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ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER

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The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a light earthquake that occurred on Wednesday, December 15th at 2:47 PM AKST in the Alaska Peninsula region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.6 and was located at a depth of about 0 miles (0 km).

This earthquake was felt in King Cove and Sandpoint. No reports of this event having caused damage and/or injury have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

103 km (64 miles) SE of King Cove
105 km (65 miles) SSW of Sand Point
133 km (83 miles) SE of Cold Bay
156 km (98 miles) ESE of False Pass
172 km (107 miles) S of Nelson Lagoon
203 km (127 miles) SW of Perryville
265 km (166 miles) SW of Chignik
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Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 991215 23:47:18
Latitude: 54 N 27’
Longitude: 161 W 05’
Depth: 0 km
Magnitude: ML 4.6

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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