

Sport fishing in Québec

Fishing periods, limits and exceptions

(April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021)

• 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, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	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. Angling only	
	Landlocked Salmon	3	Angling only	
	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. Angling only	
	Yellow Perch	50		
	Other species	no limit		
June 1st, 2020 to August 31st, 2020	Atlantic salmon	1 small and kept or 3 captured and returned to the water as part of the quota is caught first	A length limit may apply for this species. Check the applicable limits for this zone. Angling only. Elsewhere than in salmon rivers. Salmon fishing licence mandatory.	
June 15th, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Sturgeon	1 in all	A length limit may apply for this species. Check the applicable limits for this zone. Angling only	
June 19th, 2020 to	Bass	6 in all		

June 19th, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge	2 in all	Angling only	
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Water bodies – Exceptions

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, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	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 zone	Other species	same as the zone		
June 15th, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Striped Bass	3 de 50 à 65 cm inclusivement		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line
July 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Rainbow Smelt	60		

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, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Atlantic salmon	Fishing prohibited		
April 24th, 2020 to September 30th, 2020	Rainbow Smelt	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not
	Other species	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not
June 15th, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Striped Bass	3 de 50 à 60 cm inclusivement		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line
December 20th, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Rainbow Smelt	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, 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.

Same as zone	Other species	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not
April 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Atlantic salmon	Fishing prohibited		
June 15th, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Striped Bass	3 de 50 à 65 cm inclusivement		Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, 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 point 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, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
April 24th, 2020 to May 31st, 2020	Other species	same as the zone	Angling or fly fishing	
June 1st, 2020 to September 15th, 20	Other species	same as the zone	Fly fishing only	
June 15th, 2020 to September 15th, 2020	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	

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

April 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
May 24th, 2020 to September 13th, 20	Other species	same as the zone		

River du Petit Pabos - between the downstream side of the CN bridge and a straight 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 zone	Other species	same as the zone		Fly fishing only
April 15th, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all		Fly fishing only
June 15th, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Striped Bass	3 de 50 à 65 cm inclusivement	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 straight 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, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
July 1st, 2020 to August 31st, 2020	Atlantic salmon	1 small and kept or 3 captured and returned to the water as part of the quota is caught first	Angling only	
July 1st, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Sturgeon	1 in all	Angling only	
July 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Other species	same as the zone		

River La Grande Rivière - between a line drawn between the eastern limit of Lot 123-7 (48°23'50,67" N., 64°30'13,83" W.) and the western limit of the breakwater (48°23'48.10" N., 64°30'12.24" W.) and the downstream side of the Highway 132 bridge (see also zone 1).

Same as zone	Atlantic salmon	same as the zone	Fly fishing only	
April 1st, 2020 to May 31st, 2020	Other species	same as the zone	Except salmonExcept stripped bass	Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not
April 15th, 2020 to May 31st, 2020	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all		Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not
June 1st, 2020 to August 31st, 2020	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all		Fly fishing only
	Other species	same as the zone	Except salmonExcept stripped bass	Fly fishing only
June 15th, 2020 to August 31st, 2020	Striped Bass	3 50 to 65 cm inclusive	Fly fishing only	
September 1st, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line
	Striped Bass	3 50 to 65 cm inclusive		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line
September 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Other species	same as the zone	Except salmonExcept stripped bass	Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not

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 zone	Other species	same as the zone		Fly fishing only
April 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Atlantic salmon	Fishing prohibited		

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

Same as zone	Other species	same as the zone		
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June 15th, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Striped Bass	3 de 50 à 65 cm inclusivement		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line
July 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Rainbow Smelt	60		

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, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Atlantic salmon	Fishing prohibited		
	Other species	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not
June 15th, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Striped Bass	3 de 50 à 65 cm inclusivement		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line

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 Pointe de la Rivière Ouelle at 47°25'31" N., 70°03'39" W.

April 1st, 2020 to M	All species	Fishing prohibited		
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River Saguenay - - That part between a straight 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, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Rainbow Smelt	Fishing prohibited		
	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
May 16th, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all		
	Other species	same as the zone		

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 zone	Other species	same as the zone		
April 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
May 16th, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all		

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

Same as zone	Other species	same as the zone		
April 1st, 2020 to M	Rainbow Smelt	60		

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, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Atlantic salmon	Fishing prohibited		
April 24th, 2020 to September 30th, 2020	Rainbow Smelt	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not
	Other species	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not
June 15th, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Striped Bass	3 de 50 à 60 cm inclusivement		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line
December 20th, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Rainbow Smelt	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not

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

April 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Rainbow Smelt	Fishing prohibited		
April 24th, 2020 to September 13th, 2020	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all		
	Other species	same as the zone		
June 15th, 2020 to September 13th, 2020	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 zone	American Eel	same as the zone	Angling, bow fishing, crossbow fishing and spear fishing while swimming	
	Other species	same as the zone		

April 24th, 2020 to September 13th, 20	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all		
June 15th, 2020 to September 13th, 2020	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, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	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 zone	Other species	same as the zone		
April 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Rainbow Smelt	60		

Waters Partie de la zone 21 - the stretch of the river northeast of a straight line joining À la Carriole point, on the north bank (48°11'30" N., 69°37'00" W.), to À la Loupe point, on the south bank (48°04'30" N., 69°16'30" W.).

Same as zone	Other species	same as the zone		
April 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021	Landlocked Salmon	Fishing prohibited		

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 zone	Other species	same as the zone		
June 15th, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Striped Bass	3 de 50 à 65 cm inclusivement		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 zone	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	15 in all		
	Other species	same as the zone		

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 zone	Other species	same as the zone		
April 15th, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Char (arctic char, brook trout)	5 in all		
June 15th, 2020 to October 31st, 2020	Striped Bass	3 de 50 à 65 cm inclusivement		All except angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line