WASHINGTON MUTUAL, INC

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FISHMAN ALAN H Issuer Symbol WASHINGTON MUTUAL, INC (Check all applicable) ["WM"] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 1301 SECOND AVENUE 09/10/2008 CEO and Director (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SEATTLE, WA 98101 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common 09/10/2008 Α 612,500 Α \$0 612,500 D (1)

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)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, and | or (D) | 6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/ | ate | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|-----------|---|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.32 | 09/10/2008 | | A | 5,000,000 | | (2) | 09/10/2015 | Common | 5,000,0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| FISHMAN ALAN H 1301 SECOND AVENUE SEATTLE, WA 98101 | X | | CEO and Director | | | | |

Signatures

By: /s/ Casey M. Nault, Attorney-in-Fact 09/12/2008

**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) Grant of restricted stock pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2003 Equity Incentive Plan as part of Reporting Person's initial sign-on equity compensation award. Performance criteria for vesting to be determined within 60 days.
 - Option granted pursuant to the Washington Mutual, Inc. Amended and Restated 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. The stock option grant vests in four equal 25% increments as follows: (i) 25% vests on 9/7/09, (ii) 25% vests if the average NYSE-reported closing price of the
- Company?s common stock over 20 consecutive trading days equals or exceeds \$10.00 per share, (iii) 25% vests if the average NYSE-reported closing price of the Company?s common stock over 20 consecutive trading days equals or exceeds \$14.00 per share, and (iv) 25% vests if the average NYSE-reported closing price of the Company?s common stock over 20 consecutive trading days equals or exceeds \$18.00 per share.

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