The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a strong earthquake that occurred on Monday, March 17th at 9:55 AM AKST in the Rat Islands region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 6.2; (NEIC) 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. No reports of this event being felt or causing damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 98 km (61 miles) WSW of Amchitka
- 187 km (117 miles) SE of Buldir Is
- 307 km (192 miles) SE of Shemya Is
- 370 km (231 miles) ESE of Attu
- 396 km (247 miles) W of Adak
- 567 km (354 miles) W of Atka
- 718 km (449 miles) W of Amukta Pass
- 888 km (555 miles) ESE of Bering Is, Komandorsky

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

- Latitude: 51 N 07’
- Longitude: 177 E 46’
- Depth: 10 km
- Magnitude: Ms (NEIC) 6.2

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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