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have a licence from a fishing association. 2022 was marred by a number of difficulties: various pollution incidents, significant droughts and even steps backwards in waterway legislation.

Thanks to our associates' hard work, we have been able to take legal action in order to condemn these acts of pollution. Elsewhere, we were stunned by the ban on the regulated shooting of the great cormorant in free-flowing waterways. And what can I say about the repeated droughts? The 2022 droughts forced us to shut down

Category 1 fishing to protect the local aquatic wildlife. That is why we are investing more than ever in helping to define ambitious morphological restoration projects for our aquatic ecosystems that combine habitat diversity and, above all, water retention capacity. This is essential if these ecosystems are to survive the increasingly serious effects of climate change. As you can see, the task at hand is enormous, and we will strive to complete it the best we can.

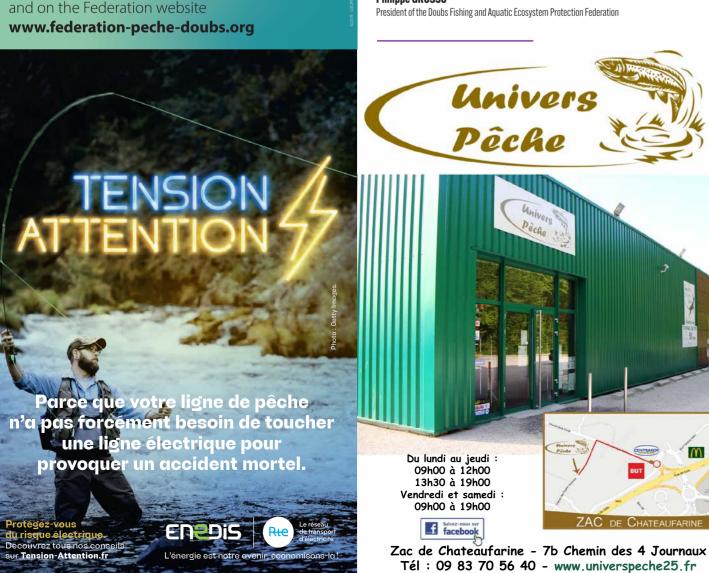
You can help us by supporting your fishing associations. I would particularly like to thank all the volunteers who work hard to make our passion possible. My sincere hope for 2023 is that certain things change, awareness is raised and the quality

of our waterways improves. Faced with all sorts of pressure, let's stick together: our passion

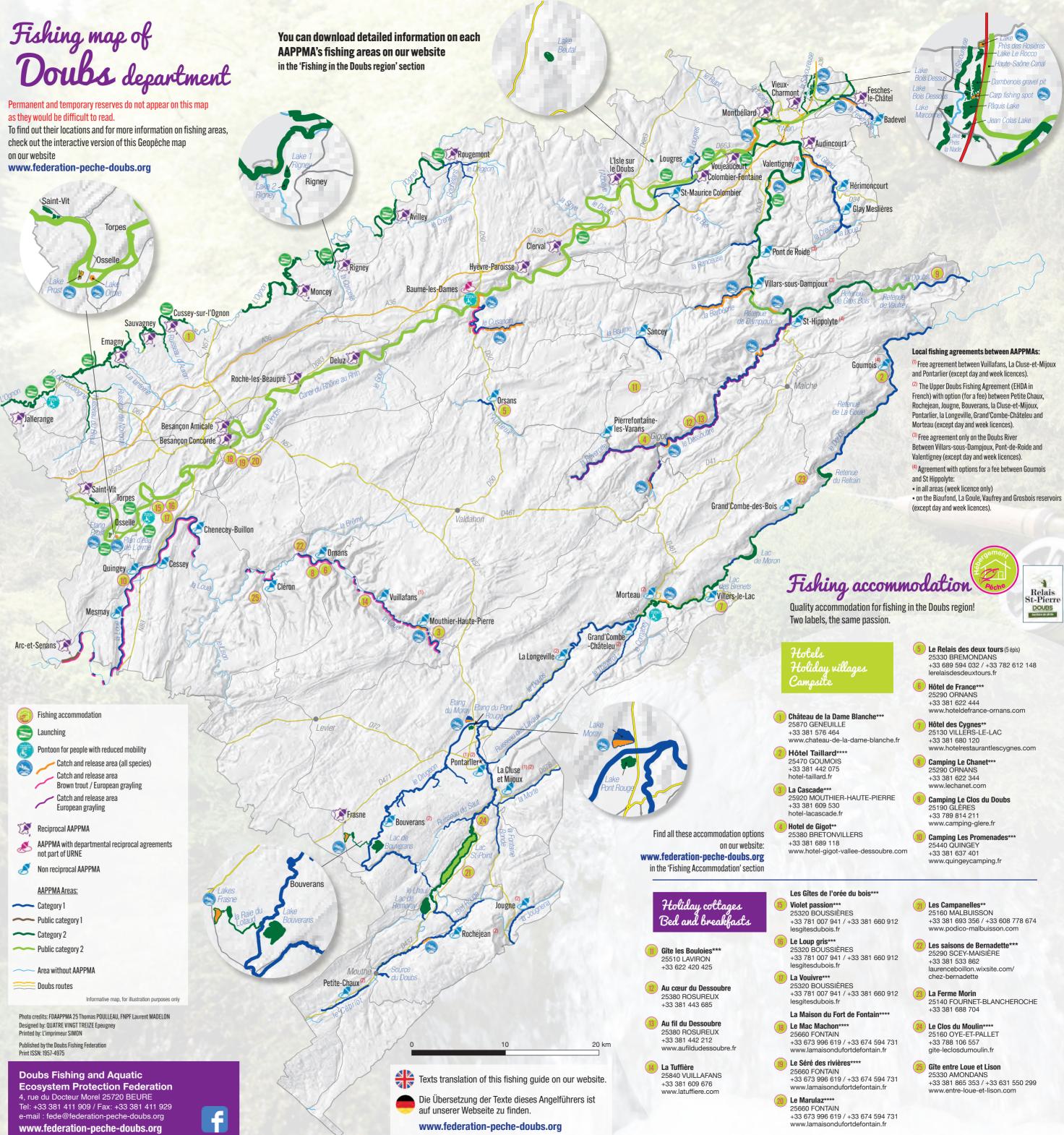
May 2023 bring you great catches and quality time by the water with friends or family. I wish you all a wonderful fishing season.

on a departmental and a national level.

President of the Doubs Fishing and Aquatic Ecosystem Protection Federation



As the recently elected president of the Doubs Fishing and Aquatic Ecosystem Protection Federation, I have the honour of representing you and protecting and promoting our passion Fishing in France can be summarised in the following figures: some 1,500,000 anglers, 94 departmental federations, 3,600 Authorised Fishing and Aquatic Ecosystem Protection Associations (AAPPMAs) and more than 40,000 volunteers. In the Doubs region, 22,984 people



# Fishing regulations 2023

Angling in the department of Doubs is subject to specific regulations depending on the waterway on which it is carried out.

There are essentially three main classes:

- Private category 1 waterways.
- Example: Cusancin, Dessoubre, Haut Doubs, Loue...
- · Private category 2 waterways. Example: Doubs middle course, Ognon, Savoureuse.
- · Public category 2 waterways and canals.
- Example: Doubs middle course, Rhône-Rhine Canal...

#### Fishing conduct and methods

#### In category 1, members of an AAPPMA can fish using:

## • 1 line in private waters.

2 lines in public waters (Arc-et-Senans section of the Loue River

#### In category 2,

### members of an AAPPMA can fish using:

- · 4 lines in private waters.
- · 4 lines in public waters. · 3 lines on the border section of the Doubs, including one rod with-

#### out a reel to catch live bait In both categories

#### members of an AAPPMA can fish using:

- 1 glass jug or bottle with a maximum capacity of 2 litres to catch minnows and other fish to use as bait.
- 6 drop nets, with a maximum diameter or diagonal measurement of 30 cm, with 27 mm or 10 mm mesh for catching signal crayfish. However, using them is forbidden on the border section of the Doubs.

The lines must be fitted onto rods and equipped with two hooks or three artificial flies at most. On the border section of the Doubs, lines must be equipped with a maximum of 2 hooks.

However, in the Saint-Point, Remoray and Bouverans lakes, the maximum number of hooks per line is set at 10, with a limit of 20 in total for all the lines being used for fishing at one time.

#### **No-fishing zones**

- Reserves protected by a prefectoral order.
- · Fish ladders.
- · Waterways inside buildings.
- · On all of the department's navigable public waterways and canals, all fishing is banned at dams and locks and within a distance of at least 50 metres upstream and downstream of them. There are signs specifying these limits, which may differ depending on the type of
- On all of the department's non-navigable private waterways and canals, all fishing is banned at dams and locks and within a distance of at least 50 metres downstream of them, except fishing with a single line.

## Responsibility and respect for others

Anglers are responsible for any damage they cause to property or

You are advised to follow the path for anglers along the river, and not to wander in all directions. Please respect fences and trees, and avoid parking inappropriately.

Look after nature by taking all litter with you, including picnic leftovers, packaging, bait, used fishing line, etc.

Our right to fish, granted by the public and private owners of the waters, depends on your conduct. Just one poorly behaved angler can cause an AAPPMA to lose miles of river.

## Fish consumption

Following evidence of all or some species present in certain stretches of river being contaminated with certain pollutants (especially PCB), the consumption of fish (of all species) is forbidden in the following sections:

- Ognon, from the Montferney dam to the Montbozon dam.
- Allan, along its entire course.
- Savoureuse, along its entire course in the department. Lizaine, along its entire course in the department.

The canals and lakes deriving from the aforementioned waterways are subject to the same measures. Tributaries are not affected. These restrictions do not apply to authorised fishing.

#### **Temporary Reserves**

In order to preserve certain sensitive species during pre-reproduction

#### And three specific cases:

- A public category 1 section on the Loue River (Arc-et-Senans section). • 2 category 2 hydroelectric reservoirs ('classed as public' as far as fishing is concerned): Vaufrey and Poset Lakes.
- · A section governed by an international convention named 'Doubs frontière' (Doubs border) (between Villers-le-Lac and Clairbief and upstream from Bremoncourt). All of these regulations are available on our website. Should you have any doubts regarding regulations, please consult the Geopêche website or contact the Federation.

The following information is a summary of the main texts in existence, taken from the French Environmental Code and the Permanent Regulatory Order concerning freshwater fishing in the department of

Internal regulations or specific fishing regulations cannot substitute the general regulations presented in this document.

The Federation shall not be held responsible for this information.

### **Specific measures**

#### In category 1,

- Attaching hooks above the sinker is forbidden.
- On the border section of the Doubs, it is forbidden to use barbed hooks and to use the bullhead as bait.
- Fly fishing is only allowed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in March until the Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May; with a fly rod, a single fly and a single barbless hook or hook with a crushed barb; and on the following waterways or sections of waterways: The Loue River and its tributaries, Dessoubre and its tributaries, Cusancin and its tributaries.

From the 3rd Saturday in May (start of the grayling season), fly fishing is allowed to take place there using all methods authorised by general regulations (3 fly lures at most, float, etc.), as in the rest of the

- To protect salmonid reproduction, entering the water is forbidden from the 2nd Saturday in March until 30 April. This prohibition is extended to the 3rd Saturday in May in the following waterways or sections of waterways (grayling protection): The Loue River and its tributaries. Dessoubre and its tributaries. Cusancin and its tributaries. On the border section of the Doubs, it is forbidden from 1 March until
- Using cheese, maggots or other insect larvae as bait is forbidden. Furthermore, on the border section of the Doubs, the use of rat-railed maggots and mealworms is forbidden
- · On the part of the Doubs that runs along the international border, grayling fishing is forbidden from downstream of the Refrain dam to

During the period when pike fishing is forbidden, fishing with live bait, dead bait, artificial bait, a spoon lure or another lure that may catch a pike non-accidentally (all artificial lures, like streamers, or wobbled natural baits, like worms) is forbidden. However, this prohibition only applies from the 2nd Saturday in March to the Doubs River between Moulin de Glère (boundary between category 1 and 2) and the D438 bridge at Voujeaucourt.

- On the border section of the Doubs, entering the water is forbidden from 1 March until 15 June, both dates inclusive.
- On the border section of the Doubs, trolling is allowed with a maximum of 3 lines per boat and 2 lines per angler. Please note: use of a motor is forbidden in the Moron reservoir.

#### In both categories, the following is forbidden:

- · Handfishing, fishing with a net and ice fishing. Stirring up the water to fish, except in the case of gudgeon fishing. Trolling. However, in the Saint-Point and Remoray lakes, trolling with
- a maximum of 3 lines is allowed on rowing boats only. Using the following as bait: fish roe of any kind or origin, species with a legal catching size (even if the bait is this size or larger), species not detailed on the list of officially present species in the waters subject to the freshwater fishing policy, and protected species.
- · Releasing the following species, transporting them live or using them as bait: catfish, pumpkinseed, pseudorasbora, spinycheek crayfish, signal crayfish, Louisiana crayfish, or Chinese mitten crab. Keeping a fish not caught by the mouth (unless caught in a jug or
- Using barbed hooks in catch and release areas.
- · Fishing the European grayling on the border section of the Doubs, except downstream of the Châtelot dam and upstream of the Biaufond reservoir.

On the border section of the Doubs, only up to 30 minnows may be caught per angler per day.

### Specific regulations

On Loue, Dessoubre and Cusancin basins, due to episodes of salmonid death in recent years, the following measures apply in 2023:

- · Maximum of 2 river trout per day and catch and release only for the European grayling in the Dessoubre River (including tributaries and sub-tributaries). Barbless hooks or hooks with a crushed barb for fishing with an artificial fly or natural bait (except minnows).
- Catch and release only for the river trout and the European grayling in the Loue River and the Cusancin River (including tributaries and subtributaries). Fishing (all methods) is only allowed with barbless hooks or hooks with a

and reproduction seasons, fishing (all species) is forbidden in the crushed barb.  collowing sections in the periods indicated:							
	Waterway	Town	Upstream boundary	Downstream boundary	Length		
I January to 10 March and 2 November to 31 December inclusive (brown trout protection):	Doubs	Pont-de-Roide / Villars-sous-Dampjoux / Noirefontaine	Lieu-dit Gougey as signposted	Confluence downstream of the 'Bras des Îlotes' arm (arm included)	1100 m		
to 29 January and	<b>Ognon</b> (Morte de la Grande Fin)	Rigney	All of the Morte until confluence with the Ognon (excluding this river): plots 16 and 17, section ZC $$				
t o 31 December inclusive (pike protection):	<b>Ognon</b> (left bank, Palise meander cutoff included)	Palise	130 m upstream of the downstream boundary	30 m downstream of the junction at the Palise meander cutoff	130 m + Morte		
29 January to 2 June inclusive	Water skiing lake no. 3	Dambenois	West part of the lake, at plots 112 (section AC) and 62, 63 and 64 Section AN, as signposted		1375 m		
(zander protection):	<b>Ognon</b> (left bank, including tailrace)	Emagny	Emagny dam	Bridge RD8/RD11 (Emagny/Pin)	340 m		

# Size and number of catches

Species	Section	Legal size	<b>Number of catches</b> Per angler per day	
Brown trout	The Doubs, from the 558 boundary marker (Bremoncourt) to the departmental border with Jura, excluding tributaries.  The Dessoubre: the entire length of the river, excluding tributaries.	30 cm	4 salmonids (a maximum	
	Doubs border		of 2 brown trout from the Dessoubre and its	
	Areas not mentioned	25 cm	tributaries	
European grayling	The Doubs, from the 558 boundary marker (Bremoncourt) to the D438 bridge at Voujeaucourt, excluding tributaries.	35 cm	Doubs border: 4	
European graying	Doubs border		salmonids, including a maximum of 2 grayling,	
	Areas not mentioned	30 cm	with a maximum annual	
Rainbow trout, Arctic char, Brook trout	All over the department Categories 1 and 2	25 cm	quota of 30 salmonids.	
European cisco	All over the department, Categories 1 and 2	32 cm	5 per day, 200 per year	
Dile	Category 1 (and Bouverans lake)	50 cm	2 pikes	
Pike	Category 2	60 cm	3 predatory fish (pike, zander, black bass),	
Zander	Category 2			
Black bass	Category 2	40 cm	2 pike Doubs border: 3 pikes	
Other species	All over the department, Categories 1 and 2	No size	No restriction	

Legal catch sizes: The length of the fish is measured from the tip of its snout to the end of its outstretched tail fin. Specimens smaller than the legal size must be released back into the water immediately whether alive or dead. Furthermore, transporting a live carp measuring longer than 60 cm is forbidden.

Please note! On the border section of the Doubs, any salmonid or pike catches must be recorded in a fishing logbook

# Fishing seasons

	Category 1		Category 2		
General fishing season	Saturday 11 March to Sunday 17 September, both dates inclusive		Saturday 1 January to Saturday 31 December, both dates inclusive		
		Specific fishin	g seasons		
Brown trout Brook trout Arctic char	General fishing season	Doubs border: Tuesday 1 March to Friday 30 September, both dates inclusive	Saturday 11 March to Sunday 17 September, both dates inclusive	Doubs border: Tuesday 1 March to Friday 30 September, both dates inclusive	
European grayling	Saturday 20 May to Sunday 17 September, both dates inclusive	Doubs border: Monday 16 May to Friday 30 September, both dates inclusive	Saturday 20 May to Wednesday 1 November, both dates inclusive	Doubs border: Monday 16 May to Friday 30 September, both dates inclusive	
European cisco	General fishing season Saturday 11 March to Wednesday 1 November, both dates inclu		oth dates inclusive		
Pike Perch	General fishing season*		Haut-Doubs**: Sunday 1 January to Sunday 29 January, both dates inclusive and Saturday 3 June to Sunday 31 December, both dates inclusive	Doubs border: Saturday 1 January to Monday 28 February and Thursday 16 June to Saturday 31 December, both dates inclusive	Other sectors: Sunday 1 January to Sunday 29 January, both dates inclusive and Saturday 29 April to Sunday 31 December, both inclusive
Black bass	General fishing season		Saturday, 1 January to Sunday 29 January, both dates inclusive and Saturday 1 July to Sunday 31 December, both dates inclusive		
Zander	General fishing season		Sunday, 1 January to Sunday 29 January, both dates inclusive and Saturday 3 June to Sunday 31 December, both dates inclusive		
Silver eel	Fishing forbidden all year				
Crayfish (European, stone, white-clawed, narrow-clawed)			Fishing forbidden all year		
Edible and common frogs	Saturday 13 May to Sunday 17 September, both dates inclusive		Saturday 13 May to Sunday 31 December, both dates inclusive		
Other frog species	Fishing forbidden all year				
Other species	General fishing season		General fishing season		

\*In category 1, any pike caught between 11 March and 28 April must be released back into the water immediately. This rule is extended to 3 June in all sections classed as category 1 on the Doubs, its tributaries and its sub-tributaries, upstream of Chaillexon Lake.

\*\*Haut-Doubs: The Doubs and its tributaries classed as category 2, including lakes, upstream of Chaillexon Lake: The Doubs from the Labergement-Sainte-Marie bridge to the Oye-et-Pallet dam (including Saint-Point Lake) and from the La Roche bridge to Chaillexon Lake (boundary with the Doubs along the international border), Remoray Lake and its drainage tunnel La Taverne, Raie du Lotaud (including the Frasne and Pont Rouge lakes).

# Fishing times

Fishing is forbidden more than half an hour before sunrise and more than half an hour after sunset. er section of the Doubs, authorised fishing hours are not linked to the time the sun rises and sets. You can consi table that details these times on the Federation website, in the Doubs border regulations section.

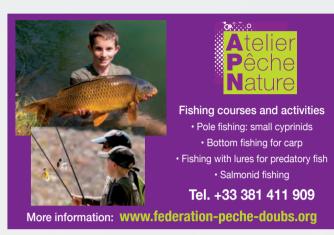
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The summer/winter clock changes have been made in the table, subject to their official enforcement.

Catch and release area (all species)

In catch and release areas, barbless hooks or hooks with a crushed barb must be used (for all fishing methods). Waterway 3000 m Confluence with the Doubs lès-Montbéliard CD 125 bridge (Le Champ Confluence with the Doubs 8060 m 5000 m 530 m confluence with the Lancot hamlet of Le Lac 1300 m (Villedieu les Rochejean), plots 872, 869, 867, 943, 937 in Maison du Bois Maison du Bois), plot 60 in section ZB (Gellin) as signposted Morteau water treatment plant 720 m 470 m upstream of the RD 437 600 m upstream of the 600 m Lake Près des The entire lake (4.8 ha) Rosières n°1 Lucien Lake The entire lake (23 ha) The entire lake (2.1 ha) (Pré du Bois)





# 'Night-Time Carp Fishing' areas This type of fishing can take place at any time, subject to certain conditions:

Bridge at the Bern bend

**Moray Lake** 

• Acquisition of the "Night-Time Carp Fishing" option (€20) for departmental or interdepartmental reciprocal licences (adult licence).

Confluence with Allan

Confluence with the Doubs

The 'Introduction for Women' (only one rod allowed), 'Minor', 'Introduction for Children under 12' (only one rod allowed),

2000 m

4200 m

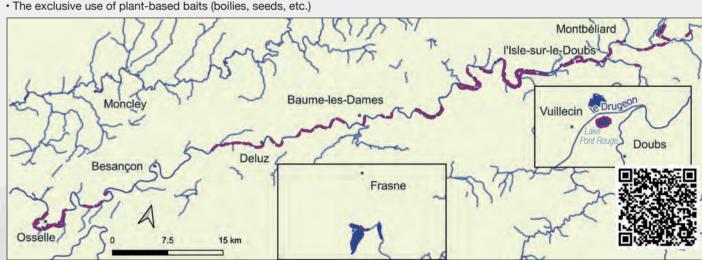
'Week' and 'Day' (consecutive licences for one night) licences are exempt from this supplement. Mandatory, immediate catch and release. Keeping catches in your bag is forbidden.

South/SW part of the lake, from the boundary btw plots 40 and

41 in section ZR to the boundary btw plots 37 and 38 in section

ZR, on part of plots 38, 39 and 41, and on all of plots 42, 43,

44, 45, 46 and 47 in section ZR, as sig



Maps detailing each of the areas are available for download from the Federation website or via the QR code below. You can also consult them on Géopêche.

Please note! Pont Rouge Lake: managed by AAPPMA Pontarlier: no access with the reciprocal 'Night-Time Carp Fishing' option.



most possible fishing space available to as many anglers as possible. This grouping constitutes a real source of support for member AAPPMAs. The system assists the associations with work needed to improve and extend their fishery leases (with building launches, creating spawning grounds, buying new areas, etc.). The reciprocal agreement means that every member is guaranteed to be able to fish with ease, without paying an extra fee every time they move to a different area.

In the Doubs region, the associations that have signed up to the reciprocal agreement system are members of URNE (North East Reciprocal Union). Inter-reciprocal agreements between URNE, CHI (Inter-department Fishing Club) and EGHO (Grand Ouest Fishing Agreement) have led to the implementation of an inter-federation fishing licence priced at €105, with which anglers can fish in the member AAPPMAs.

# Please note!

There is only a specific reciprocal agreement between Savoie and Haute-Savoie.

Licence prices for AAPPMAs with reciprocal agreements For associations without a reciprocal agreement, prices vary

Licence prices

	Sı	Summary of reciprocal AAPPMA licences				
	Type of licence			Prices (CPMA tax included)		
		Adult 'Doubs'	Reciprocal AAPPMAs of the Doubs	€ 76 (URNE Option: € 40)		
	Annual licences	Adult 'Interfederal URNE' (only available to members of 100% reciprocal AAPPMAs)	Reciprocal AAPPMAs of the Doubs, URNE, EHGO and CHI (90 departments)	€ 105		
		Introduction for Women Single line	All the AAPPMAs of the Doubs (reciprocal or otherwise), URNE, EHGO and CHI	€ 36		
		Minor (under 18 on 1 January of the current year)	Reciprocal AAPPMAs of the Doubs, URNE, EHGO and CHI (90 departments)	€ 21		
		Introduction for Children (under 12 on 1 January of the current year, 1 line only)	All the AAPPMAs of the Doubs (reciprocal or otherwise), URNE, EHGO and CHI	€7		
	Short-term	Week (7 consecutive days)	Reciprocal AAPPMAs of the Doubs	€ 34		
	licences	Day	Reciprocal AAPPMAs of the Doubs	€ 13		
	'Night-Time Carp Fishing' option (on 'Doubs' Adult licence or 'Interfederal URNE-EHGO-CHI' Adult licence only)		'Night-Time Carp Fishing' areas of the Reciprocal AAPPMAs of the Doubs	€ 20		

To request a licence, go to cartedepeche.fr or an agent (find the nearest on the Géopêche website).