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Mussels with Lemongrass Broth

INGREDIENTS

1 tbsp oil

4 stalks lemongrass, very finely chopped

1 tsp grated fresh ginger

2 lbs mussels, scrubbed and beards (stringy material protruding from the shell) removed 1/4 cup dry white wine 1/4 cup chicken stock

1 green onion, finely sliced

- 1. Place oil in a large stockpot over medium heat. Fry lemongrass and ginger for 3 minutes.
- 2. Increase heat to high and add mussels, wine and stock. Cover tightly and cook for 5 minutes, giving the pot a good shake every 30 seconds to move mussels around from top to bottom. After 5 minutes all the mussels should be open (discard the ones that aren't).
- 3. Spoon mussels and broth into large bowls and sprinkle with green onion.

Yields: 2 servings

Source: The Spice and Herb Bible (2nd edition) by Ian Hemphill with recipes by Kate Hemphill (Robert Rose)

