

# 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 21

Period	Species	Catch limit	Length limit	Engine	Note
April 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027	Atlantic salmon	Fishing prohibited			
	Black crappie	30			
	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all			The bag limit is 1 or 15 char in parts of Area 21.
	Copper redhorse	Fishing prohibited			
	Lake trout and splake trout	1 in all	45 cm or more		
	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	1 in all	56 cm to 70 cm inclusively	Angling or fly fishing	
	Rainbow smelt	120			The limit is 60 Smelt in parts of the area 21.
	Striped bass	Fishing prohibited			
	Yellow perch	50			
	Other species	no limit			
May 10th, 2026 to May 31st, 2026	Walleye	2	37 cm to 53 cm inclusively	Angling or fly fishing	
June 1st, 2026 to October 31st, 2026	Walleye and sauger	6 in all with at most 2 walleye	Walleye: 37 cm to 53 cm inclusively Sauger: no length limit	Angling or fly fishing	

June 15th, 2026 to October 31st, 2026	Sturgeon	1 in all	Lake sturgeon: 80 cm to 130 cm inclusively Atlantic sturgeon: no length limit	Angling or fly fishing	
June 15th, 2026 to March 31st, 2027	Bass	6 in all			
	Muskellunge and tiger muskellunge	2 in all		Angling or fly fishing	
December 20th, 2026 to March 15th, 2027	Walleye and sauger	6 in all with at most 2 walleye	Walleye: 37 cm to 53 cm inclusively Sauger: no length limit	Angling or fly fishing	

## Water bodies – Exceptions

**Waters That part of zone 21 (Chaleur Bay) included between the downstream side of the Campbelton 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			
April 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027	Atlantic salmon	Fishing prohibited			
May 15th, 2026 to September 10th, 2026	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	1 in all			
May 15th, 2026 to October 31st, 2026	Striped bass	3	50 cm to 65 cm inclusively	Angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line	