

Sport fishing in Québec

Fishing periods, limits and exceptions

(April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

• 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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Black Crappie	30		
	Char	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		
	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, 2021 to August 31st, 2021	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. Elsewhere than in salmon rivers. Salmon fishing licence mandatory.	Angling only
June 15th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	Sturgeon	1 in all	A length limit may apply for this species. Check the applicable limits for this zone.	Angling only
June 18th, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Bass	6 in all		
	Muskellunge	2 in all		Angling only

Water bodies – Exceptions

The part of the area 21 designated as "Banc-des-Américains marine protected area" the maritime water of the Gulf of St. Lawrence which is made up of the seabed and the subsoil and which is included within the limits described below: Starting from point (1) 48°45'00" N., 64°08'24" W., located near the southern end of Cap Gaspé, thence, following a line to point (5) 48°45'00.13" N., 64°07'16.48" W., thence, following a line to point (6) 48°37'13.33" N., 63°55'28.47" W., thence, following a line to point (7) 48°37'19.43" N., 63°54'33.91" W., thence, following a line to point (8) 48°36'28.92" N., 63°53'17.65" W., thence, following a line to point (9) 48°34'54.11" N., 63°54'06.36" W., thence, following a line to point (10) 48°30'24.46" N., 63°47'20.43" W., thence, following a line to point (11) 48°29'24.73" N., 63°48'51.44" W., thence, following a line to point (12) 48°29'24.76" N., 63°49'23.91" W., thence, following a line to point (13) 48°33'25.72" N., 63°55'26.76" W., thence following a line to point (14) 48°34'38.52" N., 63°58'02.08" W., thence, following a line to point (15) 48°37'04.16" N., 63°58'48.70" W., thence, following a line to point (16) 48°43'23.21" N., 64°08'24" W., thence, following a line to the starting point (1) 48°45'00" N., 64°08'24" W.

April 1st, 2021 to M	All species	Fishing prohibited		
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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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	All species	Fishing prohibited		
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River aux Outardes - between its mouth in the fleuve Saint-Laurent and the Outardes 2 dam.

Same as zone	Other species	same as the zone		
June 15th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Atlantic Salmon	Fishing prohibited		
April 23rd, 2021 to September 30th, 2021	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, 2021 to September 30th, 2021	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
December 20th, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Atlantic Salmon	Fishing prohibited		
June 15th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	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 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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
April 23rd, 2021 to May 31st, 2021	Other species	same as the zone	Angling or fly fishing	
June 1st, 2021 to September 15th, 20	Other species	same as the zone	Fly fishing only	
June 15th, 2021 to September 15th, 2021	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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
May 23rd, 2021 to September 12th, 20	Other species	same as the zone		

River du Petit Pabos - between the downstream side of the CN bridge and a 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, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	Char	5 in all		Fly fishing only
June 15th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	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 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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
July 1st, 2021 to August 31st, 2021	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, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	Sturgeon	1 in all	Angling only	
July 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Other species	same as the zone		

River 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).

Same as zone	Atlantic Salmon	same as the zone	Fly fishing only	
April 1st, 2021 to May 31st, 2021	Other species	same as the zone	Except salmon Except stripped bass	Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not
April 15th, 2021 to May 31st, 2021	Char	5 in all		Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not
June 1st, 2021 to August 31st, 2021	Char	5 in all		Fly fishing only
	Other species	same as the zone	Except salmon Except stripped bass	Fly fishing only
June 15th, 2021 to August 31st, 2021	Striped Bass	3 50 to 65 cm inclusive	Fly fishing only	
September 1st, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	Char	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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Other species	same as the zone	Except salmon Except striped bass	Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not
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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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Atlantic Salmon	Fishing prohibited		
	Striped Bass	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		
June 15th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	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, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	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 Point de-Rivière-Ouelle at 47°25'31" N., 70°03'39" W.

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River 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 1st, 2021 to M	Smelt	Fishing prohibited		
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April 1st, 2021 to M	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
May 16th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	Char	5 in all		
	Other species	same as the zone		

River 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.

Same as zone	Other species	same as the zone		
April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Striped Bass	Fishing prohibited		
May 16th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	Char	5 in all		Angling only

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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Smelt	60		Fishing with dip nets and plaice is prohibited in these waters

River Sainte-Anne - between an imaginary 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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Atlantic Salmon	Fishing prohibited		
April 23rd, 2021 to September 30th, 2021	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, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Smelt	same as the zone		Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not

River Saint-Laurent - the part of fleuve Saint-Laurent (as well as their tributaries, included in zone 21) , 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 (49°00'13" N, 66°58'12" W.).

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April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Smelt	60		Fishing with dip nets and plaice is prohibited in these waters
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River Saint-Laurent - 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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Landlocked Salmon	Fishing prohibited		

Waters Chaleur Bay and part of Gulf of St. Lawrence (as well as their tributaries, included in zone 21), that part 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, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	Char	5 in all		
June 15th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	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 des Îles-de-la-Madeleine - Étang du Ouest - (47°15'40" N., 61°59'39" W.)

April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Smelt	Fishing prohibited		
April 23rd, 2021 to September 12th, 20	Char	5 in all		
	Other species	same as the zone		
June 15th, 2021 to September 12th, 2021	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 23rd, 2021 to September 12th, 20	Char	5 in all		

June 15th, 2021 to September 12th, 2021	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, 2021 to March 31st, 2022	Smelt	120		Fishing with dip nets and plaice is prohibited in these waters

Waters That part of Area 21 situated east of a straight line joining, on the south bank of the Saint Lawrence, the Pointe Santerre of Rimouski (48°23'51" N., 68°40'23" W.) and, on the north bank of the Saint Lawrence, a point located at 48°42'26" N., 69°04'48" W., facing the Patte de lièvre island, to a straight line joining the western tip of the Cap-Gaspé coast (48°44'52" N., 64°09'42" W.) and the limit of the Area 21 situated in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence at 48°13'14" N., 63°4

Same as zone	Other species	same as the zone		
June 15th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	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 The part of the zone 21 located to the east of a straight line connecting the western point of the Island of Kégaska (50°10'31" N., 61°16'45" W.) and the point (48°46'53" N., 60°28'39" W.)

Same as zone	Char	15 in all		
	Other species	same as the zone		