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Message:

**We have owned our property at 4436 65th Ave NE since 2009. the Shoreline set back was established at 200' from OHW. At the time, we thought that was overly restrictive, but accepted it as part of the new environmental awareness. We have left the property much as we found it, other than a trail to the beach that is legally shared with the two upland properties and informally by other neighbors. We have sold our home on the upland parcel, 4426 65th Ave NE, and would now like to build a cabin closer to the beach. During the initial development investigation, we found that the shoreline set back had been increased to 250'. This renders about 2/3's of the property useless and sets our building site back far enough to substantially block any water or western view. During a short shoreline boat cruise last fall we noted how many of our neighboring properties have bulkheads and continue to clear cut trees and brush right down to the OHW. We realize that the shoreline structures were built prior to awareness of the environmental damage caused by building so close to the water. We are not asking to build on the beach. Our bank has been little changed since we purchased the property so a bulkhead is not necessary. We would prefer the setback to be 150' with limbing up of major trees allowed while leaving the brush in place. We realize that the previous set back adjustments were made as an almost emergency reaction to the increasing development and**

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awareness. We hope that now with wisdom gathered over the last 30 years that the setbacks can be reduced to allow us to enjoy our property in a manner more similar to our neighbors.