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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI] Walker Shawn O (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2017 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 100 LIBERTY STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting \_X\_\_ Officer Other Person WARREN, PAÂ 16365 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One EVP, Chief Marketing Officer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Northwest Bancshares, Inc Common Stock 27,782 Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock 6,075 I **IRA** Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock I Wife's IRA 1,355 Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock 7,575.243 I 401-K Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

1. Title of Derivative 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Security Expiration Date Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial

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(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)  Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  Expiration Title An		Amount or	or Exercise Price of Derivative	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Exercisable	Date		Number of Shares	Security	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	01/20/2011	01/20/2020	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	82	\$ 11.49	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	01/19/2012	01/19/2021	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	342	\$ 12.12	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/18/2011	05/18/2021	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	4,752	\$ 12.32	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/23/2012	05/23/2022	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	2,257	\$ 11.7	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/15/2013	05/15/2023	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	3,150	\$ 12.44	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/21/2014	05/21/2024	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	3,560	\$ 13.15	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/20/2015	05/20/2025	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	8,160	\$ 12.37	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/18/2016	05/18/2026	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	10,090	\$ 14.15	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/17/2017	05/17/2027	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	8,160	\$ 15.57	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Walker Shawn O 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN Â PAÂ 16365	Â	Â	EVP, Chief Marketing Officer	Â		

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### **Signatures**

Shawn O. Walker 12/21/2017

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

### **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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