

Beach House

Location: Seattle, Washington

Completion: 2010

Building Area: 4,300sf

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Site and house are majestic and capture wide open views. The house sits proud on a point reaching out. It was the first house on this stretch of beach and there is a magical quality to this place.

The project scope consisted of a major renovation of the upper level and attic. Some spaces on the main level were altered. The existing interior was incongruous with the site and exterior. Floor plans were dense with rooms and doors, small spaces with low ceilings, clipped corners and dormers. Deep floor plates made it a challenge to get daylight into the interior of the house.

The goal was to open up the house so that you can elegantly move from space to space. Let daylight penetrate thru the house and let the house breath. Both the attic and entry stair were rebuilt and opened up to the adjacent spaces pulling light thru the house vertically, a balcony was added to the master suite to capture south breezes and interior glass walls were used to gather 'borrowed' light into interior spaces.