Panko Cod Cake Burgers



PREP TIME: 30 minutes plus chilling COOK TIME: ~15 minutes SERVINGS: 4-6

For this recipe, we're starting with a fresh cod fillet — a less common choice for cod cakes that delivers a clean, delicate flavor and a wonderfully moist interior. These versatile cakes are perfect on a toasted bun for a cod burger, plated alongside vegetables, or served with a salad. They can be made in advance, chilled, and cooked later. A food processor will make preparation much easier.

INGREDIENTS





4 portions COD FILLET ($\sim 1 \frac{1}{4}$ lb), pressed dry with paper towels 1 **NEW POTATO** ($\sim \frac{1}{2}$ lb), microwaved and mashed 1 large **EGG** 3 Tbsp PANKO BREAD CRUMBS 3 Tbsp FRESH PARSLEY Zest of 1 small **LEMON** 1 small **SHALLOT** or 2 **SCALLIONS 4 FRESH BASIL LEAVES** 1 tsp **DIJON MUSTARD** 1 medium GARLIC CLOVE 3/4 tsp SMOKED PAPRIKA 3/4 tsp SALT 1/4 tsp BLACK PEPPER Pinch CAYENNE PEPPER (optional) 3/4 cup PANKO BREAD CRUMBS 1/4 VEGETABLE OIL for frying 1/2 cup TARTAR SAUCE













1 COOK AND MASH THE POTATOES

Pierce potatoes with a fork. Microwave on HIGH for 5-7 minutes until tender throughout. Let cool slightly, then mash with a fork or in the food processor.

2 MAKE THE FLAVOR BASE

☐ In a food processor add parsley, basil, lemon zest, shallot, Dijon mustard, garlic, smoked paprika, salt, pepper, and cayenne. Process until finely minced and well combined. Scrape mixture into a large bowl.

3 PROCESS THE COD

Cut pressed-dry cod into 1-inch chunks. Add to food processor and pulse 8 times until finely chopped into small flakes (not a paste). Transfer cod to the bowl with the flavor base. Drying the cod dry before processing ensures better texture.

4 MIX & FORM THE CAKES

Add mashed potatoes and the egg to the bowl. Gently mix with your hands until evenly combined.

Use a $\frac{1}{2}$ -cup measure to portion mixture into patties about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick. Lightly coat each patty in extra panko.

5 CHILL TO SET

Arrange patties on a parchment-lined tray. Refrigerate for 45 minutes or freeze for 12-15 minutes before cooking. The quick chill before frying helps patties hold together.

6 FRY THE CAKES

☐ Heat ¼ cup vegetable oil in a deep 12" skillet over medium heat. Fry patties for 2.5 minutes per side until golden.

7 FINISH IN THE OVEN

Transfer to a baking sheet and bake at 250 °F until internal temperature reaches 145-155 °F, about 5 minutes for $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch-thick patties.

8 SERVE THE COD

Serve hot on toasted buns with your favorite toppings such as tartar sauce, slaw, greens, or tomato. You can find our tartar sauce recipe on our website: www.redsalmon.com/recipe/reids-terrific-tartar-sauce/