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Fishing regulation in Haute-Vienne Version 2008*

* Only the French version is legally valid

Opening periods in 2008

Following dates are included :

Species	First category	Second category
Brown trout Rainbow trout Brook trout	March 8 th – September 21 th	
Gudgeon	June 14 th - September 21 th	June 14 th - December 31 st
Grayling	May 17 th - September 21 th	May 17 th - December 31 st
Pike	March 8 th - September 21 th	January 1 st - January 27 th May 10 th - December 31 st
Pike-Perch Largemouth bass	March 8 th - September 21 th	January 1 st - January 27 th June 14 th - December 31 st
Crayfish natives americans*	Fishing is prohibited all year long	
	March 8 th - September 21 th	January 1 st - December 31 st
Green frog Russet frog	August 01 st - September 21 th	
Salmon Sea Trout	Fishing is prohibited all year long	
Other fishes	March 8 th - September 21 th	January 1 st - December 31 st

* That means species like *Pacifastacus leniusculus*, *Orconectes limosus* and *Procambarus clarkii*.

Fishing licences

They're divided in two cards :

- **The halieutic identity card :**

The first time a fisherman buys a fishing licence, we give him this card **for free**. It shows a unique number identifying the fisherman. This card is permanent : the fisherman has to keep it year after year. To be valid, the owner has to supply his photo and buy the annual card.

- **The annual card :**

This one is obligatory, all fishermen have to pay for it. It testifies that the taxes and the subscriptions have been paid. There are two types of annual cards : the payable card and the exonerated one. They must be plastic-coated and attached to the halieutic identity card.

Two others cards are used without the halieutic identity card : holiday/daily card and woman card.

Which card? To fish where?

- **Adult card :** It permits to fish with all authorized fishing modes during the opening periods in Haute-Vienne, in first and second categories and on municipal lakes and French Electricity Board barrages managed by Haute-Vienne Federation, excepted on Saint-Pardoux, Vassivière and Pont du Dognon (Maureix) * ,
- **Woman card :** This is a low cost card for women (more 18 years old). It permits to fish with one line only during the opening periods in Haute-Vienne, in first and second categories and on municipal lakes and French Electricity Board barrages managed by Haute-Vienne Federation, included on Saint-Pardoux, Vassivière and Pont du Dognon. The Crayfish's fishing is prohibited with this card. Women who want to fish with all authorized fishing modes must pay a adult card.
- **Young people card :** This card is only for young fishermen (12-18 years old : born between 01.01.1990 and 31.12.1995). It permits to fish with all authorized fishing modes during the opening periods in Haute-Vienne, in first and second categorie and on municipal lakes and French Electricity Board barrages managed by Haute-Vienne Federation, included on Saint-Pardoux, Vassivière and Pont du Dognon.
- **Discovery card :** This card is only for young fishermen (until 12 years old : born after 01.01.1996). It permits to fish with all authorized fishing modes during the opening periods in Haute-Vienne, in first and second categories and on municipal lakes and French Electricity Board barrages managed by Haute-Vienne Federation, included on Saint-Pardoux, Vassivière and Pont du Dognon.
- **Daily card :** Available between January 1st and December 31th It permits to fish one day - and only in Haute-Vienne - with all authorized fishing modes during the opening periods in Haute-Vienne, in first and second categories and on municipal lakes and French Electricity Board barrages managed by Haute-Vienne Federation, included on Saint-Pardoux, Vassivière and Pont du Dognon.
- **Holiday card :** Available between June 1st and December 31th and valid **only 15 days**. It permits to fish with all authorized fishing modes during the opening periods in Haute-Vienne, in first and second categories and on municipal lakes and French Electricity Board barrages managed by Haute-Vienne Federation, included on Saint-Pardoux, Vassivière and Pont du Dognon,.
- ***The Halieutic Club tax is obligatory, only for Adult card, to fish on Saint-Pardoux, Vassivière and Pont du Dognon.** This tax permits to fish too in all the 36 Halieutic Club departments and in all the 30 "Entente Halieutique du Grand Ouest" (EHGO) departments. Woman card, Young people card, Discovery card and Holiday card are exempted from paying the Halieutic Club tax. In 2008, it costs **18 €**

Tariffs

TARIFFS 2007	WITHOUT HALIEUTIC TAX	WITH HALIEUTIC TAX
Complete card (adults)	62 €	18 €
Woman card	30 €	
Young people card (12-18 years old)	12 €	
Discovery card (until 12 years old)	2 €	
Daily card	10 €	
Holiday card	32 €	

Authorized processes and fishing modes

In first category :

On rivers : a single line with 2 hooks or three artificial flies at the most.

On lakes managed by Federation (see list included): two lines as described before.

In second category : 4 lines.

Comments :

- **Using machines** is prohibited on second category rivers from January 1st to December 31th, excepted using vermée, 6 crayfishes balances or 2 litres carafes. During opening periods, "vermée" and 6 crayfishes balances are allowed in first category.
- **Dragnet fishing** is prohibited in the entire department.
- **Maggot fishing** without baiting is authorized in 1st category on lakes managed by the Federation and some rivers parts (see lists).

Authorized catching quantities

Brown trout, rainbow trout and grayling : 6 fishes per day per fisherman ;
Pike : 2 per day per fisherman ;
Pike-perch : 3 per day per fisherman ;
Largemouth bass : 5 per day per fisherman.

For the other fish species, there is no restriction.

Catching minimal size

Trout : 23 cm ;
Grayling : 30 cm ;
Largemouth bass : 30 cm ;
Pike-perch : 40 cm ;
Pike : 60 cm.

For the other fish species, there's no restriction.

Rivers classification (see map on revue)

First category : rivers, lakes and canals shelter live water piscicultural species where salmonidae species (like trout) are dominant and those who have to be protected.

In **second category** rivers and lakes, there are mainly cyprinidae species (like white fish) and carnivorous (like pike, pike-perch, perch).

In Haute-Vienne, the following rivers are classified in **second category** :

- ✓ Chaume ;
- ✓ Benaize ;
- ✓ Asse ;
- ✓ Brame, downriver from D949 bridge ;
- ✓ Gartempe, downriver from D203 ;
- ✓ Vincou, downriver from railway's bridge at Bellac ;
- ✓ Glane, downriver from D32a ;
- ✓ Taurion ;
- ✓ Maulde, downriver from Grelenty bridge at Peyrat ;
- ✓ Vienne, downriver from confluence with Maulde ;
- ✓ Briance, downriver from confluence with Roselle.

All other rivers are classified in **first category**.

Lakes managed by Federation

➤ First category

Ambazac (24 ha), Bussière-Galant (5 ha), Châteauneuf la Forêt (12 ha), Folles-Laurière (25 ha), Ladignac le Long (9 ha), La Jonchère (3 ha), La Monnerie de Cussac (3 ha), Limoges-Uzurat (8 ha), Rochechouart (7 ha), Saint-Auvent la Pouge (35 ha), Saint-Germain les Belles (3 ha), Saint-Mathieu (14 ha), Saint-Paul (2 ha), Saint-Yrieix la Perche (10 ha).

➤ Second category

Artige (23 ha), Bujaleuf Sainte-Hélène (56 ha), Chauvan (30 ha), Fleix (34 ha), Langleret (10 ha), Le Palais (45 ha), Martineix (21 ha), Maureix (130 ha), Mont Larron (70 ha), Saint-Pardoux (330 ha), Vassivière (1035 ha), Villejoubert (36 ha).

First category rivers with authorized maggot

In these following first category streams, maggot is authorized as lure on hook (maggot, worm, ...) but still prohibited as groundbait.

- ✓ Aixette, down-river from RD 46 bridge ;
- ✓ Aurence, down-river from Uzurat lake ;
- ✓ Brame, down-river from RN 20 bridge ;
- ✓ Cane, down-river from RD 39 bridge ;
- ✓ Gartempe, up-river from "Bonshommes" bridge, RD 203 ;
- ✓ Glane, down-river from the railway's bridge at Nieul ;
- ✓ Gorre, down-river from "Pont des Gentes" bridge, CD 21A ter ;
- ✓ Graine, down-river from RN 675 bridge in Rochechouart ;
- ✓ Isle, down-river from RD 59 bridge ;
- ✓ Issoire, down-river from RD 4 bridge ;
- ✓ Loue, down-river from RD 704 bridge ;
- ✓ Mazelle, down-river from RD 39 bridge ;
- ✓ Ruisseau du Palais, down-river from its confluence with Cane and Mazelle ;
- ✓ Semme, down-river from RN 20 bridge ;
- ✓ Tardoire, down-river from RN 699 bridge ;
- ✓ Vayres, down-river from RD 675 bridge going from Vayres to Rochechouart ;
- ✓ Vincou, down-river from Montsigout bridge on RD 711.

Rising and setting sun legal hours

Fishing is prohibited more than half an hour before rising sun and half an hour after setting sun.

Vermin species

The Environment Code has declared some fishes, shellfishes or frogs as “vermin”. These species can provoke biological unbalance. When you catch them, you must kill them. They must not be replaced in water or transported alive on pain of fine.

The most common vermin species are :

- Brown bullhead *Ictalurus melas*
- Pumpkinseed *Lepomis gibbosus*
- California crayfish *Pacifastacus leniusculus*
- American crayfish *Orconectes limosus*
- Louisiana crayfish *Procambarus clarkii*

In **first category**, pike, perch, pike-perch and largemouth bass are declared **undesirable**. They must not be put back in water.

Specific courses :

- ❖ Fishing carp by night (see map on revue “Pêche en Haute-Vienne” 2008) : fishing carp by night is authorized only from the bank and with vegetable baits, fish must be put back in water after being caught and fishermen must be indicated by light sources.
- ❖ Grant course : are authorized only artificial lures with hook without any tongue ; brown trout and grayling must be put back in water.

Question / answer

What can I do if I lose or destroy my fishing licence?

We can't give a copy of the fishing licence : **it must be changed and paid again** like passport.

What happens if a fisherman has bought his fishing licence in an other department?

If the fishing licence has been delivered in one of the **70 departments** members of the Halieutic Club or EHGO and has the halieutic tax on it, the fisherman is in order. If not, he must pay the halieutic tax. In all other cases, there is no reciprocity.