



INFORMATION RELEASE

ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER



July 9, 1998
12:56 pm

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a strong earthquake that occurred on Thursday at 11:39 am ADT in the Cook Inlet region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary body-wave magnitude of 5.5 and was located at a depth of about 80 miles (129 km).

This earthquake was felt widely throughout Alaska including the interior. This event was also felt sharply in south central Alaska with reports of minor damage. However, there have been no reports of significant damage or injury.

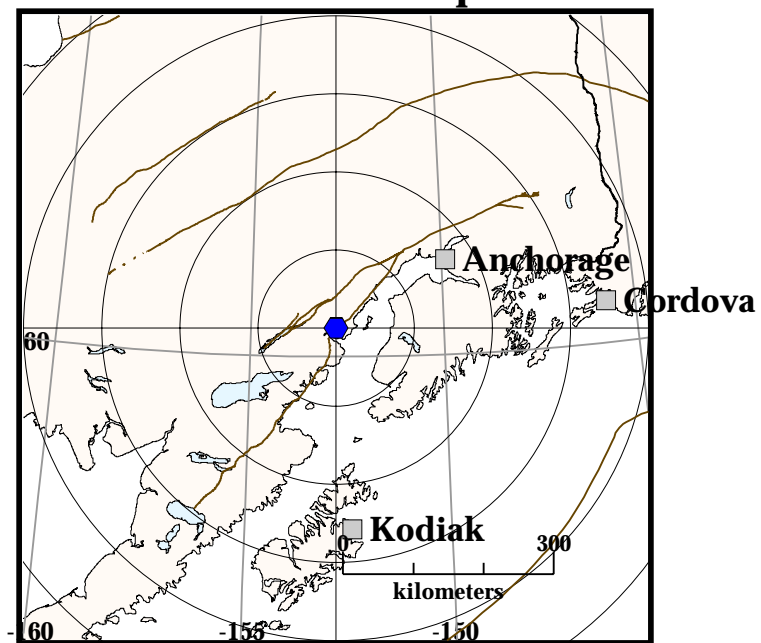
Distance to nearby locations:

45 mi (72 km) WNW of Ninilchik
54 mi (87 km) WSW of Kenai
60 mi (97 km) W of Soldotna
67 mi (107 km) NW of Homer
115 mi (184 km) WSW of Anchorage

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 980709 19:39:47
Latitude: 60 N 22'
Longitude: 152 W 48'
Depth: 129 km
Magnitude: mb 5.5 (NEIC)
ML 6.4 (AEIC)

Location of Earthquake



Circles are 111 km (70 miles) apart.

The location and magnitude for this earthquake may be updated as data from additional seismic stations are received. The Alaska Earthquake Information Center will continue to gather data and may issue additional releases as appropriate. With any moderate or large earthquake, aftershocks should be expected to occur.

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