

Seared Salmon on Herbed Mashed Peas

Give mashed potatoes a break by serving salmon on a bed of brightly seasoned pureed peas. You may need to thin the pea mixture; add one tablespoon of water at a time until you achieve the desired consistency.



YIELD: 4 servings (serving size: 1 salmon fillet and about 1/2 cup mashed peas)

COURSE: Main Dishes

Ingredients

1 teaspoon butter

1 cup thinly sliced leek

1/4 cup water

1 (10-ounce) package frozen green peas, thawed

1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

2 teaspoons chopped fresh tarragon

1/2 teaspoon salt, divided

1/2 teaspoon black pepper, divided

4 (6-ounce) salmon fillets

Cooking spray

Lemon wedges (optional)

Preparation

Heat butter in a medium nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add leek; cook 5 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Add water and peas; cook 5 minutes or until peas are tender.

Place pea mixture in a food processor. Add basil, juice, and tarragon; process until smooth, adding more water if necessary. Stir in 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper; keep warm.

Sprinkle salmon with remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and remaining 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Heat a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Add salmon, skin side down, and cook for 6 minutes or until golden. Turn, and cook for 8 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork or until desired degree of doneness. Serve salmon over warm

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mashed peas. Garnish with lemon wedges, if desired.

Amount per serving

Calories: 393

Calories from fat: 46%

Fat: 19.9g

Saturated fat: 4.4g

Monounsaturated fat: 7g

Polyunsaturated fat: 6.9g

Protein: 38g

Carbohydrate: 13.8g

Fiber: 3.5g

Cholesterol: 103mg

Iron: 2.2mg

Sodium: 482mg

Calcium: 54mg

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