Food is Medicine RECIPE BOOK







Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council







The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) partnered with the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council (I·SPARC) in a wellness initiative aimed at nourishing our minds, bodies and spirits, resulting in the creation of this recipe book.

The Food is Medicine Cooking Show is a series on YouTube featuring registered dieticians Rachel Dickens and Fiona Devereaux as hosts. Each episode contains numerous accessible recipes you can make with nutritious ingredients, featuring traditional foods and knowledge from Indigenous communities they visit throughout their travels.

This recipe book is based on foods featured in Seasons 1 and 2 of the Food is Medicine Cooking Show.

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FOOD IS MEDICINE RECIPES FROM SEASON ONE, EPISODE ONE:

The Gift of Water

On this episode of Food is Medicine, join Rachel and Fiona on the beautiful Ahousaht territory as they guide you through some of their favorite recipes from the ocean and an everyday salad dressing to go with all your seafood favourites. Recipes below if you'd like to follow along!



Food is Medicine: The Gift of Water

Salmon Cakes



INGREDIENTS:

4 cups	Potatoes
1/2 cup	Onion
2 Tbsp	Dill
1 cup/jar	Salmon
2 large	Eggs
1 Tbsp	Mustard
1/4 tsp	Salt
1/2 tsp	Pepper
2 Thsp	Olive oil



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- 1. Grate potatoes and finely chop both the onion and dill.
- 2. Drain some of the liquid from the salmon.
- 3. In a large bowl, lightly whisk the eggs.
- 4. Add salmon, onion, dill, mustard, salt, and pepper to the bowl, and mix.
- 5. Before adding your potato, squeeze out any excess moisture with your hands and then add to the bowl, mixing all ingredients.
- 6. Form patties the size of your palm, squeezing out any excess water.
- 7. Heat olive oil in a pan over medium to medium-high heat (or 350 F). Cook for3-5 minutes or until browned on the bottom.
- 8. Gently turn over and cook 3-5 minutes more, covered, until crispy on the other side.

Aioli Dipping Sauce

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1/4 cup

Salmon juice from the can

1/2 cup

Mayonnaise

1 tsp

Lemon juice

1-2 cloves Garlic

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Mince garlic and place into a bowl.
- 2. Add all remaining ingredients to bowl, and mix.

KwAKMIS (Herring Roe)

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INGREDIENTS:

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Herring roe on keln

4 large

Eggs

1-2 tsr

Sov sauce

1 Thsr

Olive oil

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Cut roe into chunks.
- Add eggs and soy sauce to a mixing bowl and whisk.
- Add oil to a pan, heating to medium-high.
- Dip roe into the egg and soy sauce mixture and add to pan.
- 5. Cook for a few minutes until roe turns white, then flip, and cook on the other side.

Everyday Salad Dressing

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INGREDIENTS:

1 cup

Olive oil

1/4 cup

Vinegar

1 Tbsp

Honey or maple syrup

- Combine all ingredients in a container or mason jar, and shake.
- 2. Add to salad of choice.

FOOD IS MEDICINE RECIPES FROM SEASON ONE, EPISODE TWO:

Camp Style Cooking

On this episode of Food is Medicine, join Rachel and Fiona as they shake up the norm on camp style cooking. They are joined by some special guests to enjoy elk chili, stove top cornbread, and a stove top fruit crisp on the beautiful WSÁNEĆ territory. Recipes below if you'd like to follow along!



Food is Medicine: Camp Style Cooking

Elk Chili

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups	Vegetables, chopped (onions, peppers, carrots, celery, etc.)
2 Tbsp	Olive oil
2 lbs	Ground elk (or bison, beef, venison, moose, etc.)
4 cloves	Garlic, minced
2 Tbsp	Chili powder
2 Tbsp	Cumin powder
2 cans (796 ml)	Diced tomatoes (no salt added)
2 cans (540 ml)	Black beans, rinsed (no salt added)
2 cans (540 ml)	Kidney beans, rinsed (no salt added)

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2 cups



Frozen or canned corn



- 1. Dice all vegetables (grated zucchini optional).
- 2. Heat oil in a large pot to medium-high, add elk, and cook until evenly browned.
- 3. Add all of your chopped vegetables and cook 5-7 minutes.
- Add garlic, chili powder, cumin, and any other desired seasonings and spices, stirring for 30 seconds to 1 minute.
- 5. Add your diced tomatoes (and optional grated zucchini), letting the chili cook down.
- 6. Add remaining canned beans and corn.
- 7. Cover and let cook for 10-15 minutes.

Stove Top Cornbread



INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Pour milk or milk alternative into a small mixing bowl and add vinegar. Set aside until it starts to curdle.
- 2. Combine cornmeal, baking soda and salt in a small mixing bowl. Set aside.
- Crack egg and whisk in a large mixing bowl. Add desired sweetener and olive oil, and mix.
- 4. Add contents of milk or milk alternative bowl, and mix.
- 5. Add contents of the cornmeal bowl, and mix.
- 6. Heat a cast iron pan on low to medium heat, adding butter and some oil until hot.
- 7. Pour mixture into the pan, cover, and let cook for 6-8 minutes.

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Stove Top Fruit Crisp

INGREDIENTS:

1-2 Tbsp Butter and/or oil
2 large Apples, sliced
1 cup Berries
1 Tbsp Honey or maple syrup
1/2-1 tsp Cinnamon
1/2 cup Granola

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- Add butter and/or oil to cast iron pan, heating to medium.
- 2. Add apples, cooking down for a few minutes, and then add berries of choice. Stir constantly.
- Add honey or maple syrup and cinnamon (and water, as needed, 1 Tbsp at a time).
- 4. Top with granola and serve.

FOOD IS MEDICINE RECIPES FROM SEASON ONE, EPISODE THREE:

Wild About Snacks

On this episode of Food is Medicine, join Rachel and Fiona on their journey to Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ (Ucluelet First Nation) to share some snack food favorites with special guests. This episode features nettle pesto, smoked salmon dip, and nori salmon rolls! Recipes below if you'd like to follow along!



Food is Medicine: Wild About Snacks

Nettle Pesto

INGREDIENTS:

6 cups Young, fresh nettles, rinsed and blanched

2 cups Basil, rinsed with stems removed

1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated (substitute with

1-2 Tbsp miso paste)

____ 1/3 cup Walnuts (substitute

pine nuts or almonds)

1 tsp Lemon juice +

lemon zest (optional)

1/3 cup Olive oil

2-3 cloves Garlic, chopped

To taste Salt and pepper

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- 1. Add nettle and basil to a food processor or blender and mix.
- 2. Add all remaining ingredients to machine, mixing to desired consistency.

Salmon Dip





INGREDIENTS:

- 4-6 cups Smoked and candied salmon (canned or jarred)
- 3-4 stalks Celery
- 1 large Onion (or 1 cup spring onions)
- Cream cheese
- Greek yogurt
- 1-2 cups Fresh berries (options include huckleberries, blueberries. raspberries, strawberries, blackberries or

even

salmonberries!

- 1. Drain juice from the canned salmon, if using.
- 2. Dice the onion and celery.
- 3. Add diced vegetables to a food processor or blender along with the cream cheese. Blend.
- 4. Add the drained smoked salmon and candied salmon (if you have it) to the food processor or blender along with the Greek yogurt. Blend.
- 5. Add the fresh berries and blend lightly OR remove mixture from food processor or blender and gently fold in the berries.

Nori Salmon Rolls



INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup Cream cheese 1-2 Tbsp Mayonnaise Lemon juice 1-2 Tbsp
- 2 Tbsp Red onion, diced
- 4-6 sheets Nori seaweed (pre packaged is
- Cucumber, sliced 1 large
- Carrot, grated
- 1 large 1/2 large Lemon, zest
- (optional)
- A pinch Salt (optional)

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- 1. Add softened cream cheese, mayonnaise, and lemon juice into a medium mixing bowl. Mix. Optional: add zest of half a lemon and a pinch of salt.
- 2. Add diced red onion to bowl and mix all contents well.
- 3. Place a Nori seaweed sheet on a flat surface and spread a spoonful or more of your cream cheese mixture on half of the sheet.
- 4. Layer carrot, cucumber, salmon, and any other desired ingredients on top of the cream cheese.
- 5. Roll the sheet and all of its contents tight. Use water if the seaweed isn't sticking.
- 6. Cut and serve.

FOOD IS MEDICINE RECIPES FROM SEASON ONE, EPISODE FOUR:

Protein Power

Join Rachel and Fiona's journey to the Quw'utsun homelands to share their knowledge of protein with two Métis youth – one aspiring and one past North American Indigenous Games athlete. Join us as we explore the endless possibilities of overnight oats and take fish and chips to the ultimate test - air fryer vs. oven method! Recipes below if you'd like to follow along!



Food is Medicine: Protein Power Recipes

Overnight Oats

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup Milk or milk alternative, fortified

3/4 cup Greek yogurt

(substitute with 1/4 cup chia seeds)

2/3 cup Old fashioned, large flake rolled oats

1/2 tsp Cinnamon (option to

substitute nutmeg)

1 cup Berries, fresh or frozen

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- In a medium bowl, mix milk or milk alternative, yogurt (or chia seeds), oats, and cinnamon (or nutmeg).
- 2. Add berries, if frozen.
- 3. Stir well, cover, and place in refrigerator overnight.
- 4. Top with nuts or seeds and berries, if using fresh, as well as any other desired ingredients in the morning. If mixture is too thick, add milk or milk alternative.

Home Fries

INGREDIENTS:

2 large

Potatoes or sweet potatoes,

1/2-2 Tbsp Olive oil

(depending on air fryer or oven

method)

To taste

Salt and pepper or other spices

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OVEN INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Preheat oven to 425°F.
- 2. Cut potatoes to the size you prefer, from thin fries to thick wedges.
- 3. In a bowl, toss the cut potatoes with 1/2 Tbsp of oil, and the salt, pepper, and spices of your choosing.
- 4. Place on a baking sheet and bake in preheated oven for 20 minutes, flipping halfway.

AIR FRYER INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Preheat air fryer to 400°F. Toss cut potatoes with 1-2 Tbsp of oil, and the salt, pepper, and spices of your choosing.
- 2. Air fry for 20-25 minutes, shaking intermittently. Cook in preheated air fryer at 400°F for 20-25 minutes.

Roasted Vegetables

INGREDIENTS:

4 cups

Starchy vegetables, skin on, and cut into 1" cubes (sweet potato, yam,

potato, carrot, etc.)

6 cups

Non-starchy vegetables, fresh or frozen, cut into 1" cubes (broccoli, cauliflower,

mushroom, Brussel sprouts, onion, etc.)

2 Tbsp

Olive oil

To taste

Seasonings (salt, pepper, Italian, chili

powder, etc.)

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OVEN INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
- 2. Mix starchy vegetables, seasonings of choice, and 1 Tbsp of oil. Spread onto a baking sheet, bake for 15 minutes, and then remove from oven.
- 3. Add the non-starchy vegetables, any additional seasoning, and 1 Tbsp of oil. Mix well. Bake for an additional 25 minutes or until the vegetables are almost cooked through.

AIR FRYER INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Preheat air fryer to 400°F.
- 2. Toss all ingredients together and air fry for 14-16 minutes, shaking intermittently.

Breaded Fish



INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 - 2 cups Whole wheat panko

(or breadcrumbs)

2 1/2 Tbsp Garlic powder

1/4 tsp Salt (optional)

2 large Eggs, whisked

8 fillets Fish, skin removed,

patted dry with paper towel (halibut, salmon,

lingcod, etc.)



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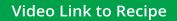
OVEN INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
- 2. Mix first 4 ingredients in a medium mixing bowl and coat the fish.
- 3. Place coated fish on a baking sheet and bake for 10-15 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fish. Check every few minutes after the 10 minute mark.

AIR FRYER INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Preheat air fryer to 390°F.
- 2. Mix first 4 ingredients in a medium mixing bowl and coat the fish.
- 3. Air fry coated fish for 5 minutes, flip, and air fry for an additional 3 minutes.

7-Spice Flavour Shaker





INGREDIENTS:		
Single or bulk measurements		
1 Tbsp or 1 cup	Dried mustard	
1 Tbsp or 1 cup	Paprika	
1 Tbsp or 1 cup	Garlic powder	
1 Tbsp or 1 cup	Onion powder	
1 1/2 tsp or 1/2 cup	Black or white pepper	
1 tsp or 1/2 cup	Basil	
1 tsp or 1/4 cup	Thyme	

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Take all ingredients (depending on the size you are making), add to a container, and shake!



Nettle Seaweed Flavour Shaker

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup Sesame seeds, unhulled
1/4 cup Nettles, dried
1/4 cup Seaweed, dried

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- 1. Toast sesame seeds over medium heat in a dry pan.
- 2. Grind sesame seeds in a blender or coffee grinder. Optional: add salt to taste.
- 3. Grind nettles and seaweed into powders.
- 4. Blend all ingredients and store in a glass jar in the refrigerator.









Food is Medicine Recipe Book Volume 2

In the newest volume of the Food is Medicine Recipe Book, registered dietitians Rachel and Fiona are hosted by the Adams family in Nlaka'pamux territory as they harvest and cook together.

This volume features delicious and nutritious recipes for soups, stews, and even a couple recipes for those with a sweet tooth!

FOOD IS MEDICINE RECIPES FROM SEASON TWO, EPISODE ONE:

Recipes from Nlaka'pamux Pt. 1

In this episode of Food is Medicine, join Rachel and Fiona on the beautiful Nlaka'pamux territory as they learn to harvest TatOOwe-n (wild potato), and TSawAta (celery plant) and see how the Adams family likes to incorporate these wild foods into their everyday meals, like, fish soup and a wild food power bowl. Recipes below if you'd like to follow along!



Food is Medicine: Nlaka pamux Pt. 1



Buster's Fish Soup

INGREDIENTS:

8 cups	Water
10-15 oz	Sockeye salmon, skin on
1 large	Onion, diced
4 large	Potatoes, cut into 1/2" cubes with skin on (Recommended Yukon Gold)
1 tsp	Salt
1 tsp	Pepper

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Boil water in a large pot.
- 2. Add salmon and cook for 2 minutes.
- 3. Remove fish from pot and gently remove skin. Return skinned fish to pot and break into bite-sized pieces.
- 4. Add onion, potatoes, salt, and pepper to pot.
- 5. Boil for 30-35 minutes.

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Stwen (Wind-Dried Fish) Soup

(Option to make with half-smoked, jarred or canned fish)

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INGREDIENTS:

1 Tbsp Olive oil
1 large Onion, chopped
3 stalks Celery, chopped
3 large Carrots, chopped
1 large Potato, skin on and cubed (Recommended: Yukon Gold)
1 large Bay leaf
2-3 cups Tomato, diced (500-750 ml can is fine)
5oz Wind-dried fish (1/2 smoked fish or 250 ml jarred fish)
To taste Salt and pepper

- 1. Add olive oil to a large soup pot and heat to medium-high. Add the onion celery, and carrots. Turn heat to medium and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Add diced tomatoes and 5-6 cups water (or stock of your choice). Bring to a boil.
- Add both potato and bay leaf, and boil for 45 minutes.
- 4. Add in the ½ smoked fish, jarred fish or boiled wind-dried fish, and cook for another 3-5 minutes.
- 5. Season with salt and pepper, and serve.

TatOOwe-n (Wild Potato) Power Bowl



FOOD IS MEDICINE RECIPES FROM SEASON TWO, EPISODE TWO:

Recipes from Nlaka'pamux Pt. 2

In this episode of Food is Medicine, join our hosts as they continue to ground themselves on the territory and learn from the Adams family. We explore meat stew in two different ways, one on the stove top and one in the slow cooker, both using wild deer, pine mushrooms, and stinging nettles. Then they top it off with a traditional ShwuhOOshem (soapberry) drink and a sweet treat with TsulTsala (huckleberries). Recipes below if you'd like to follow along!



Food is Medicine: Nlaka'pamux Pt. 2

ShwuhOOshem (Soapberry) Drink

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup ShwuhOOshem (Soapberries)

2 litres Water

To taste Sweetener (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Place a wire strainer over a mason jar or beverage container.
- 2. Pour shwuOOshem into the strainer and use a spoon to mash the juice from the berries.
- 3. Add water (and optional sweetener) to the container to reach desired flavour.

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Yogurt Berry Bowl







INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Add yogurt to a bowl, top with fruit, nuts or seeds, and a drizzle of honey.

INGREDIENTS:

3/4 cup Greek yogurt, plain

1/2 cup Berries, fresh or

frozen (substitute sliced apple or chopped banana)

2 Tbsp Roasted hazelnuts,

chopped (or any nuts or seeds)

1 tsp Honey (substitute

homemade jam, maple syrup, etc.)

Sheila's Meat Stew

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb Wild meat, cubed (deer, elk, moose, etc.)

1 cup Pine mushrooms (defrosted, if frozen)

2 large Potatoes, cubed

2 cups Vegetables, chopped (carrots, onion, celery)

1 can Cream of mushroom

soup (lower sodium,

if possible)

To cover Water

To taste Seasonings of choice

1 Tbsp Cornstarch

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- 1. Add meat to slow cooker and layer on pine mushrooms, potatoes, and vegetables.
- 2. Add can of cream of mushroom soup and water to cover the vegetables.
- 3. Add any spices you like including garlic, herbs, salt, and pepper.
- 4. Cook in the slow cooker on high heat for 5 hours.
- 5. To thicken the stew before serving, add 1 Tbsp of cornstarch mixed with 2 Tbsp of cold water.
- 6. Taste and adjust seasoning before serving.



Wild Meat Stew





INGREDIENTS: 1 Tbsp Olive oil Wild meat or lean 1 lb beef, cubed (deer, elk, moose, etc.) 6-12 cups Broth of choice 1/2 Tbsp Lemon juice 1 cup Pine mushrooms (defrosted if frozen) 1 large Bay leaf (optional) 1 Tbsp Rosemary or thyme (optional) 1/2 Tbsp Black pepper, ground Onion, chopped 1 large 3 large Celery stalks, chopped 3 large Carrots, chopped 2 large Yukon gold potatoes, skin on, chopped Stinging nettle or 1 cup spinach (optional) Corn starch 1 Tbsp 2 Tbsp Cold water

- Heat oil in a large soup pot on medium. Add the meat and cook until browned, about 5-7 minutes.
- 2. Add broth of choice (if using previously frozen mushrooms, start with half).
- 3. Stir in the lemon juice, mushrooms, bay leaf, rosemary or thyme, pepper, and any other seasonings of choice.
- 4. Bring to a boil and reduce heat. Cover and let simmer for 45-60 minutes.
- 5. Add onion, celery, carrots, and potatoes to pot. Cover and simmer for an additional hour, stirring occasionally, and adding more water as needed.
- 6. About 15 minutes before serving, mix cornstarch with 2 Tbsp of cold water and stir into the stew.
- 7. About 3 minutes before serving, if using, add stinging nettle or spinach.
- 8. Add any additional seasonings you like, and serve.

About the First Nations Health **Authority (FNHA)**

The FNHA is the health and wellness partner to over 200 diverse First Nations communities and citizens across BC.

In 2013, the FNHA began a new era in BC First Nations health governance and health care delivery by taking responsibility for the programs and services formerly delivered by Health Canada. Since then the FNHA has been working to address service gaps through new partnerships, closer collaboration, health systems innovation, reform and redesign of health programs and services for individuals, families, communities and Nations.

The FNHA is also a champion of culturally safe practices throughout the broader health care system. Taking a leadership role, the FNHA actively works with its health partners to embed cultural safety and humility into health service delivery and improve health outcomes for First Nations people.

About the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council (I·SPARC)

I-SPARC is a provincial organization established with the purpose of improving the health outcomes of Indigenous peoples by supporting and encouraging physically active individuals, families, and communities.

The programs and services delivered by I·SPARC are designed to build capacity and increase access to sport, recreation, and physical activity in First Nations communities, Métis Chartered Communities, Aboriginal Friendship Centres, schools, and other delivery agencies throughout British Columbia.

For more information, please visit:

www.isparc.ca







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