

WASHINGTON MUTUAL INC  
 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 \*  
 MURPHY MICHAEL K

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)  
 5111 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/20/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

SPOKANE, WA 99212

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Pr
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Secu (Inst				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date	Expiration	Title	Amount	
							Exercisable	Date		or	
										Number	
										of Shares	
Phantom Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	12/20/2005	A		203.25		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common	203.25	\$ 4

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MURPHY MICHAEL K  
5111 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE X  
SPOKANE, WA 99212

### Signatures

By: /s/ Christopher J. Bellavia,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/22/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

### 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) Phantom stock shares acquired under the Washington Mutual, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan through deferral of retainer.
- (2) Converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) Phantom stock distributed upon payment commencement date selected by the Reporting Person.

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