The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a moderate earthquake that occurred on Saturday, September 17th at 12:39 PM AKDT in the Near Islands region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 5.0 and was located at a depth of about 3 miles (5 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:

- 57 km (36 miles) S of Shemya Is
- 95 km (59 miles) SSE of Attu
- 135 km (84 miles) W of Buldir Is
- 354 km (221 miles) WNW of Amchitka
- 601 km (376 miles) ESE of Bering Is, Komandorsky
- 642 km (401 miles) W of Adak
- 806 km (504 miles) W of Atka
- 953 km (596 miles) W of Amukta Pass

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

- Latitude: 52 N 12’
- Longitude: 173 E 58’
- Depth: 5 km
- Magnitude: ML 5.0

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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