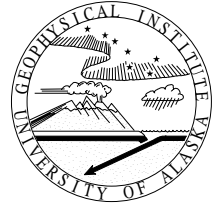




INFORMATION RELEASE



ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER

December 21, 1998
9:40 pm

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a minor earthquake that occurred on Monday at 08:44 pm AST in the Cook Inlet region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 3.8 and was located at a depth of about 41 miles (65 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed.

This earthquake was felt in Homer, but there hasn't been any reports of damage.

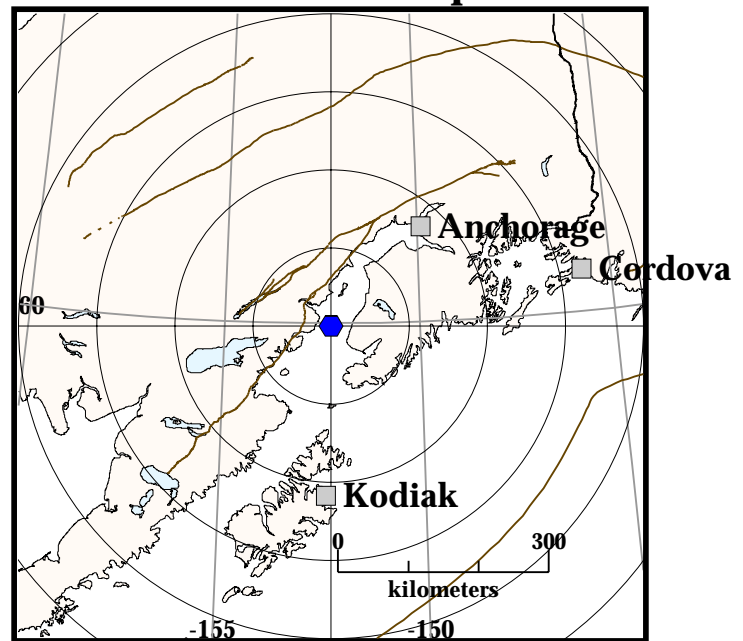
Distance to nearby locations:

- 21 mi (33 km) NW of Anchor Point
- 22 mi (36 km) WSW of Ninilchik
- 34 mi (55 km) NW of Homer
- 42 mi (67 km) NNW of Seldovia
- 44 mi (70 km) SW of Kasilof
- 54 mi (87 km) SW of Kenai
- 56 mi (90 km) SW of Soldotna

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 981222 05:44:18
Latitude: 59 N 58'
Longitude: 152 W 17'
Depth: 65 km
Magnitude: ML 3.8

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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