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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The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a light earthquake that occurred on Wednesday, March 17th at 3:15 PM AKST beneath the Gulf of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.9 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. No reports of this event being felt or causing damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 265 km (166 miles) S of Middleton Island
- 341 km (213 miles) SSE of Chenega Bay
- 344 km (215 miles) E of Kodiak
- 353 km (221 miles) ESE of Ouzinkie
- 369 km (231 miles) SSE of Seward
- 374 km (234 miles) E of Port Lions
- 388 km (242 miles) SE of Port Graham
- 389 km (243 miles) SE of Seldovia

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

- Origin Time (UT): 03/18/2004 00:15:37
- Latitude: 57 N 05’
- Longitude: 146 W 48’
- Depth: 10 km
- Magnitude: ML 4.9

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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