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This review has further highlighted that in these times of tight fiscal conditions collaboration and coordination with effective planning and prioritization is essential in getting the most out of operational resources. The Center and Division leadership certainly appears to be meeting the challenge, and effectively communicating and coordinating with the Alaska Regional Office.

Taking advantage of opportunities to more closely coordinate and collaborate within the Alaska Center should also be pursued as well as with other West Coast Centers where collaboration is programmatically advantageous. This approach also extends to headquarters to insure that efficient and effective processes are in place to advance in a timely way mission critical surveys and process studies.