

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 | Length limit | Engine | Note |
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| April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022 | Black crappie | 30 | | | |
| | Char (arctic char, brook trout) | 5 in all | | | |
| | Lake trout and splake trout | 2 in all | | Angling only | A length limit may apply for this species. Check the applicable limits for this zone. |
| | 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 | | Angling only | A length limit may apply for this species. Check the applicable limits for this zone. |
| | 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 | | Angling only | A length limit may apply for this species. Check the applicable limits for this zone. Elsewhere than in salmon rivers. Salmon fishing licence mandatory. |
| June 15th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021 | Sturgeon | 1 in all | | Angling only | A length limit may apply for this species. Check the applicable limits for this zone. |
| June 18th, 2021 to March 31st, 2022 | Bass | 6 in all | | | |

Water bodies – Exceptions

That 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 straight line to point (5) 48°45'00.13" N., 64°07'16.48" W., thence, following a straight line to point (6) 48°37'13.33" N., 63°55'28.47" W., thence, following a straight line to point (7) 48°37'19.43" N., 63°54'33.91" W., thence, following a straight line to point (8) 48°36'28.92" N., 63°53'17.65" W., thence, following a straight line to point (9) 48°34'54.11" N., 63°54'06.36" W., thence, following a straight line to point (10) 48°30'24.46" N., 63°47'20.43" W., thence, following a straight line to point (11) 48°29'24.73" N., 63°48'51.44" W., thence, following a straight line to point (12) 48°29'24.76" N., 63°49'23.91" W., thence, following a straight line to point (13) 48°33'25.72" N., 63°55'26.76" W., thence following a straight line to point (14) 48°34'38.52" N., 63°58'02.08" W., thence, following a straight line to point (15) 48°37'04.16" N., 63°58'48.70" W., thence, following a straight line to point (16) 48°43'23.21" N., 64°08'24" W., thence, following a straight line to the starting point (1) 48°45'00" N., 64°08'24" W.

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| April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, | 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.

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| April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022 | All species | Fishing prohibited | | | |
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River aux Outardes - between a straight line joining 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 straight lines passing through points 49°08'7,9" N., 68°23'9,8" W. and 49°08'40" N., 68°23'22" W. (see also zone 18)

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| 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 | | 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 | 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).

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| April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022 | Atlantic salmon | Fishing prohibited | | | |
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| April 23rd, 2021 to September 30th, 2021 | 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, 2021 to September 30th, 2021 | Striped bass | 3 de 50 à 65 cm inclusivement | | 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 | 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.

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| 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 | | 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..

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| 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, 2021 | Other species | same as the zone | | | Fly fishing only |

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

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| April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022 | Striped bass | Fishing prohibited | | | |
| May 23rd, 2021 to September 12th, 2021 | 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.)

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| Same as zone | Other species | same as the zone | | Fly fishing only | |
| April 15th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021 | Char (arctic char, brook trout) | 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 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.

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| 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 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).

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| Same as zone | Atlantic salmon | same as the zone | | | Fly fishing only |
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| April 1st, 2021 to May 31st, 2021 | Other species | same as the zone | | Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not | Except salmonExcept stripped bass |
| April 15th, 2021 to May 31st, 2021 | Char (arctic char, brook trout) | 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 (arctic char, brook trout) | 5 in all | | Fly fishing only | |
| | Other species | same as the zone | | Fly fishing only | Except salmonExcept stripped bass |
| 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 (arctic char, brook trout) | 5 in all | | 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 | | 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 | | Angling only with a single hook measuring 7 mm or less, baited or not | Except salmonExcept stripped bass |

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).

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| 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.

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| Same as zone | Other species | same as the zone | | | |
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| June 15th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021 | Striped bass | 3 de 50 à 65 cm inclusivement | | 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 | 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).

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| 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 | | 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.

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| April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, | 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.

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| April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022 | Rainbow smelt | Fishing prohibited | | | |
| | Striped bass | Fishing prohibited | | | |
| May 16th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021 | 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.

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| Same as zone | Other species | same as the zone | | | |
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| April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022 | Striped bass | Fishing prohibited | | | |
| May 16th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021 | Char (arctic char, brook trout) | 5 in all | | Angling only | |

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

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| Same as zone | Other species | same as the zone | | | |
| April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022 | Rainbow smelt | 60 | | Fishing with dip nets and plaice is prohibited in these waters | |

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).

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| April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022 | Atlantic salmon | Fishing prohibited | | | |
| April 23rd, 2021 to September 30th, 2021 | 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, 2021 to October 31st, 2021 | Striped bass | 3 de 50 à 60 cm inclusivement | | 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 | 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.)

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| April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022 | Rainbow smelt | Fishing prohibited | | | |
| April 23rd, 2021 to September 12th, 2021 | Char (arctic char, brook trout) | 5 in all | | | |
| | Other species | same as the zone | | | |

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| June 15th, 2021 to September 12th, 2021 | Striped bass | 3 from 50 to 65 cm inclusively | | Angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line | |
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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.

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| 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, 2021 | Char (arctic char, brook trout) | 5 in all | | | |
| June 15th, 2021 to September 12th, 2021 | Striped bass | 3 from 50 to 65 cm inclusively | | 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 | 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

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| Same as zone | Other species | same as the zone | | | |
| April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022 | Rainbow smelt | 60 | | Fishing with dip nets and plaice is prohibited in these waters | |

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.).

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| Same as zone | Other species | same as the zone | | | |
| April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022 | 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

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| 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 | | 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.)

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| 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.

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| Same as zone | Other species | same as the zone | | | |
| April 15th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021 | Char (arctic char, brook trout) | 5 in all | | | |
| June 15th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021 | Striped bass | 3 de 50 à 65 cm inclusivement | | Angling only with a single hook, without natural bait, for a maximum of 3 hooks on the line | |