



INFORMATION RELEASE

ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER



December 6, 1999

9:15 am

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center recorded a moderate earthquake that occurred on Friday, December 3rd at 11:46 PM AKST in the Andreanof Islands region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 5.3 and was located at a depth of about 21 miles (33 km).

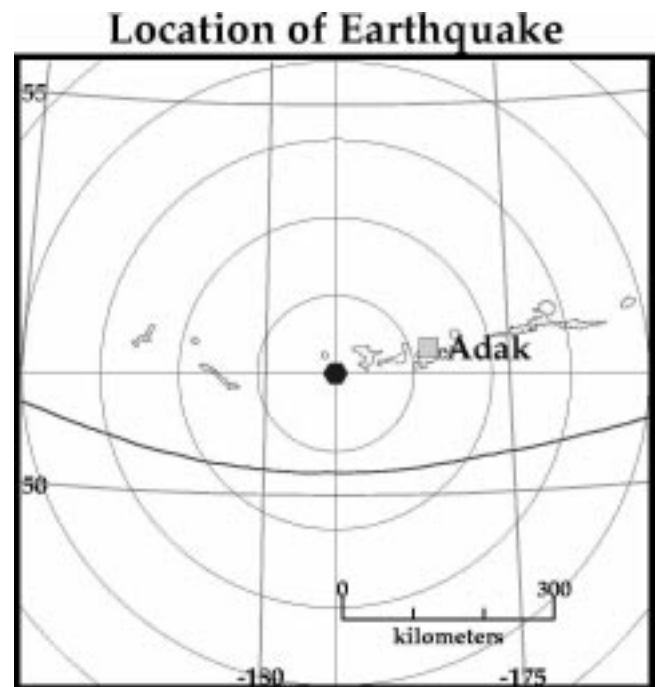
This earthquake was felt in Adak. No reports of this event having caused damage and/or injury have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

136 km (85 miles) WSW of Adak
168 km (105 miles) E of Amchitka
308 km (193 miles) WSW of Atka
387 km (242 miles) E of Buldir Is
459 km (287 miles) W of Amukta Pass
515 km (322 miles) ESE of Shemya Is
578 km (361 miles) ESE of Attu
677 km (423 miles) W of Nikolski

Preliminary earthquake parameters (NEIC):

Origin Time (UT): 991204 08:46:56
Latitude: 51 N 34'
Longitude: 178 W 34'
Depth: 33 km
Magnitude: mb 5.3



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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The Alaska Earthquake Information Center (AEIC) monitors earthquakes in Alaska and provides earthquake information to the citizens and public officials of Alaska. The Center is a cooperative program of the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska and the U.S. Geological Survey and is located at the Geophysical Institute in Fairbanks with the Alaska State Seismologist's Office.

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