Grilled Local Oysters with Lemon-Herb Butter

Recipe by: Chef Bill Idell Yield: 12 oysters

Ingredients:

¹/₂ cup of salted butter
¹/₂ cup fresh combined mixture of parsley, chives and tarragon, finely chopped
1 teaspoon shallots, finely chopped
¹/₂ teaspoon of capers, finely chopped
1 teaspoon of lemon zest
¹/₂ teaspoon of lemon juice
Salt and fresh ground pepper
1 dozen fresh local oysters

Method of preparation:

- 1. Add all of the ingredients, except oysters, to a food processor, and combine until uniformly mixed and the butter is bright green.
- 2. Place the oysters on a hot grill, cover them with a lid (caution: to avoid popping and splattering). Grill until they begin to open, about 4-5 minutes.
- 3. Remove the oysters from the grill with a pair of kitchen tongs and place them on a sheet pan. (*technique for removal: While holding the oysters with a kitchen towel, open them the rest of the way with an oyster knife, then use the knife to disconnect the oyster from its shell.)
- 4. Immediately place a ¹/₄ teaspoon of the butter mixture on top each oyster, serve while still warm.

