Murphy James P. Form 4 November 01, 2011

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Murphy James P. |         | orting Person *_ | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW [COST] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer  (Check all applicable) |  |  |  |
|--|---------|------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) 999 LAKE D  | (First) | (Middle)         | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/28/2011                   | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)                |  |  |  |
|  |         |                  |   |   |  |  |  |

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

(Street)

(State)

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## ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

(City)

|                 |                     | Table 1 - Non-Delivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, of Beneficiary Owned |                               |                     |           |            |                  |              |              |
|-----------------|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of      | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed  | 3.                            | 4. Securiti         | ies Acq   | quired     | 5. Amount of     | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of |
| Security        | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if  | Transaction(A) or Disposed of |                     |           |            | Securities       | Form: Direct | Indirect     |
| (Instr. 3)      |                     | any Code (D)  |                               | Beneficially        | (D) or    | Beneficial |                  |              |              |
|                 |                     | (Month/Day/Year)  | (Instr. 8)                    | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |           | Owned      | Indirect (I)     | Ownership    |              |
|                 |                     |   |                               |                     |           |            | Following        | (Instr. 4)   | (Instr. 4)   |
|                 |                     |   |                               | (4)                 |           |            | Reported         |              |              |
|                 |                     |   |                               |                     | (A)       |            | Transaction(s)   |              |              |
|                 |                     |   | Code V                        | A                   | or<br>(D) | Price      | (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |              |
|                 |                     |   | Code V                        | Amount              | (D)       | Price      |                  |              |              |
| Common<br>Stock | 10/28/2011          |   | S                             | 14,300              | D         | <u>(1)</u> | 56,969           | D            |              |
| Stock           | 10/28/2011          |   | S                             | 14,300              | D         | <u>(1)</u> | 56,969           | D            |              |

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

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |                                   |                     | ate             | 7. Title<br>Amoun<br>Under | int of<br>lying<br>ities | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
|   | Derivative<br>Security                      |   |   |                                       | Securities<br>Acquired            |                     |                 | (Instr.                    | 3 and 4)                 |  | Owne<br>Follo                   |
|   |   |   |   |                                       | (A) or<br>Disposed                |                     |                 |                            |                          |  | Repo<br>Trans                   |
|   |   |   |   |                                       | of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) |                     |                 |                            |                          |  | (Instr                          |
|   |   |   |   |                                       | 4, and 3)                         |                     |                 |                            | Amount                   |  |                                 |
|   |   |   |   |                                       |                                   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title                      | or<br>Number<br>of       |  |                                 |
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                | (A) (D)                           |                     |                 |                            | Shares                   |  |                                 |

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Murphy James P. 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

Executive VP

# **Signatures**

Deanna K. Nakashima, attorney-in-fact

11/01/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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Shares sold as follows: 100 84.7900 100 84.8000 5573 85.0000 500 85.0001 100 85.0004 100 85.0022 100 85.0031 326 85.0050 1553

(1) 85.0100 100 85.0127 1778 85.0200 100 85.0209 100 85.0224 229 85.0250 500 85.0300 100 85.0320 100 85.0329 1585 85.0350 34 85.0400 100 85.0501 22 85.0600 100 85.0700 100 85.0800 100 85.0900 100 85.1200 500 85.1300 200 85.1400

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