

Serves: 6 to 8

Active Time: 10 minutes Curing Time: 18 hours



Main Spice Blend: 1 1/2 tsp dill seed 3/4 tsp yellow mustard seeds 1/2 tsp caraway seeds I tsp green peppercorns Salmon: 3 tbsp gray salt, or 2 tbsp Kosher salt

1 tbsp sugar

6 sprigs fresh dill

1 1-pound boneless, skinless salmon fillet, 1 1/2" thick

To make the Main Spice Mix:

Coarsely grind the ingredients in a spice grinder or food processor.

To make the Salmon:

Mix the salt and sugar with the spice blend in a small bowl. Place 3 dill sprigs in the bottom of a dish or container that will hold the salmon snugly. Sprinkle half the salt mixture over the dill and then place the salmon on top. Pat the remaining salt mixture all over the top of the salmon and then lay the remaining dill on top. Cover tightly with a lid or plastic wrap.

Refrigerate until the salmon is firmer and a deeper shade of orange, about 18 hours (some liquid should be pooling in the container). Rinse the salmon under cold water, discarding the dill and any remaining salt mixture, and pat it dry with paper towels. When ready to serve, cut the salmon into thin slices across the grain.