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**Document Title(s) (or transactions contained herein):**

Protected Critical Area Easement (PCA)

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**Grantor(s)** (Last name, first name and initials):

1. CATER, David B.
2. CATER, Janet I.
- 3.
- 4.

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**Grantee(s)** (Last name, first name and initials):

1. SKAGIT COUNTY
- 2.
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**Legal Description** (Abbreviated: i.e. lot, block, plat or quarter, section, township and range):

Portion Gov't Lot 4 of Section 35, Township 36 North, Range 2 East, W.M.

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**Assessor's Parcel/Tax I.D. Number:**

P-47378

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## PROTECTED CRITICAL AREA EASEMENT (PCA)

In consideration of Skagit County Code (SCC) 14.24.170, requirements for recording of protected critical area easement (PCA), for areas included under S.P. PL-05-0050, and mutual benefits herein, David B. Cater and Janet I. Cater, husband and wife, the owners in fee of that certain real property described on said Short Plat PL-05-0050, do hereby grant, convey and warrant to Skagit County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, a non-exclusive perpetual easement establishing a PCA over, along and across those portion of the ownership described hereon, together with the right of ingress and egress to and from this easement for the purpose of monitoring and enforcing property operation and maintenance of the PCA described herein.

The easement is granted subject to and conditioned upon the following terms, conditions and covenants:

1. The PCA legal description is as follows:

Protected Critical Area (PCA), shown as Wetlands A, B, C, D and E (together with associated buffers), on Skagit County Short Plat No. PL-05-0050, recorded under Skagit County Auditor's File No. 200801080007, records of Skagit County, Washington, being in a portion of Government Lot 4 of Section 35, Township 36 North, Range 2 East, W.M.

2. The PCA Easement area location is specifically shown on said Short Plat PL-05-0050.
3. Grantee or their respective heirs, successors and assigns shall hereafter be responsible for maintaining and repairing PCA areas as described herein, Grantors or there respective heirs are hereby required to leave PCA areas undisturbed in a natural state. No occupation by livestock, clearing, grading, filling, logging or removal of woody material, building, construction or road construction of any kind (except as allowed under 4A below) or planting of non-native vegetation is allowed within the PCA areas except as specially permitted by Skagit County on a case-by-case basis consistent with SCC 14.24. With the exception of activities identified as Allowed Without Standard Review under SCC 14.24.100, any land-use activity that can impair the functions and values of critical areas or their buffers through a development activity or by disturbance of soil or water, and/or by removal of or damage to existing vegetation shall require critical areas review and written authorization pursuant to SCC 14.24.
4. Grantor(s) and Skagit County agree to the following special conditions requested by the Grantor(s) or required as part of mitigation pursuant to SCC 14.24.
  - A. No special conditions apply
5. Grantor(s) retains the right to use and possession of the real property over which the easement is granted to the extent permitted by Skagit County as low impact uses and activities which are consistent with the purpose and function of the PCA and do not detract from its integrity may be permitted with the PCA depending on the sensitivity of the habitat involved. Examples of uses and activities which may be permitted in appropriate cases, with prior County written approval separate from this agreement, include pedestrian trails, viewing platforms, stormwater management facilities and utility easements. Provided further that the grantor agrees not to interfere with, obstruct or endanger Skagit County's use of the easement.
6. Should any human disturbance of the PCA occur by the fee owners, said fee owners shall have the obligation to restore and return the affected area to its natural state immediately, under the provisions of a County approved mitigation plan. If disturbance is from a source other than the fee owner, the obligation of restoration shall be borne by the Grantee or their assigns.



7. The parties recognize that this easement is created, granted and accepted for the benefit of the inherent natural functions provided by the PCA, but shall not be construed to provide open or common space for owners within the project or members of the public. By acceptance of the easement for the purposes described, Skagit County does not accept or assume any liability of acts or omissions of the fee owners, his or her invitees, licensees or other third parties within the easement area. Grantor(s) hold Skagit County harmless from any damage or injury to any property or person by any person entering the easement area not expressly authorized to do so by Skagit County.
8. Grantor(s) agrees that this easement shall run with the land and that the rights and obligations of Grantor(s) and Skagit County shall inure to the benefit of each and shall be binding upon their respective heirs, successors and assigns in perpetuity.
9. Grantor(s) covenants that they own the property legally described herein and has lawful right to convey the interest in the property to Skagit County for the benefit of the public forever.

DATED this 26th day of Sept., 2007.

David B. Cater  
David B. Cater, Husband

Janet I. Cater  
Janet I. Cater, Wife

State of Washington )  
County of Skagit )

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that David B. Cater and Janet I. Cater, husband and wife, are the persons who appeared before me, and said persons acknowledged they signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

DATED this 26th day of Sept., 2007.

BRUCE G. LISSER  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
NOTARY --- PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires 7-14-2008

Bruce G. Lisser  
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of WA

Residing at: Moss Vernon

Print Name: Bruce G. Lisser

My appointment expires: 7-14-08

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