








# RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS SUMMARY 2023



## Kouchibouguac National Park's Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary

-  All National Parks of Canada Fishing Regulations (of the *Canada National Parks Act*) apply.
-  A Kouchibouguac National Park Fishing Permit is required to fish and possess fish.
-  National Park Fishing Regulations may differ from provincial regulations (please study this brochure and ensure that you comply with all requirements).
-  The park may require fishers to provide their catch for inspection and population inventory and/or submit catch reports before leaving the park.
-  A National Park Fishing Permit is required to fish in all national parks. The only exception is for a person under the age of 16 who may fish without a permit if accompanied by a person 16 years of age or older who is the holder of a valid National Park Fishing Permit. Please note that the catch of the person under 16 years of age must be included in the daily catch and possession limit of a licensed fisher.
-  Fishing permits may be suspended and seized by a park warden who has reasonable grounds to believe that a person who is the holder of a fishing permit has violated the National Park Fishing Regulations.

 For your safety, while out fishing in the Park, please be extra vigilant around roadways, culverts, brooks and rivers to prevent accidents and injuries.

## Fishing Permits

Daily ..... \$12.75  
Annual ..... \$44.25

*(Prices are subject to change and include taxes)*




## General Limits and Fishing Seasons

Maximum daily catch and possession limits per fish species per season:



 Eastern brook trout (or speckled trout)


 5

 April 15 - Sept. 17, 2023



 American eel (summer season) > 53 cm

 10  
line or spear

 May 13 - Aug. 31, 2023



 American eel (winter season) > 20 cm


 10  
spear only

 Dec. 15, 2023 - Feb. 15, 2024



 Rainbow smelt


 60

 April 15 - Nov. 30, 2023



 Striped bass (catch and release only)

 0

 July 1 - Oct. 31, 2023



**Incidental catch** - Any other fish species incidentally caught are required to be returned immediately to the water.



# Atlantic Salmon: Return of the King

(*Salmo salar*)

In Mi'gmaq: Plamu

SARA\* Status: Special concern

Wild Atlantic Salmon populations within Atlantic Canada have declined dramatically in recent decades. Parks Canada has been taking action to recover salmon stocks within national park sites for many years. Starting in 2019, five Atlantic national parks (Fundy, Kouchibouguac, Cape Breton Highlands, Gros Morne, Terra Nova) and their partners have teamed up for Atlantic Salmon conservation on a regional scale.

Each year, our resource conservation staff operate two smelt box nets to trap, count, and tag adult salmon in the park. Some healthy individuals are transported to a nearby hatchery for the production of fertilized eggs. With the help of non-governmental partner organizations (Les Amis de la Kouchibouguacis, Kopit Lodge, University of New Brunswick, and the Canadian Rivers Institute), the park is involved in efforts to implant these fertilized eggs in suitable spawning habitat within park watersheds. Genetic samples are also taken from each captured adult to survey genetic diversity and verify the effectiveness of our conservation efforts.



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## Fishing Regulations Pertaining to Kouchibouguac National Park

**NOTE:** The following regulations are intended for the information and convenience of fishers who plan to fish in Kouchibouguac National Park. This summary may not reflect current regulations, as modifications are made periodically. You may consult the complete regulations online at: [www.laws-lois.justice.gc.ca](http://www.laws-lois.justice.gc.ca)



### Fishing Regulations (Summary)

- Never leave your fishing equipment unattended;
- Fishing is prohibited during the following period: one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise;
- Jigging, foul hooking (snagging) or catching a fish in parts of the body other than the mouth of the fish is illegal in national parks;
- Tailers or gaff-hooks are illegal to possess in national parks;
- It is unlawful to fish with a lure that has more than two single hooks or two gang hooks, or a single hook and one gang hook. Gang hooks cannot have more than three hooks on them;
- It is unlawful to fish with a line having more than one artificial fly or other type of bait (or any combination) attached. Lure/fly or bait cannot be capable of catching more than one fish at a time;
- No person shall, when fishing in park waters, use a lead sinker or lead jig that weighs less than 50g (1.8 ounces);
- It is unlawful to use an artificial fly that has a weight attached to the hook or line, for the purpose of causing the artificial fly to sink;
- It is unlawful to fish with an artificial fly attached to a spinning device or natural bait;
- It is illegal to use for bait, or to possess in a national park, live fish eggs or minnows;
- It is illegal to catch and retain more fish than indicated in the daily catch and possession limits set out in the regulations;
- It is unlawful to fish in certain closed park waters that have been posted as such or to exceed the extent of fishing set out in that notice;
- Possession of fishing equipment that is illegal or having fishing equipment near streams during closed seasons can result in seizure.

**Note:** You are required by law to provide your valid fishing permit, equipment, bait or fish to a park warden upon request, when fishing or in possession of fishing equipment in a national park.



### Examples of legal lures



Lure - two gang hooks



Lure - two single hooks



Lure - single hook



Lure - single gang hook



### Examples of illegal hooks and lures



Lure with artificial fly



Artificial fly with weight



Line capable of catching more than one fish at a time



Lure with more than two hooks



Gaff - hook