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BARNEY FARLEY was a Port Aransas fishing guide whose memories and stories about fishing the Texas coast were originally written in the 1960s for his family and friends. Their posthumous publication is supported by the Harvey Weil Sportsman Conservationist Award Trust of Corpus Christi.

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