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ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER

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The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a moderate earthquake that occurred on Wednesday, November 26th at 9:07 PM AKST in the Unimak Island region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 5.4 and was located at a depth of about 12 miles (20 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. Several aftershocks between magnitude 4 and 4.8 have occurred in the hours following this event, which is normal.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 137 km (85 miles) S of False Pass
- 170 km (107 miles) SSW of King Cove
- 175 km (109 miles) ESE of Akutan
- 177 km (110 miles) SSW of Cold Bay
- 217 km (136 miles) E of Dutch Harbor
- 218 km (136 miles) E of Unalaska
- 260 km (163 miles) SW of Sand Point
- 295 km (184 miles) SSW of Nelson Lagoon

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

- Latitude: 53 N 37’
- Longitude: 163 W 15’
- Depth: 20 km
- Magnitude: ML 5.2 (NEIC);

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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