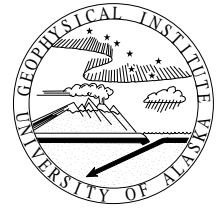




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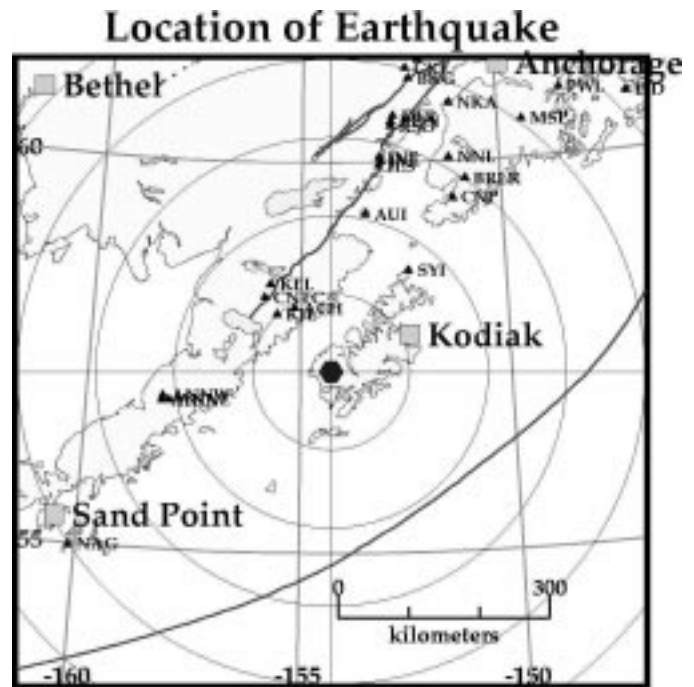
The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a light earthquake that occurred on Wednesday, December 8th at 2:11 PM AKST in the Kodiak Island region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.0 and was located at a depth of about 36 miles (57 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. This event was felt in Larsen Bay, no reports of damage have been received as of this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 29 km (18 miles) SSE of Karluk
- 30 km (19 miles) SW of Larsen Bay
- 60 km (38 miles) WNW of Old Harbor
- 103 km (64 miles) SW of Port Lions
- 123 km (77 miles) WSW of Kodiak
- 125 km (78 miles) WSW of Ouzinkie
- 199 km (124 miles) E of Pilot Point
- 206 km (129 miles) SE of King Salmon

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 991208 23:11:25
 Latitude: 57 N 19'
 Longitude: 154 W 17'
 Depth: 57 km
 Magnitude: ML 4.0



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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