

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.
Form 4
May 22, 2015

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SMELKO MICHAEL 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)

05/20/2015

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 _____ Other (specify
below) below)

Exec. V.P., Chief Credit Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	05/20/2015	05/20/2015	A	5,850 (1)	A \$ 12.31	55,414	D
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock						1,019	I Wife's IRA
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock						6,450.36 (3)	I 401-K

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Northwest
Bancshares,
Inc. Common
Stock

7,549.03 ⁽⁴⁾ I

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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 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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.37	05/20/2015	05/20/2015	A		12,480 <u>(2)</u>		05/20/2015	05/20/2025	Common Stock	12,480

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SMEILKO MICHAEL G 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN, PA 16365	Exec. V.P., Chief Credit Off.

Signatures

Michael G.
Smelko 05/22/2015

 Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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One tenth of this grant of RRP shares will vest each year beginning May 20, 2015 and on each May 20th thereafter through May 20, 2024.

- (2) One tenth of this grant of stock options will vest each year beginning May 20, 2015 and on each May 20th thereafter through May 20, 2024.
- (3) Reflects transaction that are not reportable pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (4) Reflects transaction that are not reportable pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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