

# 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 25

| Period                                   | Species  | Catch limit        | Length limit    | Engine       | Note |
|--|--|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|------|
| April 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027      | American eel   | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |      |
|  | Black crappie  | 30                 |                 |              |      |
|  | Copper redhorse  | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |      |
|  | Lake whitefish   | 12                 |                 |              |      |
|  | Rainbow smelt  | 120                |                 |              |      |
|  | Striped bass   | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |      |
|  | Sturgeon   | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |      |
|  | Yellow perch   | 50                 |                 |              |      |
|  | Other species  | no limit           |                 |              |      |
| April 24th, 2026 to September 30th, 2026 | Char (arctic char, brook trout)                        | 5 in all           |                 |              |      |
|  | Lake trout and splake trout                            | 2 in all           | 45 cm or more   | Angling only |      |
|  | Landlocked salmon                                      | 1                  |                 | Angling only |      |
|  | Trout (brown trout, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout) | 5 in all           |                 |              |      |
| May 15th, 2026 to June 15th, 2026        | Walleye and sauger                                     | 5 in all           | 40 cm and less  |              |      |
| May 15th, 2026 to March 31st, 2027       | Pike   | 6 in all           |                 |              |      |
| June 16th, 2026 to February 28th,        | Walleye and sauger                                     | 5 in all           | no length limit |              |      |
| June 19th, 2026 to December 15th         | Muskellunge and tiger muskellunge                      | 1 in all           | 137 cm or more  | Angling only |      |

|                                     |                    |          |                |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|--|--|
| June 26th, 2026 to November 30th    | Bass               | 6 in all |                |  |  |
| March 1st, 2027 to March 31st, 2027 | Walleye and sauger | 5 in all | 40 cm and less |  |  |

## Water bodies – Exceptions

### Lake Old Mill - (45°54'34" N., 76°54'53" W.) (Waltham Municipality)

|  |  |                  |  |  |  |
|--|--|------------------|--|--|--|
| Same as the zone                         | Other species  | same as the zone |  |  |  |
| April 24th, 2026 to September 30th, 2026 | Char (arctic char, brook trout)                        | 5 in all         |  |  |  |
|  | Trout (brown trout, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout) | 5 in all         |  |  |  |
| December 20th, 2026 to March 31st, 2027  | Char (arctic char, brook trout)                        | 5 in all         |  |  |  |
|  | Trout (brown trout, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout) | 5 in all         |  |  |  |

### Lake Sans nom (Petit lac Bell) - (46°11'43" N., 77°42'02" W., Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims)

|  |  |                  |  |  |  |
|--|--|------------------|--|--|--|
| Same as the zone                         | Other species  | same as the zone |  |  |  |
| April 24th, 2026 to September 30th, 2026 | Char (arctic char, brook trout)                        | 5 in all         |  |  |  |
|  | Trout (brown trout, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout) | 5 in all         |  |  |  |
| December 20th, 2026 to March 31st, 2027  | Char (arctic char, brook trout)                        | 5 in all         |  |  |  |
|  | Trout (brown trout, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout) | 5 in all         |  |  |  |

### National Park de Plaisance - à l'exception de la partie de la baie Noire située dans un rayon de 30 m à partir du pont Legault (45°35'26" N., 75°10'18" O.).

|                                     |                 |                    |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| April 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027 | American eel    | Fishing prohibited |  |  |  |
|                                     | Black crappie   | 30                 |  |  |  |
|                                     | Copper redhorse | Fishing prohibited |  |  |  |
|                                     | Lake whitefish  | 12                 |  |  |  |
|                                     | Rainbow smelt   | 120                |  |  |  |

|  |  |                    |                 |              |  |
|--|--|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|--|
| April 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027      | Striped bass   | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |  |
|  | Sturgeon   | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |  |
|  | Yellow perch   | 50                 |                 |              |  |
|  | Other species  | no limit           |                 |              |  |
| April 24th, 2026 to September 30th, 2026 | Char (arctic char, brook trout)                        | 5 in all           |                 |              |  |
|  | Lake trout and splake trout                            | 2 in all           | 45 cm or more   | Angling only |  |
|  | Landlocked salmon                                      | 1                  |                 | Angling only |  |
|  | Trout (brown trout, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout) | 5 in all           |                 |              |  |
| May 15th, 2026 to June 15th, 2026        | Walleye and sauger                                     | 5 in all           | 40 cm and less  |              |  |
| May 15th, 2026 to March 31st, 2027       | Pike   | 6 in all           |                 |              |  |
| June 16th, 2026 to February 28th,        | Walleye and sauger                                     | 5 in all           | no length limit |              |  |
| June 19th, 2026 to December 15th         | Muskellunge and tiger muskellunge                      | 1 in all           | 137 cm or more  | Angling only |  |
| June 26th, 2026 to November 30th         | Bass   | 6 in all           |                 |              |  |
| March 1st, 2027 to March 31st, 2027      | Walleye and sauger                                     | 5 in all           | 40 cm and less  |              |  |

**National Park de Plaisance - la partie de la baie Noire située dans un rayon de 30 m à partir du pont Legault (45°35'26" N., 75°10'18" W.).**

|   |                                 |                    |               |              |  |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| April 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027     | American eel                    | Fishing prohibited |               |              |  |
|   | Copper redhorse                 | Fishing prohibited |               |              |  |
|   | Striped bass                    | Fishing prohibited |               |              |  |
|   | Sturgeon                        | Fishing prohibited |               |              |  |
| June 26th, 2026 to September 30th, 2026 | Char (arctic char, brook trout) | 5 in all           |               |              |  |
|   | Lake trout and splake trout     | 2 in all           | 45 cm or more | Angling only |  |
|   | Landlocked salmon               | 1                  |               | Angling only |  |

|   |  |          |                 |              |  |
|---|--|----------|-----------------|--------------|--|
| June 26th, 2026 to September 30th, 2026 | Trout (brown trout, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout) | 5 in all |                 |              |  |
| June 26th, 2026 to November 30th, 2026  | Bass   | 6 in all |                 |              |  |
|   | Black crappie  | 30       |                 |              |  |
|   | Lake whitefish   | 12       |                 |              |  |
|   | Muskellunge and tiger muskellunge                      | 1 in all | 137 cm or more  | Angling only |  |
|   | Pike   | 6 in all |                 |              |  |
|   | Rainbow smelt  | 120      |                 |              |  |
|   | Walleye and sauger                                     | 5 in all | no length limit |              |  |
|   | Yellow perch   | 50       |                 |              |  |
|   | Other species  | no limit |                 |              |  |

**River des Outaouais - between lac Témiscamingue dam and a line drawn from east to west 6 km downstream from this dam. (Municipality of Témiscaming)**

|   |  |                    |                 |              |  |
|---|--|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|--|
| April 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027     | American eel   | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |  |
|   | Copper redhorse  | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |  |
|   | Striped bass   | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |  |
|   | Sturgeon   | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |  |
| June 16th, 2026 to September 30th, 2026 | Char (arctic char, brook trout)                        | 5 in all           |                 |              |  |
|   | Lake trout and splake trout                            | 2 in all           | 45 cm or more   | Angling only |  |
|   | Landlocked salmon                                      | 1                  |                 | Angling only |  |
|   | Trout (brown trout, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout) | 5 in all           |                 |              |  |
| June 16th, 2026 to February 28th,       | Walleye and sauger                                     | 5 in all           | no length limit |              |  |
| June 16th, 2026 to March 31st, 2027     | Black crappie  | 30                 |                 |              |  |
|   | Lake whitefish   | 12                 |                 |              |  |
|   | Pike   | 6 in all           |                 |              |  |
|   | Rainbow smelt  | 120                |                 |              |  |
|   | Yellow perch   | 50                 |                 |              |  |
|   | Other species  | no limit           |                 |              |  |

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| June 19th, 2026 to December 15th    | Muskellunge and tiger muskellunge | 1 in all | 137 cm or more | Angling only |  |
| June 26th, 2026 to November 30th    | Bass                              | 6 in all |                |              |  |
| March 1st, 2027 to March 31st, 2027 | Walleye and sauger                | 5 in all | 40 cm and less |              |  |

**River des Outaouais - That part of McConnell Lake between a straight line connecting 46°12'30" N., 77°42'21.58" W. and the point 46°12'33.78" N., 77°42'17.02" W. upstream from the dike (old winter road) and the narrowing of the river (1.3 km downstream of the bridge) generated by the western tip of Colton Bay and a point on Île des Rapides-des-Joachims, corresponding to a straight line joining points 46°12'14" N., 77°41'11" W. and 46°12'07" N., 77°41'14" W. (Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims)**

|   |  |                    |                 |              |  |
|---|--|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|--|
| April 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027     | American eel   | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |  |
|   | Copper redhorse  | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |  |
|   | Striped bass   | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |  |
|   | Sturgeon   | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |  |
| June 26th, 2026 to September 30th, 2026 | Char (arctic char, brook trout)                        | 5 in all           |                 |              |  |
|   | Lake trout and splake trout                            | 2 in all           | 45 cm or more   | Angling only |  |
|   | Landlocked salmon                                      | 1                  |                 | Angling only |  |
|   | Trout (brown trout, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout) | 5 in all           |                 |              |  |
| June 26th, 2026 to November 30th, 2026  | Bass   | 6 in all           |                 |              |  |
|   | Muskellunge and tiger muskellunge                      | 1 in all           | 137 cm or more  | Angling only |  |
|   | Walleye and sauger                                     | 5 in all           | no length limit |              |  |
|   | Other species  | same as the zone   |                 |              |  |

**River du Lièvre - between the downstream side of the Route 148 Major bridge (45°32'35" N., 75°25'31" O.) and the high-voltage line located immediately upstream of Île à Cruchet, corresponding to a straight line joining points 45°32'00" N., 75°25'53" O. and 45°31'58" N., 75°25'46" O. (City of Gatineau )**

|                                     |                 |                    |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| April 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027 | American eel    | Fishing prohibited |  |  |  |
|                                     | Copper redhorse | Fishing prohibited |  |  |  |

|   |  |                    |                 |              |  |
|---|--|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|--|
| April 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027     | Striped bass   | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |  |
|   | Sturgeon   | Fishing prohibited |                 |              |  |
| June 26th, 2026 to September 30th, 2026 | Char (arctic char, brook trout)                        | 5 in all           |                 |              |  |
|   | Lake trout and splake trout                            | 2 in all           | 45 cm or more   | Angling only |  |
|   | Landlocked salmon                                      | 1                  |                 | Angling only |  |
|   | Trout (brown trout, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout) | 5 in all           |                 |              |  |
| June 26th, 2026 to November 30th, 2026  | Bass   | 6 in all           |                 |              |  |
|   | Muskellunge and tiger muskellunge                      | 1 in all           | 137 cm or more  | Angling only |  |
| June 26th, 2026 to February 28th,       | Walleye and sauger                                     | 5 in all           | no length limit |              |  |
| June 26th, 2026 to March 31st, 2027     | Other species  | same as the zone   |                 |              |  |
| March 1st, 2027 to March 31st, 2027     | Walleye and sauger                                     | 5 in all           | 40 cm and less  |              |  |