

FISHER STEVEN G

Form 4

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FISHER STEVEN G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 LIBERTY STREET

(Street)

WARREN, PA 16365

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol**Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]**3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)**05/23/2012**4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Exec. V.P., Banking Services

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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 Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	05/23/2012	05/23/2012	A		6,750 (1)	A \$ 11.64	6,750 D

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

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(9-02)**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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options	\$ 11.7	05/23/2012	05/23/2012	A	14,400 (2)	05/23/2012 05/23/2022	Common Stock	14,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
FISHER STEVEN G 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN, PA 16365	Exec. V.P., Banking Services

Signatures

Steven G. Fisher 05/25/2012

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) One tenth of this grant of RRP shares will vest each year beginning May 23, 2012 and on each May 23rd thereafter through May 23, 2021.

(2) One tenth of this grant of stock options will vest each year beginning May 23, 2012 and on each May 23rd thereafter through May 23, 2021.

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