BAKED WHITEFISH WITH A LEMON AND THYME TOPPING



Whitefish is a lean fish that benefits from the added flavours of a topping. Rainbow Trout, Northern Pike and Walleye would also be delicious cooked this way. Enjoy!



ABOUT THE CHEF

A culinary arts professor and consultant, cooking show host, and cookbook co-author, First Nation Chef David Wolfman is an internationally recognized expert in wild game and traditional Indigenous cuisine.



INGREDIENTS

2 lbs (900 g) Whitefish fillet (or Rainbow Trout, Northern Pike, or Walleye)

1 tsp (5 mL) salt, divided

1 tsp (5 mL) ground black pepper, divided

14 cup (60 mL) butter

1 small onion, finely chopped

½ tsp (2.5 mL) dried thyme

1 tsp (5 mL) lemon juice

½ cup (125 mL) bread crumbs

Optional: lemon wedges and fresh chopped parsley

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 190°C (375°F).
- 2. Rinse and pat the fish dry with paper towel. Place on a greased, parchment paper- or foil-lined baking sheet.
- **3.** Season the fish with ½ teaspoon (2.5 mL) of the salt and ½ teaspoon (2.5 mL) of the black pepper.
- **4.** In a skillet, melt about half of the butter. Add the onion and gently cook for 2 minutes.
- 5. Add the thyme, lemon juice, salt, pepper, bread crumbs, and the rest of the butter. Allow the butter to melt. Mix well.
- **6.** Sprinkle the topping over the fish and bake for 12 to 15 minutes.
- **7.** Serve immediately with lemon wedges and chopped parsley, if using.



- » Chill leftovers for up to 3 days in the fridge.
- » To freeze, let it cool, then transfer fish to food safe containers, removing all excess air, and freeze for up to 3 months. When ready to use, thaw in fridge overnight and heat to serving temperature 74°C (165°F) or higher.