

Fish Tacos

Let guests assemble their own tacos using grilled fish, corn-avocado relish, salsa fresca, and garden slaw. Or serve plates of fish and accompaniments to each person, with tortillas on the side.

PREP AND COOK TIME: About 45 minutes

MAKES: 8 servings

4 pounds boned and skinned tilapia fillets or other firm, white-fleshed fish fillets

4 red onions (6 oz. each)

1/4 cup vegetable oil

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

24 to 32 white corn tortillas (6 in.)

Lime wedges

Corn-avocado relish (recipe follows)

Salsa fresca (recipe follows)

1. Rinse fish and pat dry. Peel onions and cut lengthwise into quarters, keeping root ends intact. Brush both sides of the fish fillets and the onion quarters with oil. Sprinkle evenly with salt and pepper. Wrap stack of tortillas in foil.

2. Set tortillas and onions on an oiled barbecue grill over medium-hot coals or medium-high heat on a gas grill (you can hold your hand at grill level only 3 to 4 seconds); close lid on gas grill. Cook tortillas until hot, turning 2 or 3 times, 10 to 15 minutes total. Place warm tortillas in a napkin-lined basket. Cook onions, turning once, until cooked through and lightly charred, 10 to 15 minutes total.

3. Grill the fish, turning once, until barely opaque in center of thickest part (cut to test), 6 to 8 minutes total.

4. Arrange fish, onions, and lime wedges on a platter or divide among plates. Offer relish and salsa to add to taste.

Per serving: 458 Cal., 19% (85 Cal.) from fat; 48 g protein; 9.4 g fat

Corn-Avocado Relish

In a large bowl, whisk together 1/4 cup lime juice, 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar, 1 tablespoon olive oil, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin, and 1/8 teaspoon cayenne. Remove husks and silk from 2 ears corn. Cut kernels off cobs (about 2 cups) and add to bowl. Rinse, stem, seed, and dice 1 red bell pepper (8 oz.). Add bell pepper, 1/2 cup diced red onion, and 1/4 cup chopped cilantro to bowl; stir into dressing. Peel, pit, and chop 3 firm-ripe avocados (1 1/2 lb. total). Add to bowl and gently mix, taking care not to smash the avocado too much. Makes 6 1/2 cups.

Per tablespoon: 12 Cal., 67% (8 Cal.) from fat; 0.2 g protein; 0.9 g fat (0.1 g sat.); 1.1 g carbo (0.2 g fiber); 35 mg sodium; 0 mg chol.

Salsa Fresca

In a large bowl, mix together 4 firm-ripe tomatoes (1 1/2 lb. total), rinsed, cored, seeded, and chopped; 1/2 cup diced red onion; and 2 to 3 tablespoons chopped jalapeño chile to taste. Add 1 tablespoon lime juice and 1 to 1 1/2 teaspoons salt to taste. Makes 3 1/2 cups.

Per tablespoon: 3.1 Cal., 0% (0 Cal.) from fat; 0.1 g protein; 0 g fat; 0.7 g carbo (0.2 g fiber); 53 mg sodium; 0 mg chol.

Easy Garden Slaw

In a large bowl, whisk together 5 tablespoons malt vinegar, 1 tablespoon whipping cream, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon celery salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Add 8 cups shredded green cabbage and 2 carrots (3 oz.), peeled and grated; mix well. Makes 8 servings. Serve slaw alongside fish or add to tacos.

Per serving: 29 Cal., 24% (7 Cal.) from fat; 1 g protein; 0.8 g fat (0.4 g sat.); 5.4 g carbo (2 g fiber); 348 mg sodium; 2.5 mg chol.

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