

JELINEK W CRAIG  
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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 \*  
JELINEK W CRAIG

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)  
03/12/2012

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

ISSAQUAH, WA 98017

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	03/12/2012		M	45,000 A \$ 39.25	206,817	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2012		M	30,000 A \$ 38.79	236,817	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2012		S	75,000 D <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	161,817	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	\$ 38.79	03/12/2012		M	30,000	04/02/2002 04/02/2012	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option	\$ 39.25	03/12/2012		M	45,000	04/02/2002 04/02/2012	Common Stock	45,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JELINEK W CRAIG 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98017	X		President and COO	

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

03/13/2012

\_\_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: 770 @ \$89.4100 230 @ \$89.4200 700 @ \$89.4300 703 @ \$89.4400 1800 @ \$89.4500 97 @ \$89.4600 1182 @ \$89.4700 100 @ \$89.4713 100 @ \$89.4715 500 @ \$89.4780 839 @ \$89.4800 2679 @ \$89.4900 3700 @ \$89.5000 4012 @ \$89.5100  
(1) 800 @ \$89.5114 100 @ \$89.5122 2002 @ \$89.5200 100 @ \$89.5212 1700 @ \$89.5300 243 @ \$89.5400 3543 @ \$89.5500 100 @ \$89.5501 100 @ \$89.5518 714 @ \$89.5600 100 @ \$89.5650 200 @ \$89.5677 2386 @ \$89.5700 100 @ \$89.5724 200 @ \$89.5732 300 @ \$89.5762

Shares sold as follows (continued): 1852 @ \$89.5800 195 @ \$89.5807 200 @ \$89.5813 200 @ \$89.5816 200 @ \$89.5829 1800 @ \$89.5850 6701 @ \$89.5900 200 @ \$89.5907 400 @ \$89.5909 200 @ \$89.5910 1052 @ \$89.5914 100 @ \$89.5950 5654 @ \$89.6000  
(2) 100 @ \$89.6002 100 @ \$89.6003 200 @ \$89.6007 400 @ \$89.6012 303 @ \$89.6033 200 @ \$89.6050 900 @ \$89.6077 5521 @ \$89.6100 200 @ \$89.6105 200 @ \$89.6112 100 @ \$89.6118 100 @ \$89.6120 300 @ \$89.6128 46 @ \$89.6186 1403 @ \$89.6200 2602 @ \$89.6250 111 @ \$89.6254 3917 @ \$89.6300 200 @ \$89.6350 2797 @ \$89.6400 700 @ \$89.6450 5646 @ \$89.6500 100 @ \$89.6501

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