

McKay John D  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
McKay John D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW [COST]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
999 LAKE DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/08/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	10/08/2010		M	V	22,500 \$ 39.25	A	65,320 D
Common Stock	10/08/2010		M	V	15,000 \$ 38.79	A	80,320 D
Common Stock	10/08/2010		S	V	37,500 \$ 1.12	D	42,820 D

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 39.25	10/08/2010		M	22,500	04/02/2002 04/02/2012	Common Stock	22,500
Stock Option	\$ 38.79	10/08/2010		M	15,000	04/02/2002 04/02/2012	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McKay John D 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

10/12/2010

\_\_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).

Shares sold as follows: 2400 @ 64.1600 1000 @ 64.1700 200 @ 64.1800 300 @ 64.1900 1563 @ 64.2000 937 @ 64.2100 100 @ 64.2200 100 @ 64.2300 500 @ 64.3101 1181 @ 64.3500 1900 @ 64.3600 500 @ 64.3700 100 @ 64.3800 702 @ 64.3900 2112 @ 64.4000 1799 @ 64.4100 1099 @ 64.4200 299 @ 64.4400 2300 @ 64.4700 600 @ 64.4800 200 @ 64.4900 1000 @ 64.5000 1700 @ 64.5100 6630 @ 64.5300 1000 @ 64.5301 200 @ 64.5400 700 @ 64.5500 808 @ 64.5600 100 @ 64.5800 1000 @ 64.5900 170 @ 64.6000 300 @ 64.6100 600 @ 64.6400 2400 @ 64.7000 1000 @ 64.7100

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