Major remodel to waterfront home
Sharon and Steve have owned this place for over thirty years. Originally a 450 sq. ft. cabin situated overlooking the Hood Canal in Washington, it was recently remodeled into a beautiful three-story 2,400 sq. ft. daylight basement home with incredible water and mountain views. The older home was taken down to the bare studs and rebuilt as their dream retirement home. Key to this new remodel was taking advantage of their view with a two story high living room.

Creating and effective home heating system
When it came to heating their home, they had some challenges to overcome. As Steve explained, it was going to be impossible to install central heating system, so Sharon and Steve decided on using a ductless heat pump for their two-story high living room and the master bedroom. But this left the couple with the problem of how to heat the other rooms which included three guest bedrooms, three bathrooms and their family room.

“I just love how the heat feels from Ducoterra’s SolaRay panels. It’s so comfortable with no air blowing on me. It’s like magic. I just get warm and cozy.” - Sharon

Combining Ductless Heat Pump with Ducoterra’s Radiant Heating Panels
Both Sharon and Steve were concerned with the esthetics of their home and brought in a long-time friend, Martha, who is an interior designer to help out. While the DHP was effective and efficient heating, both Martha and Sharon disliked the look of the ductless heads and the thought of having them in all the other rooms was out of the question. Fortunately, Martha knew about Ducoterra’s ceiling mounted radiant heating panels and recommended them to Sharon for the two guest bedrooms, three bathrooms, and their family room. “On this project, I recommended using Ducoterra heating panels for a couple of reasons – wall space was at a premium which I wanted to utilize for art instead of heating equipment, and esthetically Ducoterra’s panels disappeared instead of drawing attention to themselves as do the ductless heat pump heads,” said Martha.

Hybrid system pleased everyone
The resulting heating system using these two efficient heating technologies was a success. Sharon loves the way the panels are unobtrusive and barely visible as well as the gentle heating from Ducoterra’s panels. And her husband Steve likes the fact that he can turn down the temperature of the heating panels in several of their infrequently used guest bedrooms and bathrooms, saving on energy and lowering their heating bill.

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“Ducoterra is proud to be a premier manufacturer of this new, innovative home heating system that works extremely well in concert with the ductless heat pump system to create a total home heating system that is efficient and affordable,” said Patrick Beebe-Sweet, Ducoterra’s President and Founder. “Ultimately, we believe this hybrid heating system provides the best of both worlds.”