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BLACK MARLIN BOULEVARD

In the late 1950s, Cabo Blanco, Peru was the place for colossal black marlin and swordfish, bigeye tuna and striped marlin action. International Game Fish Association (IGFA) records fell almost daily, and Alfred Glassell's 1,560-pound black marlin still stands. Baseball legend, Ted Williams, caught a 1,235-pound black captured on what was probably the first celebrity fishing show ever filmed. His catch was featured on his 1954 baseball card! That 16 millimeter color film has been magnetically cleaned and digitized for conversion into Black Marlin Boulevard, an exciting DVD that chronicles his catch and the once famous Cabo Blanco Fishing Club. Sadly, Cabo Blanco's fishing grounds are now a ghost town, destroyed in just eight years by a devastating commercial fishery that wiped out the entire eco-system. Huge rafts of anchovita, acres of tuna and enormous black marlin are gone forever, but you can take a step back in time to witness this extraordinary fishing.

The Black Marlin Boulevard DVD includes 54 minutes of the exciting Ted Williams footage, plus additional action scenes of a husband and wife fishing team landing a 1,200-pound black. Mixed in are scenes of tuna busting baits, big fish, old-time tackle and baits, amazing air travel and pioneer anglers. It's a spellbinding DVD offering a rare glimpse into fishing history. Order Black Marlin Boulevard online by logging on to www.insidesportfishing.com. At only \$19.95 it's truly a bargain. I've watched my copy several times and continue to be amazed at the action. Michael Fowlkes, ACE and Telly award-winning producer, obtained the film through the IGFA and transformed it into an awesome collector's item showcasing the exploits of a fishing era that will never be experienced again.

