Meridian Dungeness Crab Cakes

SEAFOOD FEATURED: DUNGENESS CRAB

Chef John Nelson, Meridian

It's not just the ingredients but how you use them, now let's put them together right to make a great cake!

INGREDIENTS	INSTRUCTIONS
 2 pounds of crab meat 2 tbls of good quality mayonnaise 1 scant tablespoon Dijon mustard 1 tablespoon lemon juice 1 teaspoon horseradish Couple splashes hot sauce or more if you like 1 large egg 3 tablespoons flour ½ teaspoon baking powder 1/4 cup unbaked cracker meal 1 tablespoon chopped flat leaf parsley 2 green onions, sliced thin ½ teaspoon white pepper Butter for frying 	 Whisk mayonnaise with all wet ingredients until creamy smooth. Whisk flour, baking powder, cracker meal and pepper until completely blended with your wet ingredients. Add parsley and green onion and blend into wet mixture. Fold in crab meat gently as to not break in to small pieces; you want to have big chunks for great texture in your cakes. If your mixture seems a bit wet, wait for at least five minutes for the cracker meal to fully absorb the moisture. If the mixture still seems a bit too loose, don't add more cracker, but dust the top of the mixture with flour and carefully fold it in. Fry cakes in butter on moderate heat until golden brown on each side. A good cake should be golden outside and just a touch underdone on the inside.

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