

SMELKO MICHAEL G
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â SMELKO MICHAEL G | | (Month/Day/Year) | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 03/05/2010 | |
| 100 LIBERTY STREET | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| WARREN,Â PAÂ 16365 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | Exec VP & Chief Credit Officer | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 2,000 | D | Â |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 1,019 | I | Wife's IRA |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 1,601 | I | 401-K |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 4,018 | I | ESOP |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 4) | (Month/Day/Year) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 08/21/2002 | 08/21/2012 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 437 | \$ 5.91 | D | Â |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 08/20/2003 | 08/20/2013 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 2,232 | \$ 7.37 | D | Â |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 12/15/2004 | 12/15/2014 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 2,790 | \$ 11.33 | D | Â |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 01/19/2006 | 01/19/2015 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 1,688 | \$ 10.19 | D | Â |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 01/18/2007 | 01/18/2016 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 2,813 | \$ 9.86 | D | Â |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 01/17/2008 | 01/17/2017 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 10,125 | \$ 11.51 | D | Â |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 01/16/2009 | 01/16/2018 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 10,125 | \$ 11.12 | D | Â |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 11/19/2009 | 11/19/2018 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 10,125 | \$ 9.79 | D | Â |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 02/18/2010 | 02/18/2019 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 10,125 | \$ 7.48 | D | Â |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 01/20/2011 | 01/20/2020 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 13,000 | \$ 11.49 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SMELKO MICHAEL G 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN, PA 16365 | Â | Â | Â Exec VP & Chief Credit Officer | Â |

Signatures

Michael G.
Smelko

03/05/2010

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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