Baked Salmon with Simple Pineapple Salsa

Serves 12 / Serving size: 1 slice of salmon + 2 tablespoons pineapple salsa

**Ingredients:**
12, 4-ounce wild-caught salmon fillets (skinless)
1/2 teaspoon sea salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 tablespoons olive oil

**Pineapple Salsa:**
2 cups pineapple (peeled and diced)
1/4 cup red onion (finely chopped)
1 jalapeno pepper (minced)
1/4 cup fresh cilantro leaves (chopped)
1/4 cup fresh lime juice (~2-4 limes)

**Directions:**
1. Preheat oven to 350°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Season salmon with salt and pepper, and brush with oil. Place on baking sheet and bake for 8-10 minutes, or until salmon is cooked to an internal temperature of 145°F. Do not overcook.
3. Prepare salsa: Place diced pineapple, red onion, jalapeno and cilantro in medium bowl. Toss with lime juice.
4. Serve each piece of salmon with 2 tablespoons of salsa as “condiment.”

**Nutrition Tips:**
1. Homemade fruit salsa is an excellent nutritious topping for any fish/chicken/ tofu dish in place of commercial condiments which commonly have excess amounts of added sugar and sodium (salt).
2. Wild salmon is a great source of omega-3 fatty acids that support brain health and which may help both mood and anxiety.

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