TAYLOR DEAN E Form 4

March 06, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

obligations may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TAYLOR DEAN E

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TIDEWATER INC [TDW]

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

03/03/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601

POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1900

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab l | le I - Non-l | Derivative | Secu | rities Acq | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | ally Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of (D) | 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) |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2012 | | F <u>(1)</u> | 2,206 | D | \$ 60.08 | 206,211 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2012 | | F <u>(1)</u> | 3,352 | D | \$ 60.08 | 202,859 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 4,511.5651 | I | By Trustee |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 3,957 | I | As Custodian for Children (3) |

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerci | sable and | 7. Title a | ınd | 8. Price of |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|--------|-------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transact | iorNumber | Expiration Da | te | Amount | of | Derivative |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/Y | (ear) | Underlyi | ng | Security |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securitie | s | (Instr. 5) |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. 3 | and 4) | |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration Date | | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | | | umber | |
| | | | | | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | $^{\prime}$ (A) (D) | | | St | nares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | | Relationships | |
|--------------------------------|--|-------|---------------|--|
| | | 10~ 0 | 0.00 | |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Deletionship

TAYLOR DEAN E C/O TIDEWATER INC. 601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1900 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

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President and CEO

Signatures

Bruce D. Lundstrom as Agent and Attorney-in-Fact for Dean E. Taylor

03/06/2012

**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).
- (1) Withholding of shares to pay taxes.
- (2) Acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of the Tidewater Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan. Includes shares acquired for the account through February 29, 2012.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these shares for purposes of section 16 or any other purpose.

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