



# House Notes

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## A New Face at AMI

AMI is happy to introduce our new partner, Jay Hensleigh. Our inspection team now includes Toby Deming, Jay Hensleigh, Jim Katen, Mark Lindgren, and Charlie Rouse.

We hope you will take a few moments to learn about Jay and will consider him for your inspection needs.

Although born in the Midwest, Jay Hensleigh has lived in the Pacific Northwest since his parents moved to Portland in 1974. He attended public schools in Portland, Corvallis and Seaside. Following high school, he earned a Bachelor's in Fisheries Science at Oregon State University, and a Master's in Fisheries Management from the University of Washington.



Following a successful career as a fishery biologist with federal and state governments, Jay yearned for a more independent and fulfilling career. Starting with a basic set of tools, knowledge from repairing and remodeling his own homes, and a great capacity to learn from books and hands-on experience, he started Carson Construction. This small contracting firm specialized in home maintenance, remodeling, fence and deck construction, and pick-up framing. The knowledge and experience gained directed Jay to begin the long process to become a certified home inspector. Jay has been certified and inspecting homes since 2006 as Carson Inspection Service. Jay joined AMI in 2012 to provide better service to his clients and further his skills and experience as a home inspector.

At first glance a home inspector with a biology background seems a little strange, however, the education and training of a scientist instills the exact qualities that a masterful home inspector needs: the ability to be thorough, methodical, and objective.

Jay has a pragmatic inspection style. He points out that every house has a story to tell, and that any given issue found does not make the house bad or good. Rather the issues discovered are just factors that should be weighed when considering the purchase of a home. Jay's reports combine check-box and narrative style, and for every comment he strives to describe the issue, explain the consequences, and provide guidance about what needs to be done. His reports are computer generated, arranged by the major systems or areas of the home, have color photos throughout, and have a summary at the end. The reports are generally 25-35 pages long.

Jay is an active member of the Oregon Association of Home Inspectors and serves on the board of directors for that group. He is also a fully certified inspector with the American Society of Home Inspectors.

On the personal side, Jay enjoys various activities that include gardening, surfing on the Oregon Coast, fishing, playing guitar, and hiking. He lives in Hillsboro.