11) 48°29'24.73" N., 63°48'51.44" W., thence, following a straight line to point (12) 48°29'24.76" N., 63°49'23.91" W., thence, following a straight line to point (13) 48°33'25.72" N., 63°55'26.76" W., thence following a straight line to point (14) 48°34'38.52" N., 63°58'02.08" W., thence, following a straight line to point (15) 48°37'04.16" N., 63°58'48.70" W., thence, following a straight line to point (16) 48°43'23.21" N., 64°08'24" W., thence, following a straight line to the starting point (1) 48°45'00" N., 64°08'24" W.

April 1st, 2023 to M	All species	Fishing prohibited		
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**Brook de l'Église (municipalité de Beaumont) - the portion of the St. Lawrence River and Church Creek between the four boundaries located on the 46°49'56" N., 71°00'43" W.; 46°50'00" N., 71°00'43" W.; 46°50'00" N., 71°00'47" W.; 46°49'56" N., 71°00'47" W.**

April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	All species	Fishing prohibited		
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**River aux Outardes - between a straight line connecting Pointe aux Outardes (49°02'39" N., 68°27'47" W.) and Pointe à Jos Caron (49°04'10" N., 68°29'14" O.) and the downstream side of the Outardes-2 dam.**

Same as the zone	Atlantic Salmon	same as the zone		Angling only
	Other species	same as the zone		
April 16th, 2023 to September 10th, 20	Landlocked Salmon	1		Angling only
June 15th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line

July 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Rainbow Smelt	60		Fishing with dip nets and plaice is prohibited in these waters
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**River Cap-Chat - between the western limit of the breakwater and the downstream side of the Highway 132 bridge (see also Zone 1).**

April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Atlantic Salmon	Fishing prohibited		
May 15th, 2023 to September 10th, 2023	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	1 in all		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not
	Rainbow Smelt	120		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not
	Other species	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not
May 15th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line
December 20th, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Rainbow Smelt	120		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not

**River de Mont-Louis - between the downstream side of Highway 132 bridge and a straight line linking points 49°14'15" N., 65°43'16" W. and 49°14'24" N., 65°44'58" W. This sector does not have the status of a salmon river.**

April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Atlantic Salmon	Fishing prohibited		
May 15th, 2023 to September 10th, 2023	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	1 in all		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not

May 15th, 2023 to September 10th, 2023	Other species	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not
May 15th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line
December 20th, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Other species	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not

**River du Gouffre - between its mouth, limited by a line from the south-east end of the wharf (47°25'45" N., 70°29'18" W.) and a point located at 47°25'51" N., 70°28'36" W. (the land pointe on the opposite bank of the du Gouffre river), and the downstream side of the CN bridge located at 47°26'31 "N, 70°29'43" W..**

April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Atlantic Salmon	Fishing prohibited		
	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
April 28th, 2023 to May 31st, 2023	Other species	same as the zone		Angling or fly fishing
June 1st, 2023 to September 15th, 20	Other species	same as the zone		Fly fishing only

**River du Moulin - between the downstream side of Boulevard Saguenay bridge and the downstream side of the University Boulevard bridge..**

April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
May 26th, 2023 to September 10th, 20	Other species	same as the zone		

**River du Petit Pabos - between the downstream side of the CN bridge and a line connecting, to the west, the headland at 48°22'06" N., 64°35'33" W. and, to the east, stairs leading to the beach (48°22'18" N., 64°35'20" W.)**

Same as the zone	Other species	same as the zone		Fly fishing only
May 15th, 2023 to September 10th, 20	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	1 in all		Fly fishing only
May 15th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		Fly fishing only

**River du Sud - between the part downstream of the bridge situated at point 46°59'12" N., 70°32'59" W. and a line linking the edge of Montmagny wharf 46°59'25" N., 70°33'12" W. and Aux Oies point 46°59'36" N., 70°33'00" W.**

April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
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July 1st, 2023 to August 31st, 2023	Atlantic Salmon	1 small fish caught and retained or 3 caught and released according to the quota caught first		Angling only
July 1st, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Sturgeon	1 in all		Angling only
July 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Other species	same as the zone		

**River La Grande Rivière - between a line drawn between the eastern limit of Lot 123-7 and the western limit of the breakwater and the downstream side of the Highway 132 bridge (see also zone 1).**

Same as the zone	Atlantic Salmon	same as the zone		Fly fishing only
May 15th, 2023 to May 31st, 2023	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	1 in all		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not
	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line
	Other species	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not
June 1st, 2023 to September 10th, 2023	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	1 in all		Fly fishing only
	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		Fly fishing only
	Other species	same as the zone		Fly fishing only
September 11th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line
	Other species	same as the zone		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line

December 20th, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Other species	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not
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**River Malbaie (rive nord) - between a straight line joining Casgrain wharf (47°39'11" N., 70°09'00" W.) at the mouth of ruisseau Côte à Pontage (47°39'15" N., 70°08'22" W.) and the downstream side of the Highway 138 bridge (see also Zone 27).**

Same as the zone	Other species	same as the zone		Fly fishing only
April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Atlantic Salmon	Fishing prohibited		
	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		

**River Manicouagan - between its mouth in the fleuve Saint-Laurent and the downstream side of Highway 138 bridge.**

Same as the zone	Atlantic Salmon	same as the zone		Angling only
	Other species	same as the zone		
June 15th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line
July 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Rainbow Smelt	60		Fishing with dip nets and plaice is prohibited in these waters

**River Matane - between its mouth demarcated by a straight line joining the northern end of the two breakwaters and the downstream side of the Highway 132 bridge (see also Zone 1).**

April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Atlantic Salmon	Fishing prohibited		
	Other species	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not
May 15th, 2023 to September 10th, 2023	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	1 in all		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not

May 15th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line
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**River Ouelle - between the downstream side of the bridge on Highway 132, located at 47°25'55" N., 70°00'59" W. and a line connecting the mouth of the creek Gagnon at 47°25'08" N., 70°02'42" W. and Point de-Rivière-Ouelle at 47°25'31" N., 70°03'39" W.**

April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	All species	Fishing prohibited		
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**River Saguenay - - That part between a transverse line joining Highway 138 between Tadoussac and Baie Sainte-Catherine and a line perpendicular to the current passing on the upstream side of Flèche littorale (48°26'23" N., 70°54'08" W.) situated near the municipality of Saint-Fulgence.**

Same as the zone	Other species	same as the zone		
April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Rainbow Smelt	120		
	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
May 16th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all		Angling only

**River Saguenay - That part between a line perpendicular to the current passing on the upstream side of Flèche littorale (48°26'23" N., 70° 54'08" W.) situated near the municipality of Saint-Fulgence and the downstream side of Dubuc bridge in Saguenay.**

April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Rainbow Smelt	Fishing prohibited		
	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
May 16th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Atlantic Salmon	same as for the Area	A length limit may apply for this species. Check the applicable limits for this zone.	Angling only
	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all		
	Landlocked Salmon	2		Angling only
	Sturgeon	same as for the area	A length limit may apply for this species. Check the applicable limits for this zone.	Angling only
	Other species	same as the zone		

**River Sainte-Anne - between a straight line 450 m downstream of the 1re Avenue Ouest bridge in Sainte-Anne-des-Monts and the downstream side of that bridge (see also Zone 1).**

April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Atlantic Salmon	Fishing prohibited		
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May 15th, 2023 to September 10th, 2023	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	1 in all		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not
	Rainbow Smelt	120		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not
	Other species	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not
May 15th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line
December 20th, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Rainbow Smelt	120		Angling only with a single hook, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line, baited or not

**Waters des Îles-de-la-Madeleine - Étang du Ouest - (47°15'40" N., 61°59'39" W.)**

April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Rainbow Smelt	Fishing prohibited		
April 28th, 2023 to September 10th, 2023	Atlantic Salmon	Same as the zone		Angling only
	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all		
	Other species	same as the zone		
May 15th, 2023 to September 10th, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line

**Waters des Îles-de-la-Madeleine - including Entry Island, and a strip along the shore of these islands over a distance of 1 km. Also included are semi-open circles on the marine environment with lagoons, bays, ponds, bays and harbors.**



Same as the zone	American Eel	same as the zone		Angling, bow fishing, crossbow fishing and spear fishing
	Atlantic Salmon	same as the zone		Angling only
	Other species	same as the zone		
April 28th, 2023 to September 10th, 2023	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all		
May 15th, 2023 to September 10th, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line
July 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Rainbow Smelt	120		Fishing with dip nets and plaice is prohibited in these waters

**Waters Partie de la zone 21 - (including St. Lawrence River) included between the downstream side of Pierre-Laporte bridge and a straight line linking, south of the St. Lawrence, Pointe Santerre de Rimouski (48°23'50.54" N., 68°40'23.24" W.) and on the north side of the St. Lawrence, a point located at 48°42'25.5" N., 69°04'48.1" W., opposite the Patte de lièvre island**

Same as the zone	Other species	same as the zone		
April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Rainbow Smelt	60		Fishing with dip nets and plaice is prohibited in these waters

**Waters That part of area 21 located between a straight line joining the mouth of the Sainte-Marguerite river (50°08'49" N., 66°34'50" W.) near Sept-Îles and the mouth of the Grands Méchins River at Les Méchins (49°00'13" N., 66°58'12" W.), a straight line joining the western tip of Kegaska Island (50°10'31" N., 61°16'45" W.) and the point 48°46'53" N., 60°28'39" W. and the limit of area 21 located in the Gulf of St. Lawrence at 48 °13'14" N., 63°47'29" W. EXCLUDING the 10 kilometers strip along the shore of Gaspésie, Banc-des-Américains and Chaleur Bay**

Same as the zone	Other species	same as the zone	The catch limit for char is 1 in all within the 10 kilometers strip along the shore south of these waters.	
May 15th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line

**Waters That part of area 21 located to the east of a straight line connecting the western point of the Island of Kegaska (50°10'31" N., 61°16'45" W.) and the point (48°46'53" N., 60°28'39" W.)**

Same as the zone	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	15 in all		
	Other species	same as the zone		
May 15th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line

**Waters That part of zone 21 (Chaleur Bay) included between the downstream side of the Campbellton bridge, including the Chaleur bay and Gulf of St. Lawrence waters, and a straight line joining the western tip of the Cap-Gaspé coast (48°44'52" N., 64°09'42" W.) and the boundary of the Area 21 located in the Gulf of St. Lawrence at 48°13'14" N., 63°47'29" W.**

Same as the zone	Other species	same as the zone		
May 15th, 2023 to September 10th, 20	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	1 in all		
May 15th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line

**Waters That part of zone 21 included between a straight line connecting, to the south of the St. Lawrence, Pointe Santerre de Rimouski (48°23'50.54" N., 68°40'23.24" W.) and on the north side of the St. Lawrence, a point located at 48°42'25.5" N., 69°04'48.1" W., opposite île Patte de lièvre, and a straight line joining the mouth of the Sainte-Marguerite river (50°08'49" N., 66°34'50" W.) near Sept-Îles and the mouth of the Grands Méchins River at Les Méchins (49°00'13" N., 66°58'12" W.) EXCLUDING the 10 kilometers strip along the shore to the south of these waters**

Same as the zone	Other species	same as the zone	The catch limit for char is 1 in all within the 10 kilometers strip along the shore south of these waters.	
April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Rainbow Smelt	60		Fishing with dip nets and plaice is prohibited in these waters
May 15th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line

**Waters That part of zone 21 included in a 10 kilometers strip along the shore between a straight line connecting Pointe Santerre de Rimouski (48°23'51" N., 68°40'23" W.) to the point located at 48° 28'05" N., 68°45'56" W. and a straight line joining the mouth of the Grands Méchins river to Les Méchins (49°00'13" N., 66°58'12" W.) at point 49°07'33.37" N., 66° 55'44.65" W.**

Same as the zone	Other species	Same as the zone		
April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Rainbow Smelt	60		Fishing with dip nets and plaice is prohibited in these waters
May 15th, 2023 to September 10th, 20	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	1 in all		
May 15th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line

**Waters That part of zone 21 included in a 10 kilometers strip along the shore between a straight line joining the mouth of the Grands Méchins river to Les Méchins (49°00'13" N., 66°58'12" W.) at point 49°07'33.37" N., 66°55'44.65" W. and a straight line connecting the western end of Cap-Gaspé littoral (48°44'52" N., 64°09 '42" W.) to the point located at 48°40'03" N, 64°06'17" W.**

Same as the zone	Other species	Same as the zone		
April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024	Rainbow Smelt	120		
May 15th, 2023 to September 10th, 20	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	1 in all		
May 15th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023	Striped Bass	3 from 50 cm to 65 cm inclusively		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line