

Woods John F
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Woods John F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WASHINGTON MUTUAL INC
 ["WM"]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1201 THIRD AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/20/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP and Controller

SEATTLE, WA 98101
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common ⁽¹⁾	01/20/2006		A	V	11,905	A	\$ 0	27,750	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Date	9. S	10. (1)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.33	01/20/2006		A		44,444		(2)	01/20/2016	Common	44,444

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Woods John F 1201 THIRD AVENUE SEATTLE, WA 98101			SVP and Controller	

Signatures

By: /s/ Christopher J. Bellavia, Attorney-in-Fact	01/24/2006
<small>__Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) Grant of restricted stock pursuant to the Washington Mutual, Inc. 2003 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) Option granted pursuant to the Washington Mutual, Inc. 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. One-third vests annually beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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