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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Form 4 Transactions Reported

LONG JOSEF	PH F	Symbol	Symbol Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]				Issuer			
(Last) 100 LIBERTY	(First) (Mid	(Month/Day	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2011				(Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (speci-			
TOO LIBERT	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)			
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(City)	(State) (Zi	p) Table 1	I - Non-Deriva	ative Secu	rities A	Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	48,243.128 (1)	D	Â	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	36,837 <u>(2)</u>	I	IRAs	

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

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.35	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	10/18/2001	10/18/2011	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	27,000
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.19	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	22,500
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.79	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/19/2009	11/19/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,750
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.48	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/18/2010	02/18/2019	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,750
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.49	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/20/2011	01/20/2020	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,000
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.12	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/19/2012	01/19/2021	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,000
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.32	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/18/2011	05/18/2021	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LONG JOSEPH F

100 LIBERTY STREET Â X Â Â

WARREN, PAÂ 16365

Signatures

Joseph F. Long 02/09/2012

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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) Includes 706.262 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the last ownership report filing.
- (2) Includes 688 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the last ownership report filing.

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