

Grand-Duché de Luxembourg  
**SERVICES DE LA GESTION DE L'EAU**

**FISHING, THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

***BORDER WATERS***

They are: **Moselle:** from Schengen to Wasserbillig  
**Sûre:** from Wasserbillig to Wallendorf  
**Our:** from Wallendorf to the three-border point, including the dam lake at Vianden.

Anybody over the age of 14 years wishing to fish in the waters marking the border with the Federal Republic of Germany, must be the holder of a valid fishing license. Minors under 14 years of age may fish without license if they are under the surveillance of an adult license-holder.

**FISHING LICENSES**

Are available from the District Commissioner's office (=Commissariat de district) in Luxembourg-City, Diekirch and Grevenmacher and from most secretariats of borough administrations (=secrétariats de commune).

Licenses for the Vianden lake are available from the Société Electrique de l'Our (S.E.O.) and from the "Syndicat d'Initiative et de Tourisme" in Vianden.

## CATEGORIES AND TARIFS

- 1) **Category A** (Moselle, Sûre, Our): Allows fishing from the banks: 15 €/year; 10 €/month; 5 €/week.  
*Note: Fishing in the Our requires both a license and a permission of the landlord owning the banks of the river.*
- 2) **Category B** (Moselle, Sûre): Rights as under 1) plus fishing from a craft with one line: 40 €/year; 25 €/month; 10 €/week
- 3) **Group day license**: Allows fishing from the banks for one day and is available for groups with more than 12 participants: 0,50 € per person.
- 4) **License for Vianden Lake**: .The licence for one year can be ordered for 24,79 € at the S.E.O. 2, rue Pierre d'Aspelt, L-1142 Luxembourg. From 1<sup>st</sup> of June to septembre 30<sup>th</sup>, licenses for tourists: 12,50 € for 2 weeks. Available at the Tourist Office, Maison Victor Hugo, in Vianden.

## FISHING INSTRUMENTS AND METHODS :

**Sûre and Our:** only one fishing line is allowed

**Moselle:** two fishing lines are allowed at most.

The fishing lines must remain under constant surveillance of the fisher and must not be left.

## IT IS FORBIDDEN:

1. to catch more than 3 fishes of the salmon family (trout, grayling) and more than one pike per day;
2. to fish with the feet in the water, except when fly-fishing in the Sûre;
3. to use as bait non native fish species, natural or artificial fish eggs, frogs or crayfish, as well as coloured maggots, to feed with coloured magots;
4. to fish at night.  
Night is: a) from November 1st to March 31: from 7.00 p.m. to 7.00 a.m.,  
b) from April 1st to Octobre 31: from 11.00 p.m. to 5.00 a.m.;
5. to fish down- and upstream from the dam at Rosport-Ralingen (Sûre) as well as near the locks of Palzem-Stadtbredimus and Grevenmacher-Wellen (Moselle). These areas are signposted;
6. to fish from islands, bridges or adjacent parts to lock-waters, from dams, bridges or landing stages;
7. to catch the following fish and crayfish: salmon, sea-trout, burbot, brook lamprey, bitterling, weatherfish, spined loach, crucian carp, spirlin, minnow, nobel crayfish, stone crayfish, freshwater pearl mussel, *Unio tumidis*, *Unio crassus* (protected species).

**FISHING PERIODS IN BORDER WATERS**

**A) MOSELLE AND SURE**

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
<i>Annual closed season</i>												
=All fishing prohibited							15.6.					
<i>Additional closed season for specified fishes</i>												
Pike, Pike Perche							15.6.					
Grayling							15.6.					
Brook trout							15.6.					
Protected fish and crayfish												

Catch authorized                       Catch prohibited

**B) OUR**

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
<i>Annual closed season</i>												
=All fishing prohibited												
<i>Additional closed season for specified fishes</i>												
Pike, Pike Perch							15.6.					
Rudd, Red-Eye, Roach							15.6.					
Tench, Nase							15.6.					
Barbel, Carp							15.6.					
Grayling												
Brown trout <sup>2</sup>								2				
Protected fish and crayfish species <sup>1</sup>												

Catch authorized                       Catch prohibited

<sup>1</sup> salmon, sea-trout, burbot, brook lamprey, bitterling, weatherfish, spined loach, crucian carp, spirlin, minnow, noble crayfish, stone crayfish, freshwater pearl mussel, *Unio tumidis*, *Unio crassus*

<sup>2</sup> In the river Our, from the bridge in Dasbourg upstream the catch of brown trout is prohibited from August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MINIMUM  
CATCH LENGTH**

Fish	Minimum length *
Eel	40 cm
Pike	50 cm
Pike-Perch	45 cm
Barbel	35 cm
Carp	35 cm
Nase	30 cm

Fish	Minimum length *
Rudd, Red Eye	15 cm
Roach	15 cm
Tench	25 cm
Grayling	30 cm
Brown trout	25 cm
Sea trout	25 cm

\* Measured from the tip of the head to the end of the caudal fin.

