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## **Toasted Quinoa Salad with Scallops & Snow Peas**

- 12 Ounces dry sea scallops, cut into 1/2-inch pieces, or dry bay scallops
- 4 Teaspoons reduced-sodium tamari, or soy sauce, divided
- 4 Tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons canola oil, divided
- 1 ½ Cups quinoa, rinsed well (see Tip)
- 2 Teaspoons grated or minced garlic
- 3 Cups water
- 1 Teaspoon salt
- 1 Cup trimmed and diagonally sliced snow peas, (1/2 inch thick)
- 1/3 Cup rice vinegar
- 1 Teaspoon toasted sesame oil
- 1 Cup thinly sliced scallions
- 1/3 Cup finely diced red bell pepper
- 1/4 Cup finely chopped fresh cilantro, for garnish
  - 1) Toss scallops with 2 teaspoons tamari (or soy sauce) in a medium bowl. Set aside.
  - 2) Place a large, high-sided skillet with a tight-fitting lid over medium heat. Add 1 tablespoon canola oil and quinoa. Cook, stirring constantly, until the quinoa begins to color, 6 to 8 minutes. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute more. Add water and salt and bring to a boil. Stir once, cover and cook over medium heat until the water is absorbed, about 15 minutes. (Do not stir.) Remove from the heat and let stand, covered, for 5 minutes. Stir in snow peas, cover and let stand for 5 minutes more.
  - 3) Meanwhile, whisk 3 tablespoons canola oil, the remaining 2 teaspoons tamari (or soy sauce), vinegar and sesame oil in a large bowl. Add the quinoa and snow peas, scallions and bell pepper; toss to combine.
  - 4) Remove the scallops from the marinade and pat dry. Heat a large skillet over medium-high until hot enough to evaporate a drop of water upon contact. Add the remaining 2 teaspoons canola oil and cook the scallops, turning once, until golden and just firm, about 2 minutes total. Gently stir the scallops into the quinoa salad. Serve garnished with cilantro, if desired.

