The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a light earthquake that occurred on Tuesday at 08:54 pm AST in southeastern Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.3 and was located at a depth of about 6 miles (10 km).

No reports of this event having been felt and/or causing damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 32 mi (51 km) SSW of Sitka
- 42 mi (68 km) NW of Port Alexander
- 65 mi (105 km) WSW of Kake
- 71 mi (115 km) SSW of Angoon
- 75 mi (121 km) WNW of Point Baker
- 82 mi (132 km) S of Tenakee Springs
- 97 mi (156 km) SSE of Pelican
- 99 mi (159 km) W of Petersburg

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

- Origin Time (UT): 981216 05:54:24
- Latitude: 56 N 36’
- Longitude: 135 W 31’
- Depth: 10 km
- Magnitude: ML 4.3

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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