



INFORMATION RELEASE



ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER

August 31, 1998

8:42 am

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center recorded a moderate earthquake that occurred on Friday at 07:31 am ADT in the Rat Islands region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 5.2 and was located at a depth of about 21 miles (33 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed.

No reports of this event having been felt and/or causing damage have been received at this time.

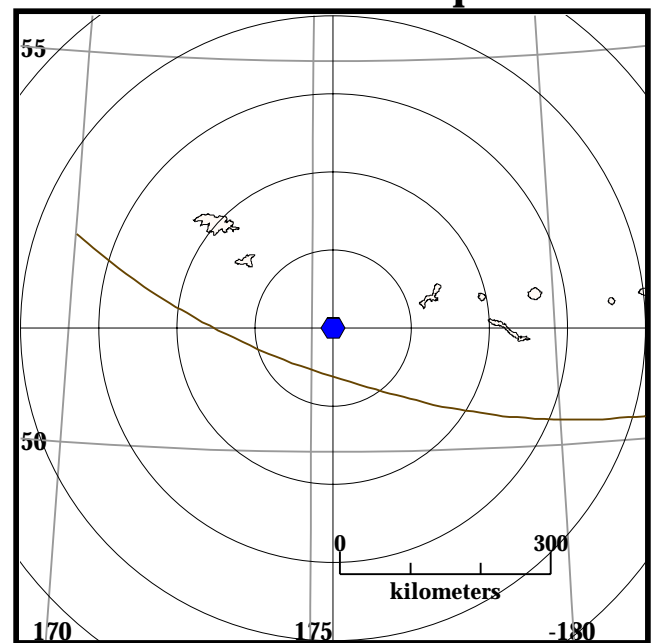
Distance to nearby locations:

57 mi (92 km) SSW of Buldir Is
96 mi (155 km) SE of Shemya Is
132 mi (213 km) SE of Attu
154 mi (247 km) W of Amchitka
340 mi (548 km) W of Adak
445 mi (717 km) W of Atka

Preliminary earthquake parameters (from NEIC):

Origin Time (UT):980828 15:31:38
Latitude: 51 N 35'
Longitude: 175 E 26'
Depth: 33 km
Magnitude: MB 5.2

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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