## Pecan Banana Bread

## Ingredients

- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups (about 4 medium sized) over ripe bananas, mashed
- 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups all-purpose flour (spoon and sweep)
- 1 tsp baking powder
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp ground cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup (4 ounces) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> brown sugar, tightly packed
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tbsp heavy cream
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups pecan pieces

## Preparation

- Preheat the oven 350° F with the rack in the middle of the oven. Butter an 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> x 4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inch loaf pan, set aside.
- In a bowl whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt.
- In a standard mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream the butter, sugar and brown sugar on medium speed for about 3 minutes. Add the eggs one at a time and mix well after each. Mix in the vanilla and heavy cream.
- Remove the bowl from the mixer and use a rubber spatula to stir, alternate adding the dry ingredients and the mashed bananas in 3 batches, mixing just enough to combine them. Add the nuts and mix just to combine.
- Pour the batter into the prepared pan and smooth out the top. Bake for about 30 to 45 minutes or until a tester comes out clean. If the top is over browning after 25 minutes, gently drape the top with foil.