

Sport fishing in Québec (including salmon fishing) - April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 Fishing periods, catch limits and exceptions - Zone 21

The “Zone Rules” table sets out the **fishing periods** and daily catch limits for fish species of interest to sport fishers in Québec, for the selected zone. There are many **exceptions** to these fishing periods and to the catch and length limits. For further details, please see the table entitled “**Bodies of Water – Exceptions**”.

For information on fishing periods for a specific body of water :

- First check to see if the body of water is mentioned in the exceptions to the zone fishing periods;
- If not, the periods shown in the “Zone Rules” table apply.

Need help ?

If this is the first time you are using the new tool, please read the instructions on the Fishing Periods and Catch Limits page (<http://www.mffp.gouv.qc.ca/english/publications/online/wildlife/fishing-regulations/fishing-periods.asp>)

Key

- The New icon indicates a new element introduced since the last fishing season ;
- The Salmon river icon indicates that the stretch of water has been designated as a salmon river.


Read the news releases (in French only: Actualités) posted after the publication of the « Sport fishing in Québec – Main rules » booklet to follow the late-breaking news concerning the sport fishing regulations.


Rules for the zone

Zone 21 -

Period	Species	Catch limit	Note
April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	striped bass	Fishing prohibited	
June 16, 2017 to March 31, 2018	bass	6 in all	
	muskellunge	2 in all	➤ A length limit may apply for this species (See "Catch, possession and length limits").
June 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017	atlantic salmon	1 small and kept or 3 captured and returned to the water as part of the quota is caught first	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A length limit may apply for this species (See "Catch, possession and length limits"). ➤ Elsewhere than in salmon rivers. ➤ Salmon fishing licence mandatory.
June 15, 2017 to October 31, 2017	sturgeon	1 in all	➤ A length limit may apply for this species (See "Catch, possession and length limits").
April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	black crappie	30	
	char	15 in all	
	lake trout and splake trout	2 in all	➤ A length limit may apply for this species (See "Catch, possession and length limits").
	landlocked salmon	3	
	other species	no limit	
	pike	6 in all	
	smelt	120	➤ The limit is [60] Smelt in parts of the area 21.
	walleye and sauger	6 in all	➤ A length limit may apply for this species (See "Catch, possession and length limits").
	yellow perch	50	

Water bodies – Exceptions

rivière Cap-Chat  - between the western limit of the breakwater and the downstream side of the Highway 132 bridge (see also Zone 1).



rivière Sainte-Anne  - between a 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 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	atlantic salmon	Fishing prohibited	
April 28, 2017 to September 30, 2017 December 20, 2017 to March 31, 2018	smelt	120	
	➤ Angling or fly fishing with single hooks, baited or unbaited, 7 mm or smaller.		
April 28, 2017 to September 30, 2017	other species	same as the zone	➤ Except salmon ➤ Except striped bass
	➤ Angling or fly fishing with single hooks, baited or unbaited, 7 mm or smaller.		

ruisseau 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 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	smelt	Fishing prohibited	
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Des Chaleurs Bay and part of the Gulf of Saint-Lawrence, that part between the downstream side of the Campbelton bridge, including the bay of Chaleurs and gulf of Saint Lawrence waters, to a straight line between the Cap-Gaspé (48°44'52" N., 64°09'42" W.) and the limit of the area 21 located in the gulf of Saint Lawrence at 48°13'14" N., 63°47'29" W. -

June 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017	atlantic salmon	1 small and kept or 3 captured and returned to the water as part of the quota is caught first	
	other species	same as the zone	
June 15, 2017 to October 31, 2017 	striped bass 	2 50 to 65 cm inclusive	➤ With single hooks with artificial lures only (prohibition of use of natural bait)

rivière du Gouffre - between its mouth, limited by a line from the south-east end of the wharf (47°25'45,24" N, 70°29'17,60" W) and a point located at 47°25'51,47" N., 70°28'36,13" W. (the land pointe on the opposite bank of the du Gouffre river), and the downstream side of the CN bridge.


June 15, 2017 to September 15, 2017	atlantic salmon	1 small and kept or 3 captured and returned to the water as part of the quota is caught first	► Fly fishing only
June 1, 2017 to September 15, 2017	other species	same as the zone	► Fly fishing only
April 22, 2017 to May 31, 2017	other species	same as the zone	► Angling or fly fishing

rivière du Moulin - between the downstream side of Boulevard Saguenay bridge and the downstream side of the Highway 372.


May 26, 2017 to September 10, 2017	all species	same as the zone	
April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	striped bass	Fishing prohibited	

rivière 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.

July 1, 2017 to October 31, 2017	sturgeon	1 in all	
July 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	other species	same as the zone	► Except salmon ► Except striped bass
July 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017	atlantic salmon	1 small and kept or 3 captured and returned to the water as part of the quota is caught first	

rivière 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).

June 1, 2017 to September 15, 2017	atlantic salmon	1 small and kept or 3 captured and returned to the water as part of the quota is caught first	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fly fishing only ➤ See also zone 1. 		
April 1, 2017 to May 31, 2017 September 16, 2017 to March 31, 2018	other species	same as the zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Except salmon ➤ Except stripped bass
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Angling or fly fishing ➤ Angling or fly fishing with single hooks, baited or unbaited, 7 mm or smaller. 		


rivière 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).

April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	atlantic salmon	Fishing prohibited	
	other species	same as the zone	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fly fishing only 		


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

rivière aux Outardes - between its mouth in the fleuve Saint-Laurent and the Outardes 2 dam.

July 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	smelt	60	
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rivière 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 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	atlantic salmon	Fishing prohibited	
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rivière 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 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	atlantic salmon	Fishing prohibited	
	char	5 in all	
	other species	same as the zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Except salmon ➤ Except stripped bass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Angling or fly fishing ➤ With single hooks, baited or unbaited, 7 mm or smaller. 			

rivière 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°25'8" N., 70°02'42" W. and Point de-Rivière-Ouelle at 47°25'31" N., 70°03'39" W.

April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	all species	Fishing prohibited	
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rivière Saguenay - 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 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	smelt	Fishing prohibited	
	striped bass	Fishing prohibited	
April 28, 2017 to October 31, 2017	char	5 in all	
	other species	same as the zone	

rivière Saguenay - 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.

April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	char	5 in all	
	striped bass	Fishing prohibited	
	other species	same as the zone	

rivière Saguenay - the downstream portion of a transverse line joining Highway 138 between Tadoussac and Baie-Sainte-Catherine.

fleuve Saint-Laurent - the part of fleuve Saint-Laurent between the Pierre-Laporte bridge and a line drawn across the mouth of the Sainte-Marguerite River (50°08'49 "N, 66°34'50" W.) near Sept-Îles in Côte-Nord, and the mouth of the river to the Great méchins Méchins.

April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	smelt	60	
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fleuve Saint-Laurent - the stretch of the river northeast of a straight line joining À la Carriole point, on the north bank, to À la Loupe point, on the south bank.

April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	landlocked salmon	Fishing prohibited	
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baie Sainte-Marguerite - between the downstream side of the footbridge linking lot 12 of Rang West to lot D of Rang East (Albert township) and a straight line crossing Baie Sainte-Marguerite from a point (48°14'55" N., 69°57'49" W.) corresponding to the beluga whale observation site situated on the historic site of Mill bay and, on the opposite shore a point (48°15'19" N., 69°58'58" W.) corresponding to the tip of the northwest promontory.

May 16, 2017 to October 15, 2017	char	5 in all	
	other species	same as the zone	

Eaux des Îles-de-la-Madeleine

eaux 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.

July 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	smelt	120	
	american eel	same as the zone	► Fishing, crossbow and spear.
	other species	same as the zone	
May 6, 2017 to September 5, 2017	char	15 in all	

eaux des Îles-de-la-Madeleine - étang du Ouest

April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	smelt	Fishing prohibited	
May 1, 2017 to September 4, 2017	other species	same as the zone	