Sport fishing in Québec
Fishing periods, limits and exceptions
(April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027)

• To know the general rules for one fishing zone, consult the Fishing zones page.

• To know the changes that occur during the season, consult our News page.

• 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 4

Period	Species	Catch limit	Length limit	Engine	Note
April 1st, 2026 to April 22nd, 2026	Rainbow smelt	120		Fishing with dip nets and / or plaice fishing only.	
April 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027	Copper redhorse	Fishing prohibited			
	Striped bass	Fishing prohibited			
April 23rd, 2026 to May 14th, 2026	Rainbow smelt	120		Angling, bow fishing, crossbow fishing, spear fishing while swimming, landing net fishing and plaice fishing	
April 23rd, 2026 to September 15th, 2026	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	10 in all			
	Cutthroat trout and brown trout	5 in all			
	Lake trout and splake trout	1 in all	60 cm or more	Angling only	In the waters within managed territories: 2 in all
	Landlocked salmon	2	42 cm or more	Angling only	
	Rainbow trout	10			
April 23rd, 2026 to November 30th, 2026	Yellow perch	50			
	Other species	no limit			
May 15th, 2026 to November 30th, 2026	Pike	6 in all			
	Rainbow smelt	120		Angling, bow fishing, crossbow fishing and spear fishing while swimming	

May 15th, 2026 to November 30th, 2026	Walleye and sauger	6 in all	Walleye: 37 cm to 53 cm inclusively Sauger: no length limit	Angling only	
June 15th, 2026 to October 31st, 2	Sturgeon	1 in all		Angling only	
June 15th, 2026 to November 30th, 2026	Bass	6 in all			
	Muskellunge and tiger muskellunge	2 in all		Angling only	

Water bodies – Exceptions

Lake Grand lac Saint-François - (including the parts of the lake included in Frontenac national park)(45°53'55" N., 71°09'30" W.)

Same as the zone	Bass	6 in all			
	Yellow perch	50			
	Other species	same as the zone			
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April 23rd, 2026 to May 14th, 2026	Rainbow smelt	120		Angling, bow fishing, crossbow fishing, spear fishing while swimming, landing net fishing and plaice fishing	
April 23rd, 2026 to September 15th, 2026	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	10 in all			
	Lake trout and splake trout	1 in all	60 cm or more	Angling only	
	Landlocked salmon	2	42 cm or more	Angling only	
	Trout (brown trout, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout)	same as the zone			
May 15th, 2026 to November 30th, 2026	Pike	same as the zone			
	Rainbow smelt	120		Angling, bow fishing, crossbow fishing and spear fishing while swimming	

May 15th, 2026 to November 30th, 2026	Walleye and sauger	6 in all	Walleye: 37 cm to 53 cm inclusively Sauger: no length limit	Angling only	
December 20th, 2026 to March 31st, 2027	Bass	6 in all			
	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	10 in all			
	Pike	same as the zone			
	Rainbow smelt	120			
	Trout (brown trout, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout)	same as the zone			
	Walleye and sauger	6 in all	Walleye: 37 cm to 53 cm inclusively Sauger: no length limit	Angling only	
	Yellow perch	50			
	Other species	same as the zone			