only the projects that have the greatest potential for contributing to the evaluation program will be continued into the proposal stage. The Council Coordinator’s office currently publishes and distributes Standard and Small Grants instructional booklets that assist applicants in formulating project proposals for Council consideration. The guidelines for this new grants evaluation initiative, to be contained in the request for proposal, is an additional information collection instrument. The guidelines and instructions and other instruments, e.g., Federal Register notices on request for proposals, are the basis for this information collection request for OMB clearance. Information collected under this program is used to respond to such needs as: audits, program planning and management, program evaluation, Government Performance and Results Act reporting, Standard Form 424 (Application For Federal Assistance), grant agreements, budget reports and justifications, public and private requests for information, data provided to other programs for databases on similar programs, Congressional inquiries and reports required by NAWCA, etc. In the case of the additional Evaluation Grants Pilot Program guidelines, the request responds also to the statutory requirements of the Act.

In summary, information collection under this program is required to obtain a benefit, i.e., a cash reimbursable grant that will be given competitively to selected applicants based on eligibility and the relative value of their projects to contribute to meaningful technical evaluation of the success of the grants programs. The information collection is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements for such activity, which includes soliciting comments from the general public regarding the nature and burden imposed by the collection.

Frequency of Collection: Occasional. We intend the Evaluation Grant Pilot Program to have one project proposal submissions window per year.

Description of Respondents: Households and/or individuals; business and/or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; Federal Government; and State, local and/or Tribal governments.

Estimated Completion Time: We estimate the reporting burden, or time involved in writing project submissions, to be 8 hours for a pre-proposal and 40 hours for a proposal.

Number of Respondents: We estimate that 30 pre-proposals and 10 proposals will be submitted each year for the grants evaluation pilot program.

In our July 8, 1999, Federal Register notice entitled “Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Eleventh Regular Meeting; Proposed Resolutions and Agenda Items Being Considered; Species Being Considered for Amendments to the CITES Appendices; Public Meeting; Observer Information” (64 FR 36893), we make the following correction:

On page 36909, in the fourth paragraph under item number 6 entitled “Atlantic swordfish (Xiphias gladius),” which appears in the second column on the page, the last sentence reading “The plan also includes limited entry for the commercial fishery and a time/area closure to reduce juvenile swordfish mortality” is corrected to read follows: “The plan also includes limited entry for the commercial fishery. Additionally, the National Marine Fisheries Service is working on analyses to implement a time/area closure that would protect small swordfish. The National Marine Fisheries Service proposed a time/area closure to protect small swordfish in the draft FMP. However, in response to comments indicating the ineffectiveness of the proposed Florida Straits closure, as well as updated analyses, the National Marine Fisheries Service deferred the implementation of a time/area closure for protection of small swordfish until a later date, pending further analyses and review of more effective, and probably larger, time/area closures.”