MISO FISH SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- 3 slices kombu
- 2 handfuls bonito flakes
- 1 gallon water

For the miso fish soup:

- 1 gallon dashi broth
- 1 bunch scallions, thinly sliced
- 1 package medium firm tofu
- 1 whole fresh fish
- 1 scant cup red or yellow miso (Yellow miso has a mild, earthy taste, while red miso usually has a deeper flavor thanks to a longer fermentation period or a higher ratio of soybeans to grains)

DIRECTIONS

Prepare your dashi broth:

- 1. Place kombu in a stock pot with the gallon of cool water. Let soak for 30 minutes.
- 2. Boil the seaweed broth for 10 minutes, turn off the heat and discard seaweed.
- 3. Add bonito flakes to the water and boil 5 minutes.
- 4. Remove pot from the heat and allow bonito flakes to drop to the bottom. Strain out bonito flakes from the broth.

Meanwhile, prepare soup ingredients:

- 1. Chop scallions in thin slices.
- 2. Cube tofu into 1-inch squares.

Finish the soup:

- 1. Add fish, scallions and tofu to the dashi broth and simmer for 90 minutes.
- 2. Serve, garnished with extra scallions.