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SPRING SOUPS

Chinese Noodle Soup

2 cups noodles, cooked and drained

4 cups vegetable broth

1 carrot, cut into flowers

1 green onion, chopped (optional)

2 cups spring greens, finely cut

½ cup sprouts

sea salt to taste

- Heat broth.
- Add carrots, onion, and salt.
- Simmer 10 minutes, until verging on tenderness.
- Add greens and cook until bright-coloured.
- Serves 4-6.

Variations: Hot and Sour Soup – add lemon juice or vinegar with hot sauce.

Green Pea Soup

2 cups whole or split peas, presoaked

1/4 onion diced (optional)

1 cup celery, diced

1 cup carrots, diced

1 bay leaf

5-6 cups water

½ cup dulse

½ teaspoon dry mustard

1 teaspoon sea salt

2 tablespoons vinegar (optional)

- Layer vegetables in a pot in order given.
- Add peas, water, and bay leaf.
- Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 1 hour (whole peas require longer).
- Add dulse, mustard, and salt. Simmer 10 minutes more.
- Add vinegar before serving.
- Serves 6.

Green Spring Soup

6 cups water or broth

4 medium potatoes, chopped

1/4 medium onion or leek, chopped (optional)

2-3 cups kale (or spring greens),

chopped

2 cloves garlic

1 teaspoon sea salt

1 teaspoon olive oil (optional)

- Bring liquid to boil.
- Add potatoes, onion, and salt. Cover.
- Reduce heat. Simmer until tender.
- Add kale and garlic. Simmer until kale is tender and bright green.
- Puree all ingredients together.
- Add olive oil before serving.
- Serves 6