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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): April 25, 2006

Timberland Bancorp, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington	0-23333	91-1863696
State or other jurisdiction Of incorporation	Commission File Number	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

624 Simpson Avenue, Hoquiam, Washington	98550
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number (including area code) (360) 533-4747

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On April 25, 2006, Timberland Bancorp, Inc. issued its earnings release for the quarter ended March 31, 2006. A copy of the earnings release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Timberland Bancorp, Inc. dated April 25, 2006

SIGNATURES

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.

TIMBERLAND BANCORP,INC.

DATE: April 25, 2006 By: /s/Dean J. Brydon

Dean J. Brydon
Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 99.1

PRESS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION

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Timberland Bancorp, Inc. Announces Increased Second Quarter Earnings

* Net Income Increases by 34%
* Diluted Earnings Per Share Increases by 33%
* Return on Equity Increases by 28%
* Net Interest Margin Increases by 7%

HOQUIAM, Wash. April 25, 2006 Timberland Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: TSBK), ("Company") the holding company for Timberland Bank, ("Bank"), today reported net income of $1.95 million, or $0.53 per diluted share, for the quarter ended March 31, 2006. This compares to net income of $1.45 million, or $0.40 per diluted share that the Company earned for the quarter ended March 31, 2005. The increased earnings per share was primarily a result of increased net interest income and increased non-interest income.

"The solid results for the second fiscal quarter are largely the result of the Company's focus on balancing the repricing characteristics of its assets and liabilities. This has allowed the maintenance of a healthy net interest margin in spite of the current flat yield curve environment. As compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year, net income, diluted earnings per share and return on equity have increased by 34%, 33% and 28% respectively," stated Michael Sand, Timberland's President and CEO. "Our focus during the remainder of the year will be the profitable growth of the Company," Sand also stated.

The Company recently announced the addition of Robert Drugge as a Senior Vice President in the Bank's Business Banking Division. Bob was hired to oversee the Bank's expanding business banking presence in Pierce, Kitsap and southern King counties. He brings nearly 20 years of in-market experience most recently managing relationships with companies having sales of between $10 million and $2 billion. Bob's lending and management expertise have been shaped by his career affiliation with Seafirst and its successor, the Bank of America. "We are looking forward to the contributions that Bob will make in furthering the goals of Timberland Bancorp, Inc.," Sand further stated.

Disclaimer

This report contains certain "forward-looking statements." The Company desires to take advantage of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and is including this statement for the express purpose of availing itself of the protection of such safe harbor with forward looking statements. These forward-looking statements may describe future plans or strategies and include the Company's expectations of future financial results. Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that might cause actual results to differ materially from stated objectives. These risk factors include but are not limited to the effect of interest rate changes, competition in the financial services market for both deposits and loans as well as regional and general economic conditions. The words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "project," and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. The Company's ability to predict results or the effect of future plans or strategies is inherently uncertain and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements.

TIMBERLAND BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
For the three and six months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2006	Three Months Ended March 31, 2005	Six Months Ended March 31, 2006	Six Months Ended March 31, 2005
Interest and dividend income				

Loans receivable	$7,624	$6,594	$15,108	$13,101
Investments and mortgage-backed securities	576	520	1,113	910
Dividends	342	251	665	517
Federal funds sold	95	50	172	162
Interest bearing deposits in banks	12	15	36	43
Total interest and dividend income	8,649	7,430	17,094	14,733
Interest expense				
Deposits	1,809	1,257	3,497	2,437
Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") advances	762	737	1,482	1,486
Other borrowings	16	10	26	15
Total interest expense	2,587	2,004	5,005	3,938
Net interest income	6,062	5,426	12,089	10,795
Provision for loan losses	--	20	--	20
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	6,062	5,406	12,089	10,775
Non-interest income				
Service charges on deposits	737	642	1,457	1,339
Gain on sale of loans, net	88	84	204	432
BOLI net earnings	110	110	220	209
Escrow fees	24	24	55	59
Servicing income on loans sold	78	49	186	88
ATM transaction fees	240	213	476	410
Other	232	218	466	341
Total non-interest income	1,509	1,340	3,064	2,878
Non-interest expense				
Salaries and employee benefits	2,737	2,548	5,367	5,198
Premises and equipment	631	566	1,239	1,077
Advertising	179	212	315	377
Loss (gain) from real estate operations	(39)	(3)	(91)	(30)
ATM expenses	97	103	194	216
Postage and courier	132	143	247	301
Amortization of core deposit intangible	82	94	164	179
State and local taxes	128	111	288	206
Professional fees	181	177	389	362
Other	591	720	1,243	1,545
Total non-interest expense	4,719	4,671	9,355	9,431
Income before federal income taxes	2,852	2,075	5,798	4,222
Federal income taxes	906	624	1,846	1,277
Net income	$ 1,946	$ 1,451	$ 3,952	$ 2,945
Earnings per common share:				
Basic	$0.55	$0.42	$1.13	$0.84
Diluted	$0.53	$0.40	$1.09	$0.80
Weighted average shares outstanding:				
Basic	3,511,880	3,488,385	3,508,163	3,522,062
Diluted	3,640,612	3,644,604	3,633,034	3,681,282

TIMBERLAND BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
March 31, 2006 and September 30, 2005
(Dollars in thousands)
(unaudited)

	March 31, 2006	September 30, 2005
ASSETS		
Cash and due from financial institutions		
Non-interest bearing	$18,650	$20,015
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	1,872	3,068
Federal funds sold	10,770	5,635
	31,292	28,718
Investments and mortgage-backed securities:		
Held to maturity	89	104
Available for sale	86,657	89,595
FHLB stock	5,705	5,705
	92,451	95,404
Loans receivable	397,216	389,853
Loans held for sale	140	2,355
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(4,119)	(4,099)
Net loans receivable	393,237	388,109
Accrued interest receivable	2,558	2,294
Premises and equipment	15,933	15,862
Real estate owned ("REO")and other repossessed items	110	509
Bank owned life insurance ("BOLI")	11,723	11,502
Goodwill	5,650	5,650
Core deposit intangible	1,670	1,834
Mortgage servicing rights	913	928
Other assets	1,846	1,955
TOTAL ASSETS	$557,383	$552,765
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Deposits	$414,035	$411,665
FHLB advances	61,792	62,353
Other borrowings: repurchase agreements	838	781
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	3,005	3,324
TOTAL LIABILITIES	479,670	478,123
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock - $.01 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized; March 31, 2006 - 3,774,337 shares issued and outstanding September 30, 2005 - 3,759,937 shares issued and outstanding	38	38
Additional paid in capital	22,391	22,040
Unearned shares - Employee Stock Ownership Plan	(3,569)	(3,833)

Retained earnings	60,016	57,268
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,163)	(871)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	77,713	74,642
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	$557,383	$552,765

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TIMBERLAND BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS AND DATA
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
PERFORMANCE RATIOS:				
Return on average assets (1)	1.41%	1.10%	1.44%	1.12%
Return on average equity (1)	10.18%	7.95%	10.44%	8.06%
Net interest margin (1)	4.84%	4.54%	4.85%	4.56%
Efficiency ratio	62.33%	69.04%	61.74%	68.98%

	March 31, 2006	September 30, 2005
ASSET QUALITY RATIOS:		
Non-performing loans	$ 2,040	$ 2,926
REO & other repossessed assets	110	509
Total non-performing assets	2,150	3,435
Non-performing assets to total assets	0.39%	0.62%
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans	201.91%	140.09%
Book value per share (2)	$ 20.59	$ 19.85
Book value per share (3)	$ 21.98	$ 21.30
Tangible book value per share (2) (4)	$ 18.65	$ 17.86
Tangible book value per share (3) (4)	$ 19.91	$ 19.16

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(1) Annualized
(2) Calculation includes ESOP shares not committed to be released
(3) Calculation excludes ESOP shares not committed to be released
(4) Calculation subtracts goodwill and core deposit intangible from the equity component

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
AVERAGE BALANCE SHEET:				
Average total loans	$ 397,880	$ 371,509	$ 394,290	$ 365,021

Average total interest earning assets	500,835	477,946	498,030	473,730
Average total assets	553,210	527,453	550,792	525,958
Average total interest bearing deposits	361,893	357,825	361,755	352,740
Average FHLB advances & other borrowings	62,176	54,597	59,528	55,010
Average shareholders' equity	76,470	72,962	75,729	73,049

Comparison of Financial Condition at March 31, 2006 and September 30, 2005

Total Assets: Total assets increased $4.61 million to $557.38 million at March 31, 2006 from $552.77 million at September 30, 2005 primarily due to a $5.13 million increase in net loans receivable and $2.57 million increase in cash and due from financial institutions. These increases were partially offset by a $2.95 million decrease in investment securities.

Investments: Investment securities decreased by $2.95 million to $92.45 million at March 31, 2006 from $95.40 million at September 30, 2005, due to regular amortization and prepayments on mortgage-backed securities.

Loans: Net loans receivable increased by $5.13 million to $393.24 million at March 31, 2006 from $388.11 million at September 30, 2005. The increase in the portfolio was primarily a result of a $6.38 million increase in construction loans (net of undisbursed portion), a $3.33 million increase in land loans, a $2.75 million increase in consumer loans, and a $1.89 million increase in multi-family loans. Partially offsetting these increases were decreases of $5.46 million in one-to-four family mortgage loans, $2.58 million in commercial business loans, and $1.37 million in commercial real estate loans.

Loan demand remains relatively strong in the Bank's market areas, although an unusually wet winter impacted the loan portfolio by delaying construction loan disbursements on existing construction loans and kept some of the Bank's builders from beginning new projects. Undisbursed construction loan balances increased by $10.10 million to $52.87 million at March 31, 2006. Loan originations totaled $43.98 million and $109.76 million for the three and six months ended March 31, 2006 compared to $48.94 million and $110.38 million for the three and six months ended March 31, 2005. The Bank also continued to sell longer-term fixed rate loans for asset liability management purposes. The Bank sold fixed rate one-to-four family mortgage loans totaling $5.52 million and $13.05 million for the three and six months ended March 31, 2006 compared to $4.63 million and $7.96 million for the three and six months ended March 31, 2005.

Deposits: Deposits increased by $2.37 million to $414.04 million at March 31, 2006 from $411.67 million at September 30, 2005. The deposit increase was primarily due to a $12.2 million increase in certificate of deposit accounts. This increase was partially offset by decreases of $7.33 million in money market accounts, $1.38 million in savings accounts, and $1.12 million in non-interest bearing accounts.

Shareholders' Equity: Total shareholders' equity increased by $3.07 million to $77.71 million at March 31, 2006 from $74.64 million at September 30, 2005, primarily due to net income of $3.95 million and a $544,000 increase to additional paid in capital from the exercise of stock options and vesting associated with the Company's benefit plans. Also increasing shareholders' equity was a decrease of $264,000 in the equity component related to unearned shares issued to the Employee Stock Ownership Plan. Partially offsetting these increases to shareholders' equity were the payment of $1.20 million in dividends to shareholders, the repurchase of 8,200 shares of the Company's stock for $193,000, and a $292,000 increase in accumulated other comprehensive loss.

On April 7, 2005, the Company announced a plan to repurchase up to 5% of the Company's outstanding shares, or 187,955 shares. This represents the Company's 13th stock repurchase plan. As of March 31, 2006, the Company had repurchased 36,050 of these shares at an average price of $23.26. Cumulatively the Company has repurchased 3,375,321 (51.0%) of the 6,612,500 shares that were issued when the Company went public in January 1998. The 3,375,321 shares have been repurchased at an average price of $15.41 per share.

Comparison of Operating Results for the Three and Six Months Ended March 31, 2006 and 2005

Net Income: Net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 increased to $1.95 million, or $0.53 per diluted share ($0.55 per basic share) from $1.45 million, or $0.40 per diluted share ($0.42 per basic share) for the quarter ended March 31, 2005. The $0.13 increase in diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 was primarily a result of a $656,000 ($433,000 net of income tax - $0.11 per diluted share) increase in net interest income after provision for loan losses and a $169,000 ($112,000 net of income tax - $0.03 per diluted share) increase in non-interest income. These

items were partially offset by a $48,000 ($32,000 net of income tax - $0.01 per diluted share) increase in non-interest expense.

Net income for the six months ended March 31, 2006 increased to $3.95 million, or $1.09 per diluted share ($1.13 per basic share) from $2.95 million, or $0.80 per diluted share ($0.84 per basic share) for the six months ended March 31, 2005. The $0.29 increase in diluted earnings per share for the six months ended March 31, 2006 was primarily the result of a $1.31 million ($867,000 net of income tax - $0.24 per diluted share) increase in net interest income after provision for loan losses, a $186,000 ($123,000 net of income tax - $0.03 per diluted share) increase in non-interest income, a $76,000 ($50,000 net of income tax - $0.01 per diluted share) decrease in non-interest expense, and a lower number of weighted average shares outstanding, which increased diluted earnings per share by approximately $0.01.

Net Interest Income: Net interest income increased $636,000 to $6.06 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 from $5.43 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2005, primarily due to a larger interest earning asset base and an increase in the Company's net interest margin. Total interest income increased $1.22 million to $8.65 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 from $7.43 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2005 as average total interest earning assets increased by $22.89 million. The yield on interest earning assets increased to 6.91% for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 from 6.22% for the quarter ended March 31, 2005. Total interest expense increased by $583,000 to $2.59 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 from $2.00 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2005 as average interest bearing liabilities increased $11.65 million. The average rate paid on interest bearing liabilities increased to 2.47% for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 from 1.94% for the quarter ended March 31, 2005. The net interest margin increased to 4.84% for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 from 4.56% for the quarter ended March 31, 2005.

Net interest income increased $1.29 million to $12.09 million for the six months ended March 31, 2006 from $10.80 million for the six months ended March 31, 2005, primarily due to a larger interest earning asset base and an increase in the Company's net interest margin. Total interest income increased $2.36 million to $17.09 million for the six months ended March 31, 2006 from $14.73 million for the six months ended March 31, 2005 as average total interest earning assets increased by $24.30 million. The yield on interest earning assets was 6.87% for the six months ended March 31, 2006 compared to 6.22% for the six months ended March 31, 2005. Total interest expense increased by $1.07 million to $5.01 million for the six months ended March 31, 2006 from $3.94 million for the six months ended March 31, 2005 as average interest bearing liabilities increased $13.53 million. The average rate paid on interest bearing liabilities increased to 2.38% for the six months ended March 31, 2006 from 1.94% for the six months ended March 31, 2005. The net interest margin increased to 4.85% for the six months ended March 31, 2006 from 4.54% for the six months ended March 31, 2005.

Provision for Loan Losses: There was no provision for loan losses made during the six months ended March 31, 2006 as credit quality remained strong. The allowance for loan losses, however, did increase during this period due to a net recovery of $20,000. Based on its comprehensive analysis, management deemed the allowance for loan losses of $4.12 million at March 31, 2006 (1.04% of loans receivable and 201.91% of non-performing loans) adequate to provide for probable losses based on an evaluation of known and inherent risks in the loan portfolio at that date. The allowance for loan losses was $4.01 million (1.05% of loans receivable and 130.99% of non-performing loans) at March 31, 2005. The Company had net recoveries of $2,000 and $20,000 for the three and six months ended March 31, 2006 compared to net charge-offs of $7,000 and $4,000 for the three and six months ended March 31, 2005.

The Company's non-performing assets to total assets ratio decreased to 0.39% at March 31, 2006 from 0.52% at December 31, 2005 and 0.64% at March 31, 2005. The non-performing loan total of $2.04 million at March 31, 2006 consisted of a $1.36 million commercial construction loan, $506,000 in one-to-four family mortgage loans, and a $179,000 commercial real estate loan.

Non-interest Income: Total non-interest income increased $169,000 to $1.51 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 from $1.34 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2005, primarily due to $95,000 increase in service charges on deposits, a $29,000 increase in servicing income on loans sold, and a $27,000 increase in ATM transaction fees. The Bank also continued to generate non-interest income from the sale of fixed-rate loans. During the quarter ended March

31, 2006, the Bank sold $5.52 million in fixed rate one-to-four family mortgages for a gain of $88,000 compared to sales of $4.63 million for a gain of $84,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2005.

Total non-interest income increased by $186,000 to $3.06 million for the six months ended March 31, 2006 from $2.88 million for the six months ended March 31, 2005, primarily due to a $179,000 increase in fees from the sale of non-deposit investment products, a $118,000 increase in service charges on deposits, and a $98,000 increase in servicing income on loans sold. These increases were partially offset by a $228,000 decrease in gains from loan sales. Income from loan sales was larger in the period a year ago due to the sale of the Bank's credit card portfolio in December 2004, which resulted in a gain of $245,000.

Non-interest Expense: Total non-interest expense increased by $48,000 to $4.72 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 from $4.67 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2005. The increase was primarily a result of increases in salary expense, premises and equipment expense, and state and local tax expense. These increases were partially offset by decreases in advertising expense, real estate owned operation expense, and postage and courier expense

Total non-interest expense decreased by $76,000 to $9.36 million for the six months ended March 31, 2006 from $9.43 million for the six months ended March 31, 2005. Non-interest expenses were higher a year ago primarily due to expenses of $183,000 related to the branch acquisition in October 2004 and vesting expenses of $335,000 related to one of the Company's benefit plans. Partially offsetting these expense decreases during the current year, were increases in expenses related to salaries, premises and equipment, and state and local taxes. The Company also began expensing stock options under SFAS 123(R), which became effective for the Company on October 1, 2005. Total stock option expenses of $11,000 were recorded for the six months ended March 31, 2006. As a result of the decreased expenses and increased revenue, the Company's efficiency ratio improved to 61.74% for the six months ended March 31, 2006 from 68.98% for the six months ended March 31, 2005.

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TIMBERLAND BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
LOANS RECEIVABLE BREAKDOWN
(Dollars in thousands)

The following table sets forth the composition of the Company's loan portfolio by type of loan.

	March 31, 2006		September 30, 2005	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Mortgage Loans:				
One-to-four family (1)	$96,300	21.26%	$101,763	23.24%
Multi family	22,058	4.87	20,170	4.61
Commercial	123,480	27.27	124,849	28.51
Construction and land development	128,951	28.47	112,470	25.68
Land	28,314	6.25	24,981	5.71
Total mortgage loans	399,103	88.12	384,233	87.75
Consumer Loans:				

Home equity and second mortgage	34,704	7.66	32,298	7.38
Other	9,669	2.14	9,330	2.13
	44,373	9.80	41,628	9.51
Commercial business loans	9,436	2.08	12,013	2.74
Total loans	452,912	100.00%	437,874	100.00%
Less:				
Undisbursed portion of construction loans in process	(52,869)		(42,771)	
Unearned income	(2,687)		(2,895)	
Allowance for loan losses	(4,119)		(4,099)	
Total loans receivable, net	$393,237		$388,109	

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(1) Includes loans held-for-sale.

TIMBERLAND BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
DEPOSIT BREAKDOWN
(Dollars in thousands)

	March 31, 2006	September 30, 2005
Non-interest bearing	$50,677	$51,792
N.O.W checking	93,470	93,477
Savings	62,890	64,274
Money market accounts	41,961	49,295
Certificates of deposit under $100,000	120,668	117,618
Certificates of deposit $100,000 and over	44,369	35,209
Total deposits	$414,035	$411,665

Timberland Bancorp, Inc. stock trades on the NASDAQ national market under the symbol "TSBK." The Bank owns and operates branches in the state of Washington in Hoquiam, Aberdeen, Ocean Shores, Montesano, Elma, Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, Yelm, Puyallup, Edgewood, Tacoma, Spanaway (Bethel Station), Gig Harbor, Poulsbo, Silverdale, Auburn, Winlock, and Toledo.

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