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The Alaska Earthquake Information Center recorded a moderate earthquake that occurred on Friday at 04:12 pm AST in the Fox Islands region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 5.5 and was located at a depth of about 21 miles (33 km).

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

Distance to nearby locations:

- 48 mi (77 km) SW of Nikolski
- 104 mi (167 km) E of Amukta Pass
- 163 mi (262 km) SW of Unalaska
- 164 mi (264 km) SW of Dutch Harbor
- 198 mi (318 km) E of Atka
- 198 mi (319 km) SW of Akutan
- 304 mi (490 km) E of Adak
- 305 mi (491 km) WSW of False Pass

Preliminary earthquake parameters (from NEIC):

- Origin Time (UT): 981205 01:12:47
- Latitude: 52 N 23’
- Longitude: 169 W 33’
- Depth: 33 km
- Magnitude: MS 5.5

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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