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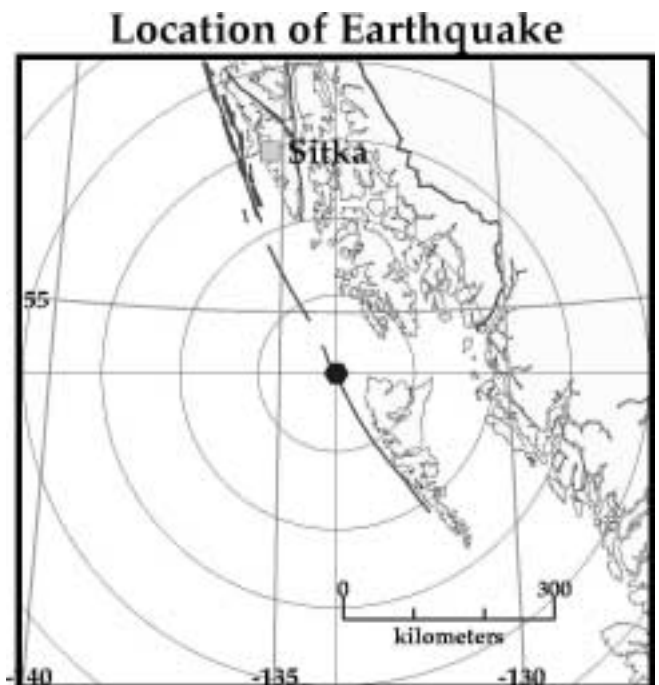
The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a moderate earthquake that occurred on Saturday, February 17th at 11:11 AM AKST in the Queen Charlotte Islands region. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 5.9 and was located at a depth of about 6 miles (10 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. The event was felt in Craig, Ketchikan, and Hydeborg. No reports of damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

50 km (31 miles) WSW of Dixon Entrance
125 km (78 miles) SSW of Hydeborg
145 km (91 miles) SSW of Craig
154 km (97 miles) SSW of Klawock
171 km (107 miles) SSW of Kasaan
173 km (108 miles) SW of Metlakatla
181 km (113 miles) SSW of Thorne Bay
184 km (115 miles) SW of Ketchikan

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 02/17/2001 20:11:28
Latitude: 54 N 13'
Longitude: 133 W 45'
Depth: 10 km
Magnitude: mb 5.9



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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