



Crews from Nickel Bros. help unload a 1916 Sears kit house off a barge onto Cline Spit on Oct. 9. Jim and Diane Luoma bought the house and moved it from Shelton. Photos by Bob Lampert

‘Hollywood’ home comes to Sequim

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When Diane and Jim Luoma made their move to Sequim recently, they drew some attention.

Residents of Hawaii for the past 15 years, the Luomas brought their recent purchase — a “Hollywood” model 1916 Sears craftsman kit house — to Sequim, bringing it up from Shelton to Dungeness’ Cline Spit on Monday, Oct. 9.

Jim Luoma said the home is a complete original with the exception of a 1970s kitchen. He said that it will be remodeled to the original condition by he and his wife at their new address on Grandview Drive.

The couple is from Michigan, where they were both master carpenters.

According to masonwebtv.com, the house sat on 125 acres in the Deer Creek area in Mason County. The Capitol Land Trust purchased the property in 2010 and last year, the land conservation organization determined the house had to be removed.

After purchasing the home from a family trust in the Twin Rivers area of Shelton, Diane and Jim Luoma scouted the coast from Brookings, Ore., to the Olympic Peninsula to locate their new home, and finally settled on Sequim.

A crew from the Marysville- and British Columbia-based Nickel Bros. company was in charge of loading, unloading and moving the home that was settled in place by Tuesday, Oct. 10. The move started on Oct. 7.

Cost of the move was \$162,000 plus utilities, according to masonwebtv.com.

Sears was one of several national companies such as Montgomery Ward that sold kit homes through mail order in the 1910s and 1920s.

The Luoma couple said this house was originally sold for a little more than \$2,000.



A 1916 Sears kit house arrives on Cline Spit on Oct. 9.



Crews from Nickel Bro. carefully unload Jim and Diane Luomas' craftsman home off a barge onto Cline Spit.
Photo by Bob Lampert