GRILLED HALIBUT WITH CHIMICHURRI

SERVES 4

ACTIVE TIME: 15 MIN START TO FINISH: 30 MIN

- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
 - 1 Tbsp water
 - 1 Tbsp minced garlic
 - 1 Tbsp minced shallot
- 3/4 tsp hot red-pepper flakes
- 3/4 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 4 (6-to 8-oz) halibut steaks (3/4 to 1 inch thick)
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- ►Whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, water, garlic, shallot, red-pepper flakes, and ½ tsp each of salt and pepper until salt has dissolved. Stir in parsley. Let chimichurri stand 20 minutes.
- Meanwhile, prepare grill for direct-heat cooking over mediumhot charcoal (medium heat for gas); see "Grilling Procedure," page 124.
- Pat fish dry, then brush with vegetable oil and sprinkle with ½ tsp salt and ¼ tsp pepper (total). Oil grill rack, then grill fish, covered only if using a gas grill, turning once, until just cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes total. Serve fish drizzled with some of chimichurri; serve remainder on the side.

COOKS' NOTES: Halibut can be cooked in a hot oiled large (2-burner) ridged grill pan over medium heat.

 Chimichurri can be made 1 hour ahead and kept, covered, at room temperature.

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