

2. *Restoration Approaches:* Three programmatic restoration approaches will be considered and evaluated in the environmental impact statement. The first approach is the No Action alternative and would include various agencies and groups continuing to implement small-scale restoration projects but within a less coordinated framework than under the other proposed alternatives. Continued implementation of restoration projects might include reconnecting isolated habitat elements, localized bank revegetation, and some placement of large woody debris. The second approach is an ecosystem processes approach to habitat restoration within a comprehensive framework. Under this approach, benefits to many fish and wildlife species will be targeted. The third approach is restoration of ESA-listed fish species. Recently, Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*) have been listed under ESA. This approach would evaluate restoration actions that would focus benefits on these species.

3. *Scoping and Public Involvement:* Public involvement will be sought during scoping and throughout the study in accordance with NEPA and SEPA procedures. Public meetings will be held during public review of the draft PEIS. A public scoping process will be initiated to clarify issues of major concern, identify studies that might be needed to analyze and evaluate impacts, and obtain public input on the range and acceptability of approaches and further definition of alternatives. This notice of intent formally commences the joint scoping process under NEPA and SEPA. As part of the scoping process, all affected Federal, state, and local agencies, Native American tribes, and other interested private organizations, including environmental interest groups, are invited to comment on the scope of the PEIS. Comments are requested concerning project alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant environmental impacts, and permits or other approvals that may be required. To date, the following impact areas have been identified and will be analyzed in depth in the PEIS: (1) Fish and their habitat, (2) water quality, (3) wetlands, (4) riparian habitat, (5) wildlife, (6) land use, and (7) public safety. The environmental review process will be comprehensive and will integrate and satisfy the requirements of NEPA (Federal) and SEPA (Washington State), and other relevant Federal, state, and local environmental laws. Written

comments may be accepted within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** (see **DATES**).

4. *Other Environmental Review, Coordination, and Permit Requirements:* Other environmental review, coordination, and permit requirements include preparation of a section 404(b)(1) evaluation by the Corps and consultation among the Corps, State of Washington, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration both per section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Coordination will also be initiated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to meet the requirements of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

5. *Availability of the Draft PEIS:* The draft PEIS is scheduled for release during the spring of 2004 and the Final PEIS is scheduled for release during the fall of 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the computer matching program between the Department of Education and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, (Pub.L. 100-503), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Final Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs, notice is hereby given of the renewal of the computer matching program between the Department of Education (ED) (the recipient agency) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) (the source agency). After a new computer matching agreement has been approved by the ED and VA Data Integrity Boards, the computer matching program will begin on the effective date as specified in the agreement and as indicated in paragraph 5, below.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, OMB Final Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs (54 FR 25818, June 19, 1989), and OMB Circular No. A-130, the following information is provided:

1. *Names of Participating Agencies.*

The U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

2. *Purpose of the Match.*

The purpose of this matching program between ED and VA is to verify the status of applicants for financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), who claim to be veterans.

The Secretary of ED is authorized by the HEA to administer the Title IV programs and to enforce the terms and conditions of the HEA. The Secretary has the authority to treat veterans as independent applicants. Applicants who are determined to be veterans do not have to provide parental income and asset information to apply for Title IV, HEA program assistance.

Section 480(c)(1) of the HEA defines the term "veteran" to mean "any individual who (A) has engaged in active duty in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard; and (B) was released under a condition other than dishonorable." (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(c)(1)). Section 480(d)(3) of the HEA enables an applicant who is determined to be a veteran (as defined in subsection (c)(1)) to meet the definition of an independent student for purposes of Title IV, HEA program assistance eligibility. (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(d)(3)).

3. *Legal Authority for Conducting the Matching Program.*

ED is authorized to conduct the matching program under sections 480(c) and (d)(3) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(c)(1) and (d)(3)) and 5 U.S.C. 552a. The VA's authority is 38 U.S.C. 523.

4. *Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match.*

ED will provide the Social Security Number and other identifying information of each applicant who indicates that he or she is a veteran. This information will be extracted from the Federal Student Aid Application File systems of records (18-11-01), pursuant to routine use no. 16, as corrected by 66 FR 18758 (April 11, 2001). The ED data will be matched against the Veterans and Beneficiaries Identification and Records Location Subsystem—VA (38VA21), routine use no. 21, as added by 66 FR 30049-50 (June 4, 2001).

5. *Effective Dates of the Matching Program.*

The matching program will become effective on (1) December 24, 2003, the day after the expiration of the current computer matching agreement (CMA); (2) thirty (30) days after this notice of the matching program has been published in the **Federal Register**; or (3) forty (40) days after a report concerning the matching program has been transmitted to the Office of Management