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TOM EARNHARDT, a business and environmental lawyer and professor, has thirty-five years of experience fishing in fresh and salt water around the globe. Extremely active as a volunteer in many conservation and fishing organizations, Tom has also taught fly casting and fly tying in the U.S. and abroad. He has written and has had photographs published in several fishing magazines. Tom is a widely renowned speaker, author, and instructor, and is well regarded among the legends of this great sport. He is seen frequently on North Carolina Public Televisions "*Carolina Outdoor Journal*".

Tom lives, fishes, and writes out of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Comments on Tom Earnhardt's book, FLY FISHING THE TIDEWATERS

FLY FISHING THE TIDEWATERS is a colorful and often witty guide to the saltwater fly-fishing frontier that's right next door. Full-color paintings of the gamefish, and color plates of the most useful flies-plus color photos of the inshore and tidal waters-open the door to the shallow water, fly-fishing wonderland along the Middle Atlantic southeastern seaboard, as well as fly-fishing options on the Gulf Coast and in similar areas.

Earnhardt uses the approach of a guide and teacher, showing both the experienced angler and those just getting started how to use a fly rod for blues, striped bass, redfish, sea trout, bonito, mackerel, dolphin, and other saltwater gamefish. As such, his book is of great value to all saltwater fly fishers, wherever they fish.

FLY FISHING THE TIDEWATERS is the first book to acknowledge that eastern and Gulf anglers can drive (not fly) to some of the best saltwater angling in the world.

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"Thirty years ago, when saltwater fly fishing was practically unheard of along the mid-Atlantic, Tom Earnhardt was already perfecting techniques and exploring this terrific, close-to-home resource. FLY FISHING THE TIDEWATERS is the payoff, and it's must reading for new-comers and old hands alike."

-JIM DEAN, Editor, Wildlife in North Carolina

"Having spent a morning fly fishing for striped bass with Tom Earnhardt, I can attest that the cheerful good sense found on every page of FLY FISHING THE TIDEWATERS is just like being with the man himself. His eagerness to teach and learn translates into a fun-filled experience for everyone, and for whomever is lucky enough to read this excellent book."

-GEORGE REIGER, author of Heron Hill Chronicle

"Tom Earnhardt is without equal when it comes to knowledge of, and personal experience in, FLY FISHING THE TIDEWATERS of Eastern and Gulf shores. His expertise is reflected time and again

throughout this well written, informative, easy read. If you want to approach tidewater fly fishing the right way, then this superb book is a must-for coastal fly anglers, everywhere."

-DAN BLANTON

"FLY FISHING THE TIDEWATERS brings focus to the most fertile fishing grounds in the U.S. to fly fishers everywhere. How to, where to, when to... no secrets. Tom Earnhardt's work is thorough and to the point. It's like having a fishin' buddy in the area."

-BOB POPOVICS

"Tom is one of the best saltwater fly fishermen I have known around the world. I don't care where you live, in the U.S. or in other countries, if you fish the inshore waters, this book will help you."

-LEFTY KREH