

WASHINGTON MUTUAL INC  
Form 8-K  
August 03, 2004

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): August 3, 2004

**WASHINGTON MUTUAL, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-14667**  
(Commission File Number)

**91-1653725**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1201 THIRD AVENUE, WMT 1706**  
**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101**  
(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (206) 461-2000

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**ITEM 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

c. Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished in accordance with the provisions of Item 601 of Regulation S-K:

Exhibit	Description
(99.1)	Memorandum to directors and executive officers, dated August 3, 2004

**ITEM 11. Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans**

On August 3, 2004, Washington Mutual, Inc. (the "Company") sent a Blackout Notice - 401(k) Conversion memorandum to its directors and executive officers informing them that a blackout period will be in effect from August 25, 2004 through September 30, 2004 prohibiting them from directly or indirectly purchasing, selling or otherwise acquiring or transferring any equity securities of the Company (or derivative securities of those equity securities, such as stock options). This memorandum was provided as a cautionary matter to ensure compliance with Section 306(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

A copy of the memorandum is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference.

On August 3, 2004, the Company received the notice required by section 101(i)(2)(E) of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

**SIGNATURE**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 3, 2004

**WASHINGTON MUTUAL, INC.**

By:

/s/ Fay L. Chapman

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Fay L. Chapman  
*Executive Vice President*