

Zone 8

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New rules

New rules have been in effect in this zone since April 1, 2026. See the latest changes [the latest changes](#).

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Maps

[Zone map \(PDF 890 Kb\)](#)

[Interactive map of fishing zones](#)

Fishing periods and quotas

The opening and closing dates and catch limits may vary from one body of water to another in the same area. You should always check to see if your body of water is a regulatory exception.

[View periods and quotas](#)

[Zone's fishing periods, limits and exceptions \(PDF\)](#)

Printable version.

Length limits for some species

It is prohibited to catch and keep or have in your possession a fish from the waters specified that does not comply with the length limits indicated for your zone. If a fish species or a zone is not mentioned in the table, no length limit applies to the species in this zone.

The fish must be kept in a state allowing its [identification](#).

Pike

May keep

Pike from 56 cm to 70 cm inclusively

This regulation applies in the St. Lawrence River, Lac des Deux Montagnes, the Rivière des Outaouais, the Rivière des Prairies, the Rivière des Mille Îles, and the downstream portion of the Rivière aux Chiens, the Rivière aux Saumons, the Rivière Beaudette, the Rivière Châteauguay, the Rivière Delisle, the Rivière du Chêne, the Rivière du Nord, the Rivière L'Assomption, the Rivière Mascouche, the Rivière Rigaud, the Rivière Saint-Jacques, the Rivière Saint-Louis, and the Rivière à la Tortue.

State of fish

Whole or gutted where a length limit applies. Elsewhere, pike may be whole or filleted. Fish must be able to be counted and identified (a piece of skin must remain attached to the fillet).

Walleye

May keep

Walleye between 37 cm and 53 cm inclusively

No length limit for sauger.

State of fish

Whole, gutted or [wallet filleted](#)

[Learn how to distinguish walleye from sauger.](#)

Lake sturgeon

May keep

Lake sturgeon between 80 cm and 130 cm inclusively

State of fish

Whole or gutted

Muskellunge

May keep

Muskellunge of 137 cm or more

This regulation applies to all bodies of water in zones 7 and 8, except Lac à la Tortue (zone 7).

State of fish

Whole or gutted

Lake trout (including splake trout)

May keep

Lake trout 60 cm or more

State of fish

Whole or gutted, only where a length limit applies. Elsewhere, lake trout may be whole or filleted. It must be possible to count and identify the fish (a piece of skin must adhere to the filet).

Note

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Use of dead bait fish

Possession and use of all dead bait fish species, EXCEPT [prohibited species](#), whether whole or cut up, are allowed:

From December 20 to March 31

Use the [map of fishing zones](#) to display this information by viewing the “Bait Fish” layer.

Number of lines authorized in winter

10 lines on a body of water covered with ice or not, from December 20 to March 31

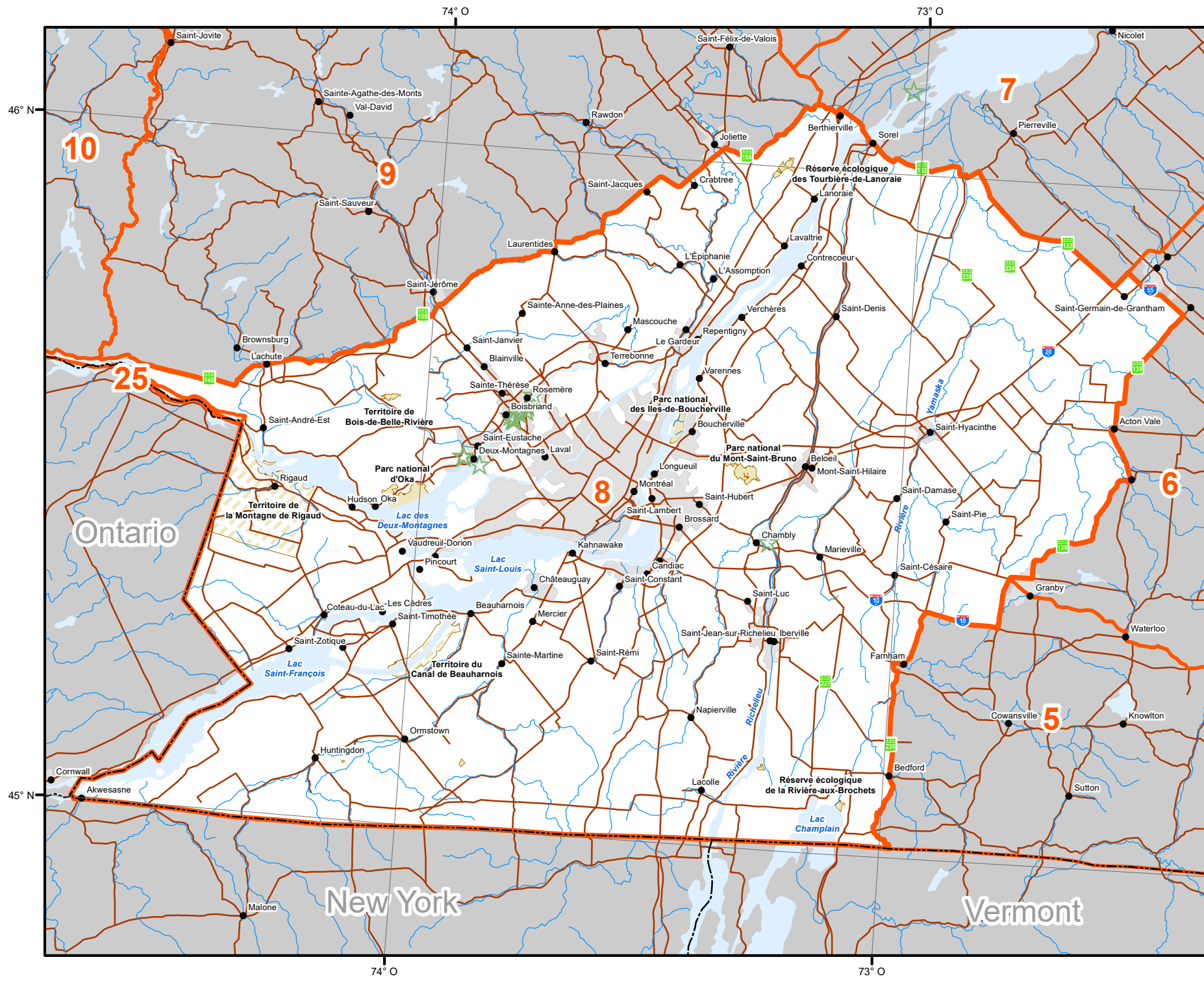
Only 5 lines are authorized in the portion of lac Saint-François (zone 8) located west of a line drawn from pointe Beaudette on the north shore to pointe Saint-Louis on the south shore.

Moratorium on recreational and commercial yellow perch fishing

The moratorium on recreational and commercial yellow perch fishing in lac Saint-Pierre and the St. Lawrence River area between pont Laviolette and Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets, has been extended effective May 4, 2022, for a period of five years.













Map of fishing zone 8

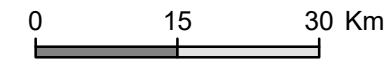
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Zone 8

Territorial Divisions

-  Zone
-  Zone parts
-  Wildlife Sanctuary
-  Zec (Controlled Zone)
-  Outfitter with exclusive rights
-  Québec National Park, Federal National Park, Ecological Reserve and territory where hunting is prohibited
-  Territory where hunting is restricted
-  Wildlife Preserve
-  Category I and II lands
-  International border
-  Interprovincial and interstate border
-  Québec - Newfoundland-and-Labrador border (This border is not final)



METADATA

Map projection: Conique de Lambert avec deux parallèles d'échelle conservée (46°et 60°)

SOURCES

Hunting zone		
Wildlife territory	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs	2018
Park and territory where hunting is prohibited	Ministère de l'Environnement et de la lutte contre les changements climatiques	2017
Ecological reserve	Ressources naturelles Canada	2017
Federal national park	©Gouvernement du Québec	2018

PRODUCTION

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