SALMON CAKE WITH LEMON-CAPER YOGURT SAUCE (YIELD: 40 SMALL PATTIES)



INGREDIENTS

FISH

- 1. 2 pounds skinless salmon fillet
- 2. Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

PATTIES

- 1. One 8oz kernel corn can
- 2. 3 tablespoons caper, rinsed, drained, and chopped
- 3. 1 whole lemon (juice and zest)
- 4. 1¹/₄ cups mayonnaise
- 5. 14oz (Keebler club) cracker, crushed into crumbs
- 6. 3 tablespoon melted butter
- 7. 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 8. 2/3 cup chopped fresh chives if on hand

SAUCE

- 1. ¹/₂ cup full-fat plain Greek yogurt
- 2. 1.5 tablespoons capers, rinsed, drained and chopped
- 3. 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 4. 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 5. Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS

Salmon: Put a grill pan over medium-high (350 degree F) heat or preheat a gas or charcoal grill. Drizzle the salmon with lemon juice and season with salt and pepper, to taste. Grill until the flesh is cooked through and flakes easily with a fork, about 6 to 8 minutes on each side (or 20 minutes in the oven). Set aside to cool for 20 minutes.

Patties: Using a fork, flake the salmon into ½ -inch pieces and put into a medium bowl. Add the chives, crushed crackers, the corn, mustard, mayonnaise, capers, lemon juice, and lemon zest. Mix gently until just combined. Form the mixture into 2½ -inch diameter patties, about ¾ -inches thick. (If the mixture is too dry to form into patties, add extra mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon at a time). Freeze the patties until needed. When ready to cook, in a large nonstick skillet, heat the oil and butter over medium heat. Add the patties and cook until golden and crispy, about 7 to 8 minutes each side. Drain on paper towels.

Sauce: In a small bowl, mix together the yogurt, capers, lemon juice, and lemon zest. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Arrange the salmon cakes on a platter and serve alongside the sauce.