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August 27, 2013

Dear Community Advisory Group Members:

It is time to begin the public review process for the next Alaska Marine Highway scheduling cycle. The proposed schedule patterns that will be reviewed will cover the summer 2014 schedule.

Please take the time to review and comment on this proposal paying particular attention to any need for special events scheduling. Be sure to give the name of the event, date, location, and arrival and departure times needed for each special event.

Please provide your written comments prior to September 10, 2013. Information may be faxed to 907-586-8365 or emailed to dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov. A teleconference to hear comments and consider adjustments is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. for Southeast schedules and at 1:30 p.m. for Southwest and Southcentral schedules. The meeting will be held in Ketchikan at the Alaska Marine Highway Central Office, 7559 North Tongass Highway for participants wishing to attend in person.

The toll free number to participate in both teleconferences is: 1-800-315-6338, conference code 3902#. The link to access the proposed schedule patterns is <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/share/schedule/considerations.pdf>.

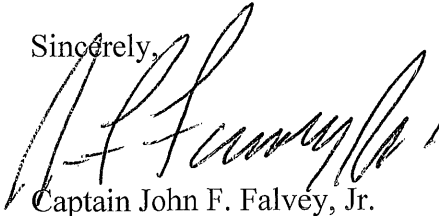
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"Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure."

If you have any additional questions or need additional information, please contact the AMHS Operations Manager, Tony Karvelas, at (907) 228-7252 or (907) 617-4277.

Sincerely,



Captain John F. Falvey, Jr.
General Manager

ENCLOSURES:

Draft FY14 Operating Plan 14.14
Proposed Vessel Deployment
Calendars of Events
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Operating Plan 2013-2014

Revision Number 14.14
08-07-2013

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Operating Weeks
	Implementation of an Operating Plan is dependent upon funding from the legislature and earned revenue.											2014	
KEN	Jul 1, Mon	BEL-X-GULF		Oct 03, CIP			Jan 15 O.H.		Mar 06 BEL-X-GULF				30.1
COL	Jul 1, Mon	BEL-Fri	Sep 1, Sun CIP						Mar 1, Sat Overhaul	Apr 30, Wed	BEL-Fri		17.7
MAT	Jul 1, Mon	YPR/SGY		Oct 01, Layup			Jan 4, Overhaul		Mar 2, BEL-Fri		May 1, YPR-JNU-SGY		30.4
MAL	Jul 1, Mon	NLC - Dayboat	Sep 01, Sun	BEL-Fri					Mar 02, Overhaul		May 02 NLC - Dayboat		43.4
TAK	Jul 1, Mon	YPR/JNU	Aug 31, NLC-Day	Oct 1, Tue	YPR/JNU						May 02, Fri	Overhaul	43.6
							Jan 10, Overhaul						
LIT	Jul 1, Mon	MET Service						Jan 26, MET Service					49.9
LEC	Jul 1, Mon	NP/Dayboat	Aug 21, O.H.	Oct 01, Tue	NP/Dayboat								46.3
TUS	Jul 01, Mon	Overhaul		Oct 01, SW					Mar 09, Overhaul	Apr 29, SW			31.7
		Aug 18, In Transit		Oct 01, In Transit				Feb 10, mini OH					
AUR	Jul 1, Mon	PWS	Aug 21, NP Dayboat	Oct 05, PWS				Feb 14, PWS	Apr 01, Overhaul	May 15, PWS			44.3
FWX	Jul 1, Mon	SIT 6X - PSG 1X		Oct 01, Layup						Apr 1 O.H.	May 15, Thu	SIT 4X wk	19.9
CHE	Jul 1, Mon	PWS		Oct 05, Layup					Mar 1 OH	Apr 1, PWS			26.7

LEGEND

On Line	BEL - Bellingham to Skagway Route	PWS-Prince William Sound	SW- Southwest	Mainline Vessels	165.2
Overhaul	YPR - Prince Rupert to Skagway Route	MET - Metlakatla Service	YPR-X-Gulf-SW Pr. Rupert Cross Gulf Southwest	Feeder Vessels	116.1
Layup	BEL-X-Gulf Bellingham Cross Gulf SW	NP - Northern Panhandle	NLC + SIT - Northern Lynn Canal + Sitka	Southwest Vessels	102.7

Note: Dates represent the first day of the period. Overhaul and refurbishment periods include vessel travel time.

Total Operating Weeks 384.0

Alaska Marine Highway System
Summer 2014
August 20, 2013

Proposed Vessel Deployment

- Kennicott to operate Bellingham cross the Gulf to Southwest
- Columbia to remain on the Friday Bellingham Route
- Matanuska to sail from Prince Rupert to Skagway and from Prince Rupert to Juneau once per week
- Malaspina to homeport in Juneau and sail North Lynn Canal daily except Monday
- Taku to sail from Prince Rupert to Juneau twice per week July 01-Sept 30
- Lituya to sail 5 days per week between Annette Bay and Ketchikan
- LeConte to sail a Northern Panhandle Route
- Tustumena to sail the Southwest Route with two Aleutian chain trips per month
- Aurora to sail between Valdez and Whittier, also serving Tatitlek twice per month
- Fairweather to sail: May 15 to June 30, Sitka 2 days/Sitka with Angoon 2 days. July 1-Sept 30: Sitka 4 days, Sitka with Angoon 2 days, Petersburg 1 day
- Chenega to sail: May 1 to Sept 11, between Cordova and Whittier 5 days, reversing triangle Cordova, Whittier, Valdez 2 days. Sept 12 to Sept 30, between Cordova and Whittier 1 day, reversing triangle Cordova, Whittier, Valdez 6 days to cover for Aurora while she is in SE

Guide to Reading and Using AMHS Scheduling Graphs

(Or Spider Graphs as they are affectionately known)

The AMHS scheduling graphs convey a massive amount of information on a single page, and they can be confusing to understand and interpret. The following explanations and suggestions may help.

1. The title of the graph defines the geographic area depicted by the chart and the time period to which it applies. When “Wk 1 & 3” or “Wk 2 & 4” appear, it implies that the schedule alternates every other week of the month (i.e. that the schedule is not the same every week). Essentially, a week 1 schedule would be followed by week 2, then back to week 3 (which is the same as week 1) and so on to round out the 4 weeks of a month.
2. The days of the week and times of the day are spread across the top axis of the chart. Midnight to midnight is shown for each day with only noon shown on the graph for reference and to declutter it.
3. The various ports are shown on the left side axis of the chart using their three letter AMHS designator. A key to decipher port and ship codes is on page 2 of this guide. Ports with only one dock or ship berth are shown on a single line. Ports with multiple docks have a line for each dock (e.g. JNU 1, JNU 2, JNU 3). They are generally arranged in geographic order, such as Skagway at the top (north) and Bellingham at the bottom (south). This is necessary since we can have multiple ships in Juneau at one time, but cannot at a port with only one dock.
4. Each ship is shown in a different color, and has the ship’s three letter identifier listed beside it throughout the chart for reference. A solid bar of a particular ship’s color in a specific port’s row on the chart indicates the time for that ship to be in that port. By reference to the top axis, you can determine the approximate times of those in port periods.
5. Thin lines of a ship’s color between ports indicate transit time for that particular ship between the two ports at either end of the line.
6. Thin lines that “run off the right edge of the chart” are continued, either on the left edge of the same chart (if running on a weekly scheduling cycle) or on the left edge of the alternating Wk 1&3, Wk 2&4 chart (if running on a two week scheduling cycle).
7. Ships that transition between geographic areas (e.g. Kennicott going across the Gulf of Alaska) have a notation box at the end of their thin transit line indicating such “To X-Gulf” or “Fr X-Gulf”

Suggestions for use:

1. To see what a particular ship does, just follow that ship’s colored line as it zigzags across the chart to determine what ports it visits and on what days and at what approximate times.
2. To see what service a particular community receives, just follow that community’s horizontal row across the chart to see what ships stop in that community and on which days of the week and times of the day that happens. You can also determine, by looking at that ship’s thin transit lines, where a ship serving your community is coming from and where it is going to next.

AMHS Community and Ship Three Letter Codes

Communities

AKU = Akutan
ANG = Angoon
BEL = Bellingham, WA
CBY = Cold Bay
CDV = Cordova
CHB = Chenega Bay
CHG = Chignik
FPS = False Pass
GUS = Gustavus
HNS = Haines
HNH = Hoonah
HOM = Homer
JNU = Juneau (Auke Bay)
KAE = Kake
KCV = King Cove
KOD = Kodiak
KTN = Ketchikan
MET = Metlakatla
OLD = Old Harbor
ORI = Port Lions
OUZ = Ouzinkie
PEL = Pelican
PSG = Petersburg
SDP = Sand Point
SDV = Seldovia
SGY = Skagway
SIT = Sitka
TAT = Tatitlek
TKE = Tenakee
UNA = Unalaska/Dutch Harbor
VDZ = Valdez
WRG = Wrangell
WTR = Whittier
YAK = Yakutat
YPR = Prince Rupert, BC

Ships

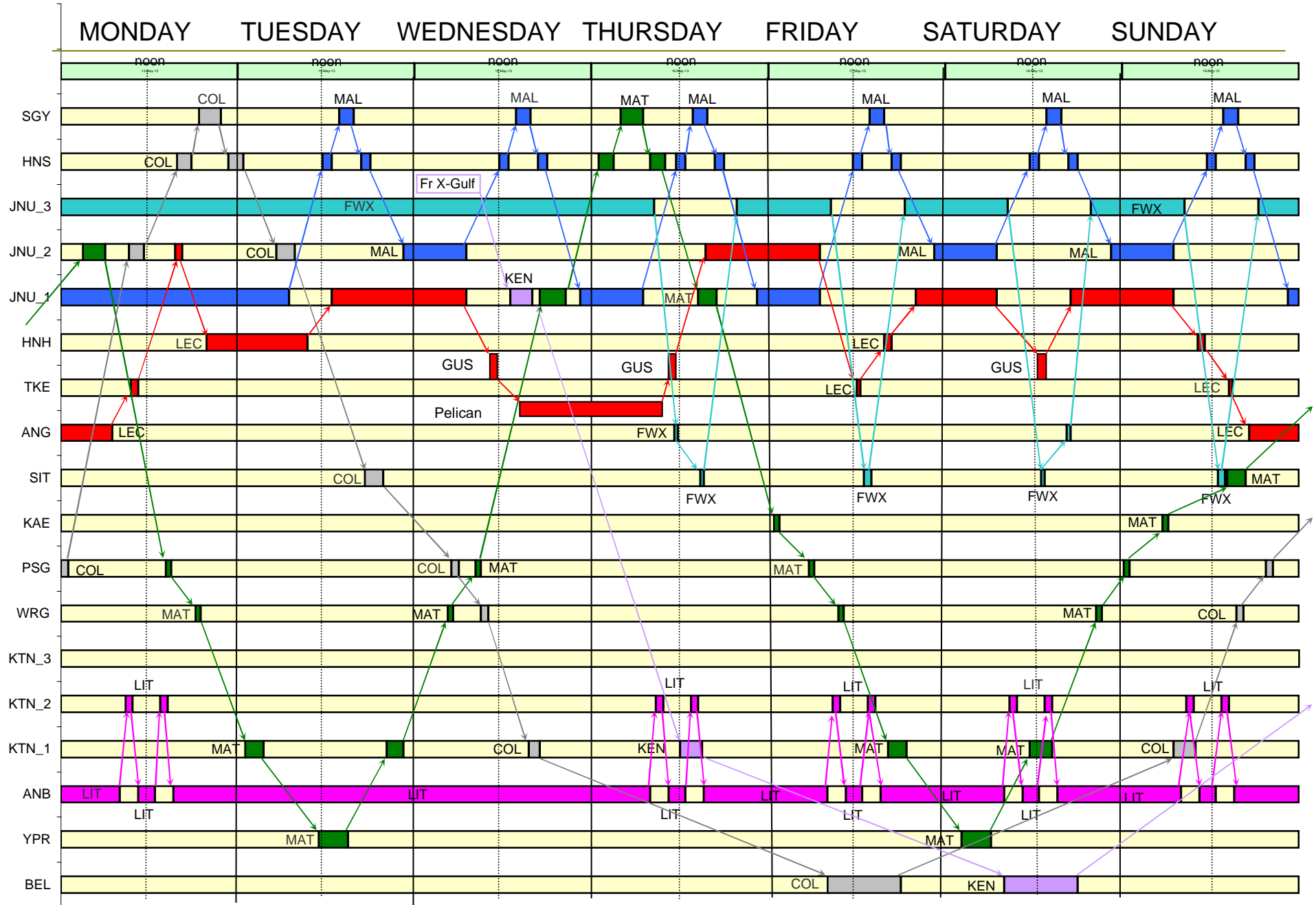
AUR = Aurora
CHE = Chenega (Fast Ferry)
COL = Columbia
FWX = Fairweather (Fast Ferry)
KEN = Kennicott
LEC = LeConte
LIT = Lituya
MAL = Malaspina
MAT = Matanuska
TAK = Taku
TUS = Tustumena

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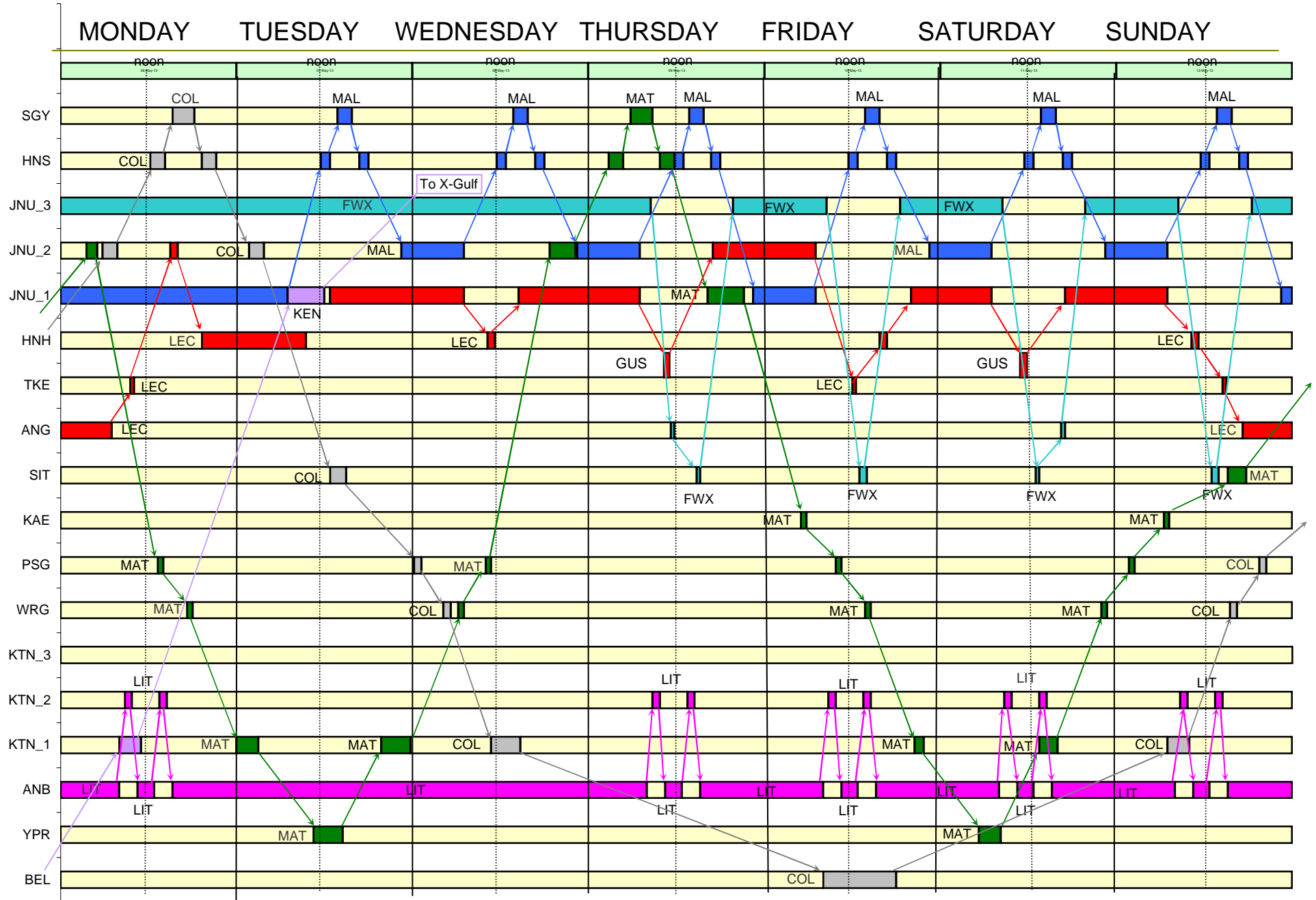


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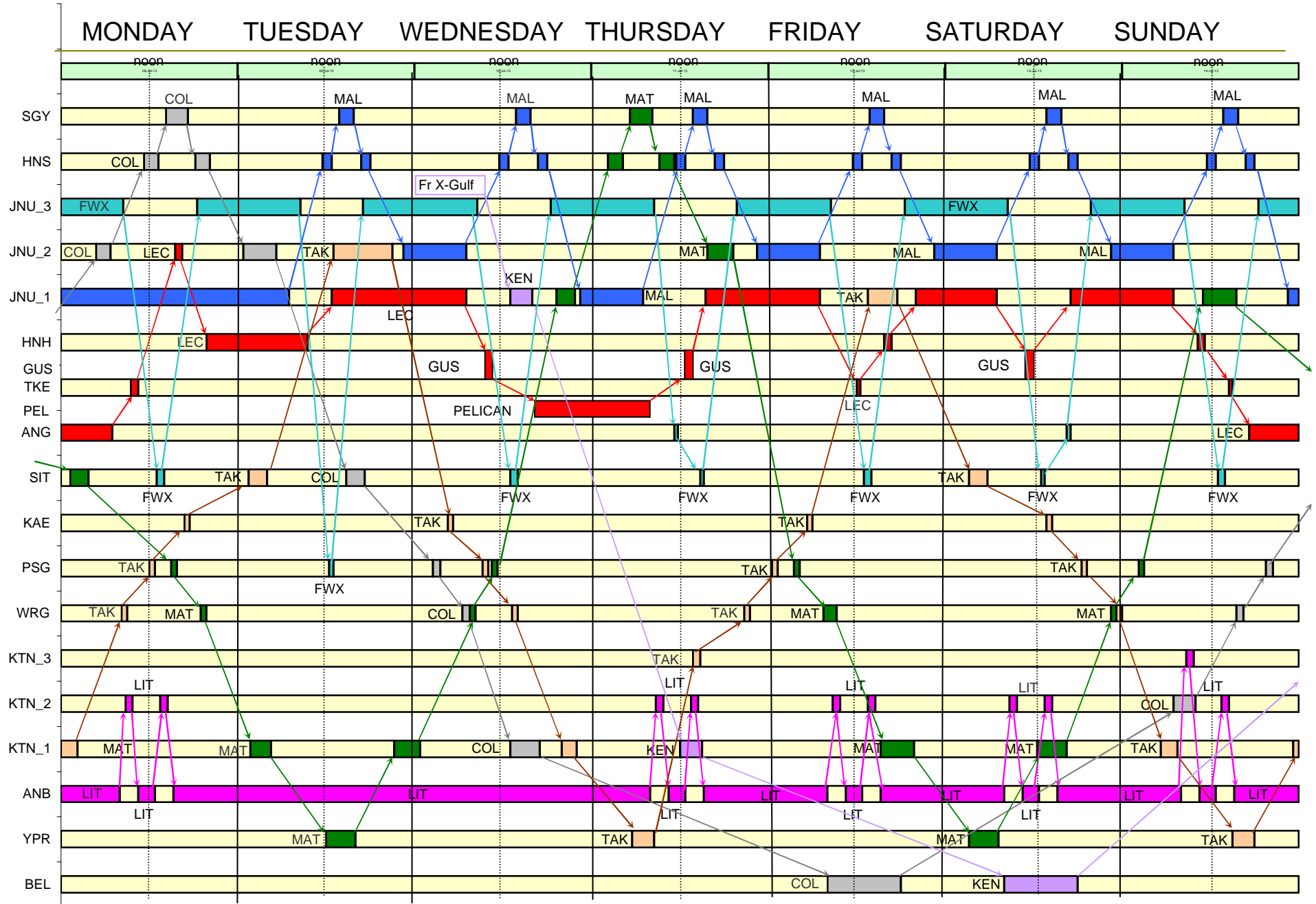


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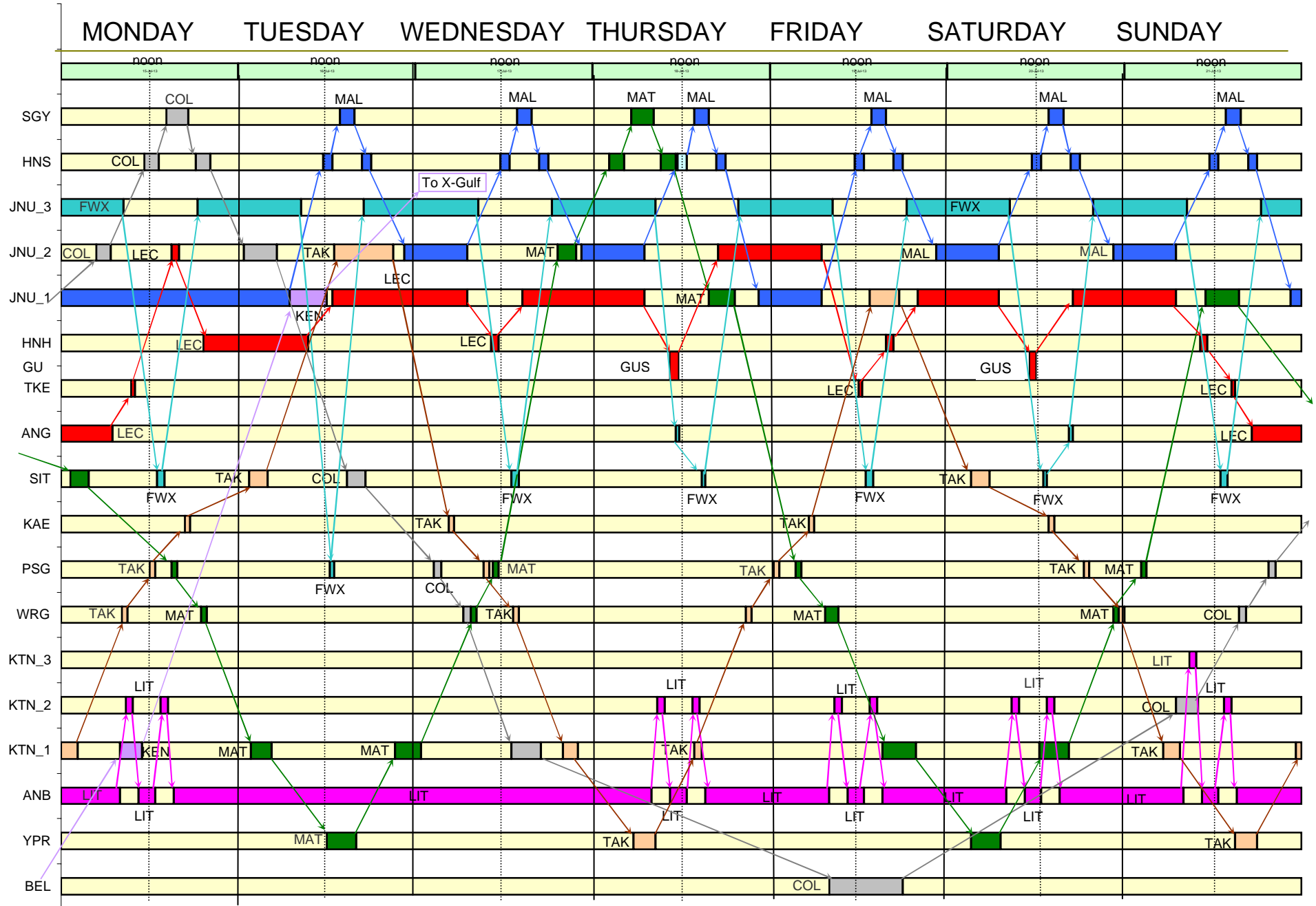


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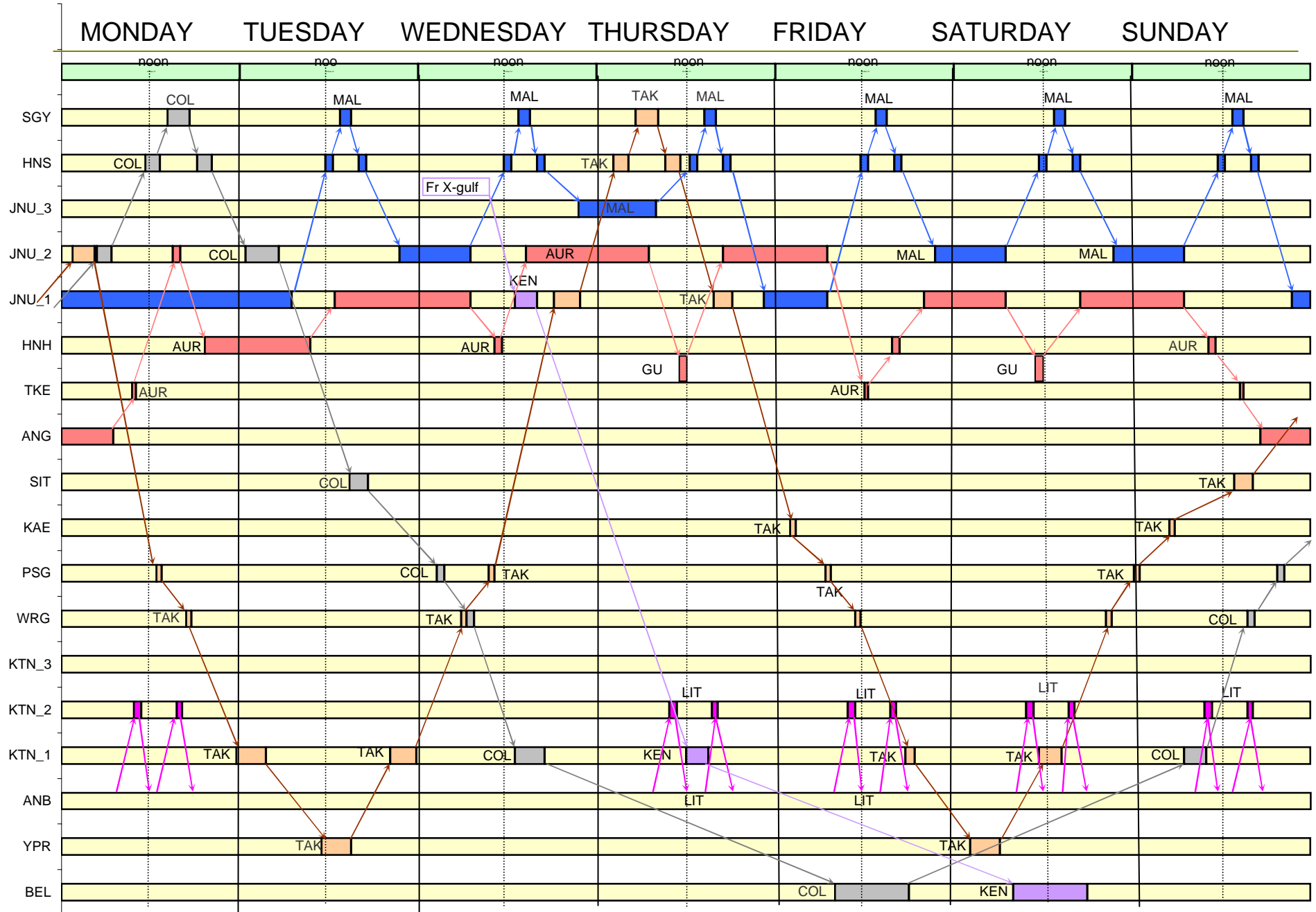


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SE Summer 2013 Sept 15-30

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2014 SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS
SOUTHEAST
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MAY

Annual Great Alaska Craftbeer & Homebrew Festival – Haines	May 23-24
Little Norway – Petersburg	May 15-18

JUNE

Kluane to Chilkat Bike Relay – Haines	June 14
Celebration 2014	June 11-14

JULY

Annual Dustball Tournament – Whitehorse	
SE AK State Fair & Bald Eagle Music Fest	July 24-27

AUGUST

Founder's Day – Metlakatla
Dog Salmon Festival – Kake

SEPTEMBER

Klondike Road Relay – Skagway	Sept 5-6
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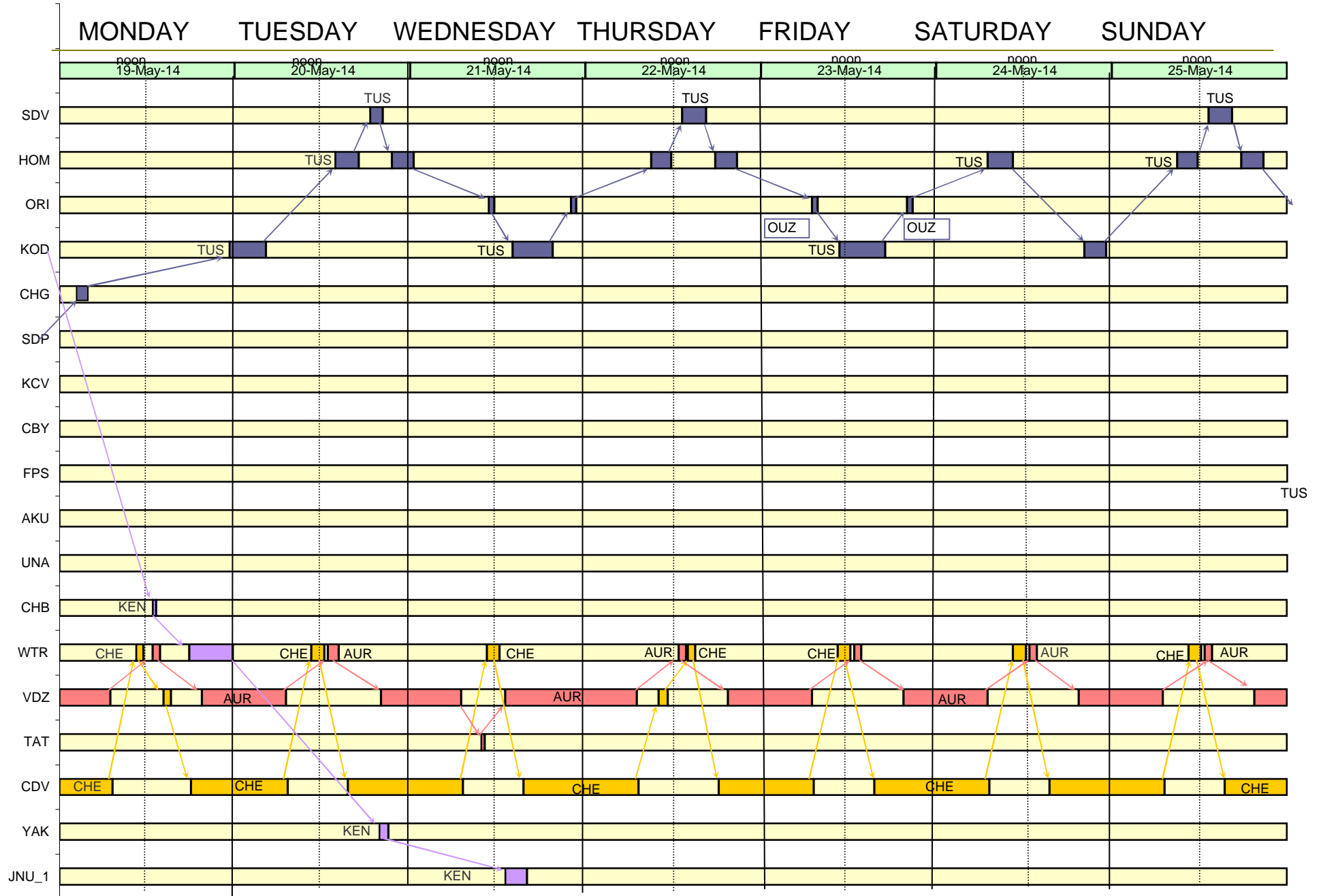
Please review the above Community Calendar of Events and comment on any events that are missed for your community. Schedule patterns may be changed as warranted to provide service to/from the events.

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SW-PWS Summer 2014 Wk 1 & 3

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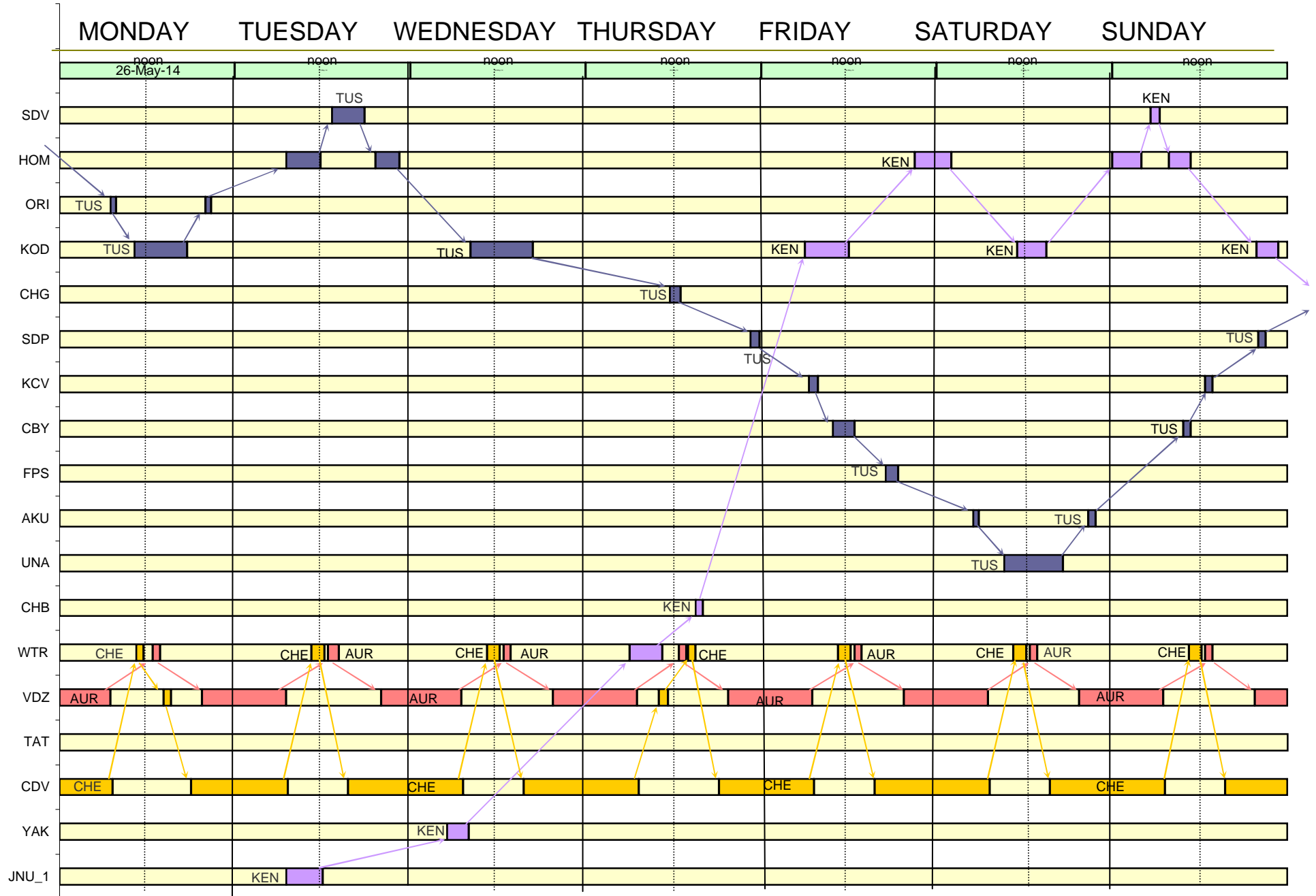


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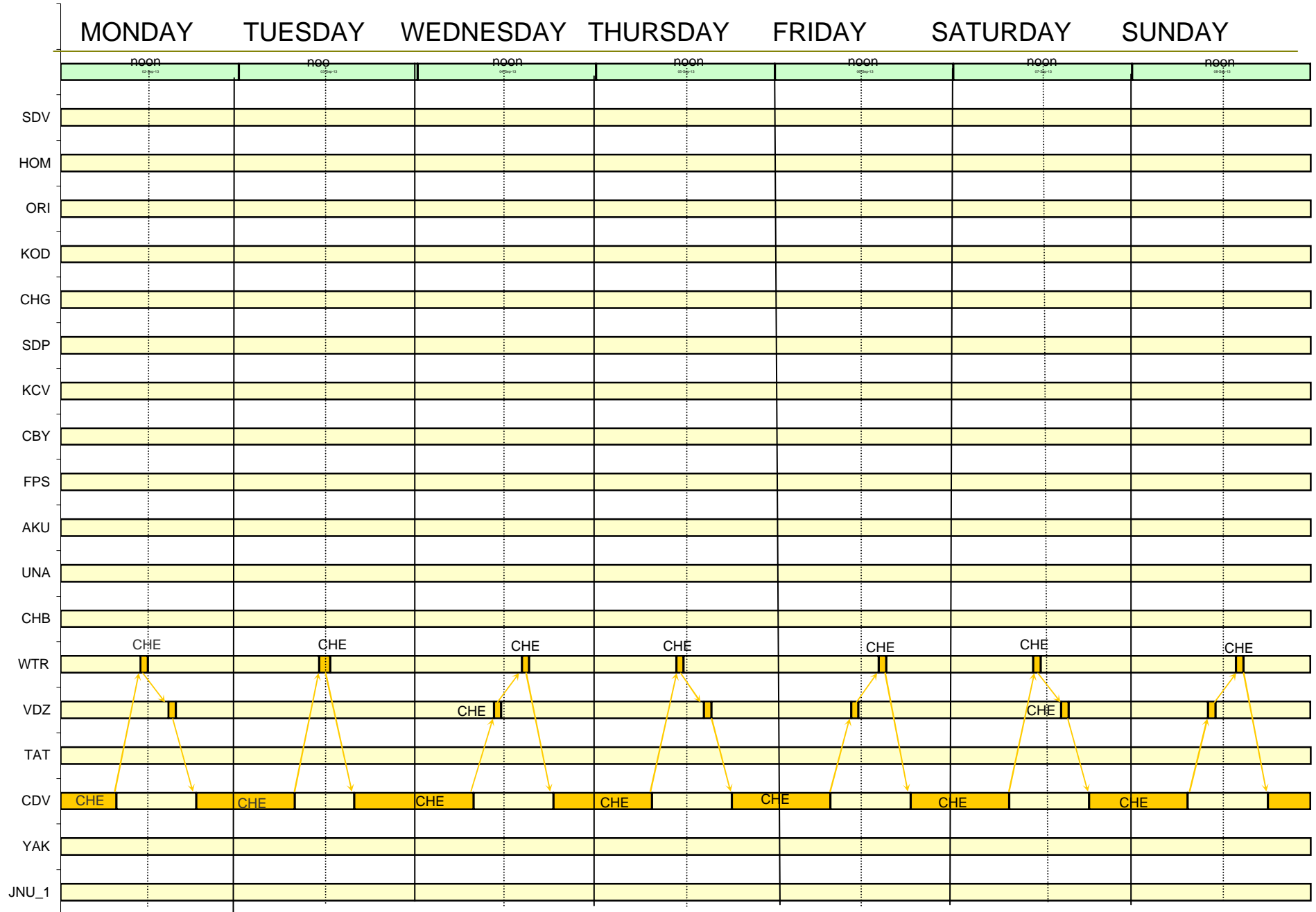


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PWS Summer 2014 SEP 12 -30

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2014 SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS
SOUTHWEST/SOUTHCENTRAL
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MAY

Eastern Aleutian Tribes, Inc – Health Fair AKU, CBY, KCV, SDP
PWS Shorebird Festival – Cordova
Kodiak Crab Festival

May
May

JUNE

JULY

Wild Copper River Salmon Days - Cordova

AUGUST

Fungus Festival – Cordova

SEPTEMBER

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