Ceviched surf smelt poke:

2 servings 12-16 raw (fresh or thawed) surf smelt (for the safest poke, freeze to below -4°F for at least 7 days) salt ½ t freshly grated ginger 3 limes 4 ripe tomatoes ½ a sweet onion, chopped 2 t toasted sesame oil chopped cilantro

Clean the smelt (save the eggs for another dish); remove the backbone, tail, and fins; cut in half and cut each half into 3-4 even pieces. Cover with the juice of 2 limes, add ginger, and ½ teaspoon salt and mix. Let rest overnight in the fridge.

Seed and chop the tomatoes into approx ¹/₄ inch cubes, salt generously and let rest overnight in the fridge.

To serve: drain the smelt and tomatoes, combine, add the chopped onion, sesame oil, juice of ½ lime, and chopped cilantro. Stir well and serve over rice.

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