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Dear Community Leaders and Members of the Public Interested in AMHS:

It is time to begin the public review process for the next Alaska Marine Highway System scheduling cycle. The proposed schedule patterns to be reviewed cover the summer schedule from May 01, 2023, through September 30, 2023.

The schedule patterns proposed are based on the funding levels for FY23. The operating plan has been designed to meet community service needs while staying within available funding levels and maintaining regulatory and safety standards for the vessels.

Please take the time to review and comment on this proposed operating schedule and vessel deployment for summer 2023. The link to access the proposed schedule patterns is:

https://dot.alaska.gov/amhs/doc/service_notices/2023_summer_considerations.pdf

AMHS is also interested in knowing about any need for special events scheduling and requests and that organizers or communities give the event name, dates, location, and arrival/departure times needed for each special event.

Please provide your written comments by February 10 2023. Information may be faxed to 907-228-6873, or emailed to RESTORE@PublicInput.com or by visiting the public comment page which can be found at: <https://akdotpf.commentinput.com/?id=ZRQcA>.

Public teleconferences to hear additional comments and consider adjustments were held on January 27, 2023, Southeast public meeting resording can be found at: <https://youtu.be/zTYgPrQaoos>. Southwest public meeting recording at https://youtu.be/5MwRga_RBM4.

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If you have any additional questions or need additional information, please contact the AMHS Business Development Manager, Matt McLaren, at (907) 228-7274.

Sincerely,



Captain Anthony (Tony) Karvelas.
Acting General Manager Alaska Marine Highway

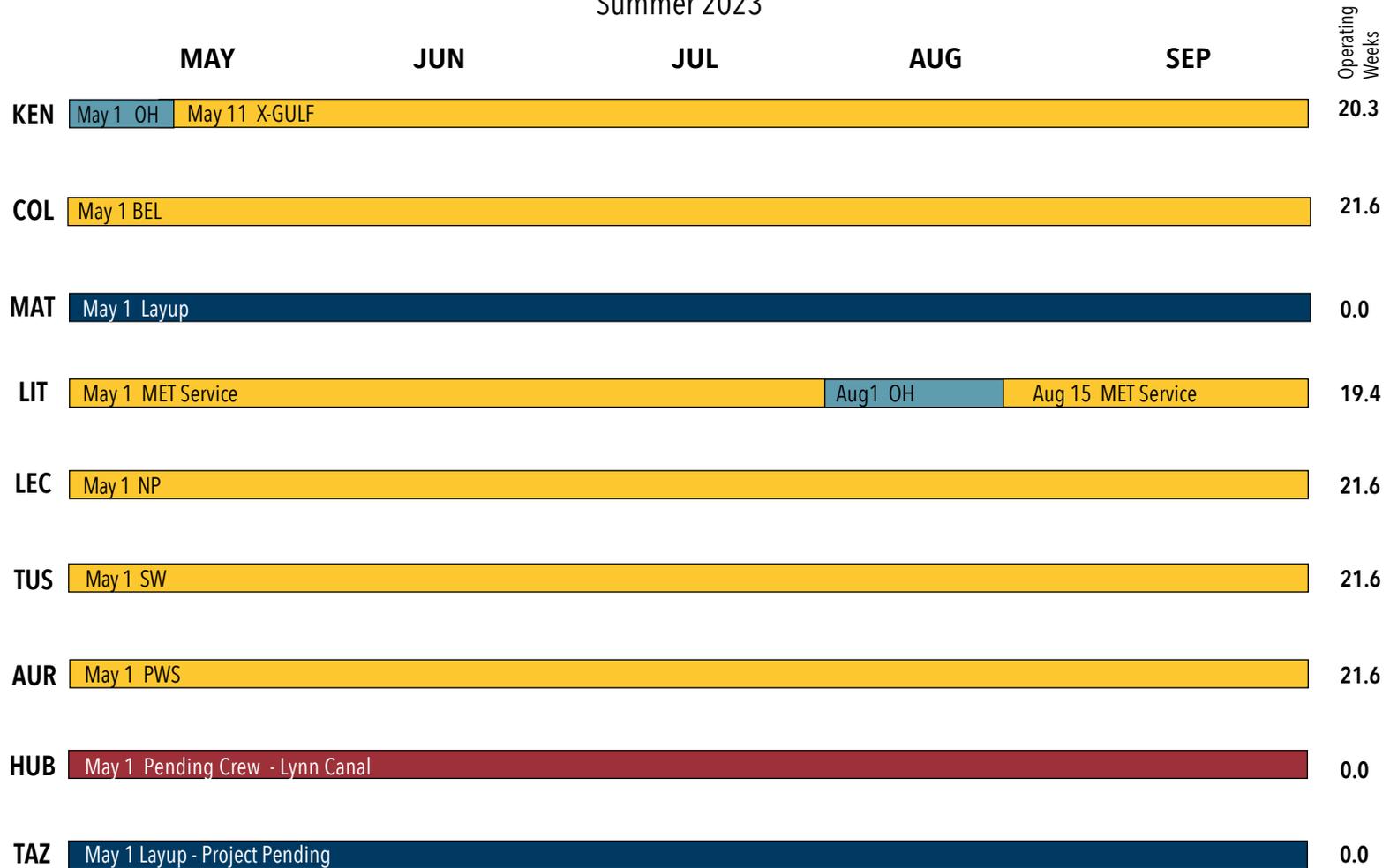
ENCLOSURES:

Draft FY 2023 Summer Operating Plan
Calendars of Events
Weekly Vessel Pattern Graphs
FY 2023 Vessel Deployment Plan

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Operating Plan Summer 2023



- Notes:
- If the HUB operates in NLC from May 1 through September 30 it will add 21.6 operating weeks to the schedule as a feeder vessel for a cumulative total of 147.7 operating weeks.
 - Dates represent the first day of the period. Overhaul and refurbishment periods include vessel travel time.

 On Line	BEL: Bellingham to Skagway	NP: Northern Panhandle Dayboat	SW: Southwest	Mainline Vessels	41.9
 Overhaul (OH)	X - Gulf: Cross Gulf Southwest	PWS: Prince William Sound		Feeder Vessels	41.0
 Layup (LU)	MET: Metlakatla Service	BEL - YPR alt: Bellingham / Prince Rupert Alternating		Southwest Vessels	43.2
 Maintenance				Total Operating Weeks	126.1

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Proposed Vessel Deployment

- Kennicott to operate Bellingham/ Prince Rupert/Juneau cross the Gulf to Southwest, three times per month, mid- May through September.
- Columbia to operate on the Wednesday Bellingham Route May through September.
- LeConte to sail Northern Panhandle May through September.
- Lituya to sail 5 days per week between Annette Bay and Ketchikan, May through September. She will be in overhaul in August.
- Tustumena to sail the Southwest Route with one Aleutian chain trip per month May through September.
- Aurora to sail PWS May through September.
- Hubbard ****PENDING CREW**** would sail Lynn Canal 6 days per week, freeing up LeConte for further village service.

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).
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

ANB=Annette Bay
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
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

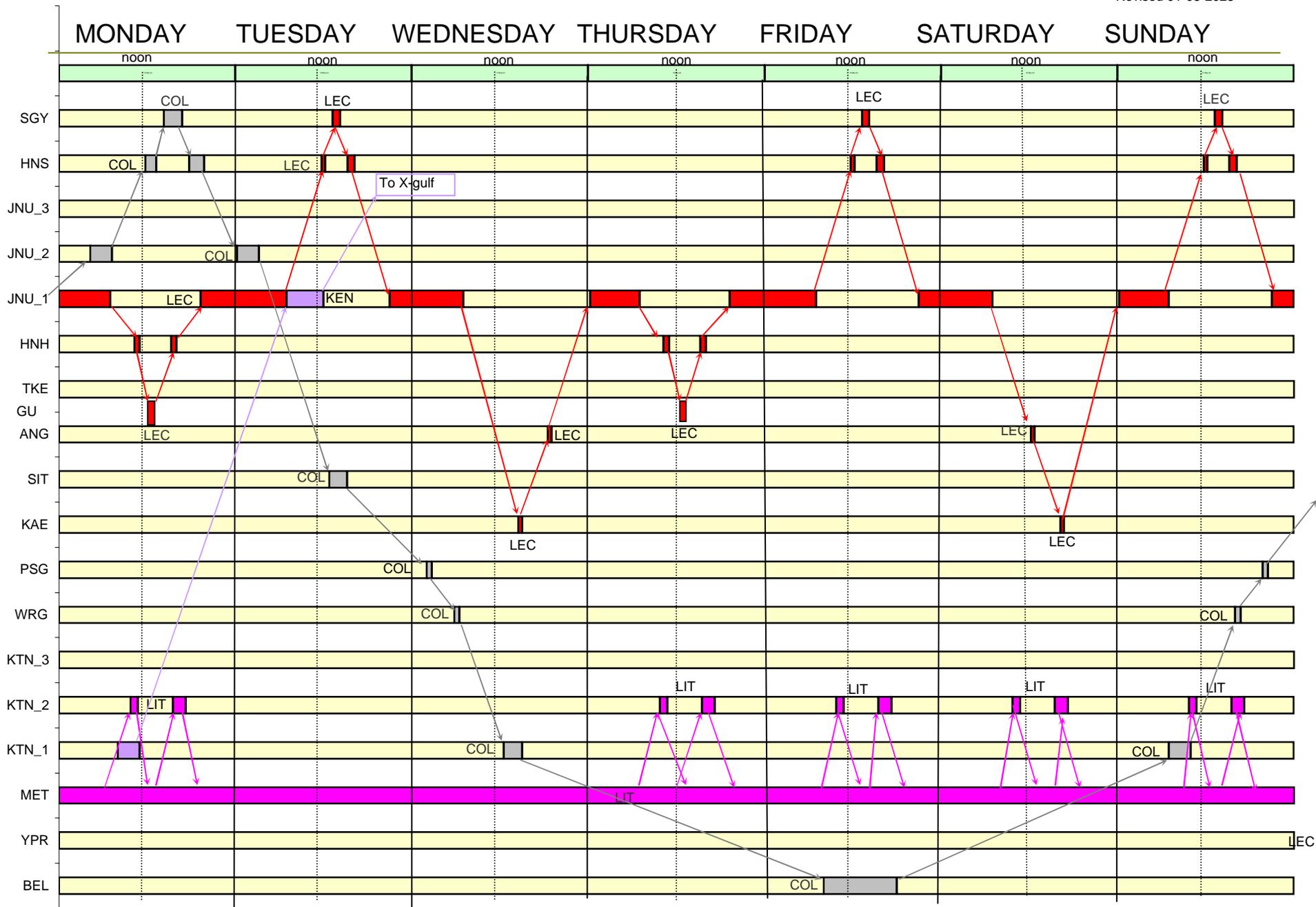
AUR = Aurora
COL = Columbia
HUB = Hubbard
KEN = Kennicott
LEC = LeConte
LIT = Lituya
MAT = Matanuska
TAZ = Tazlina
TUS = Tustumena

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Summer 2023 SE Week 1

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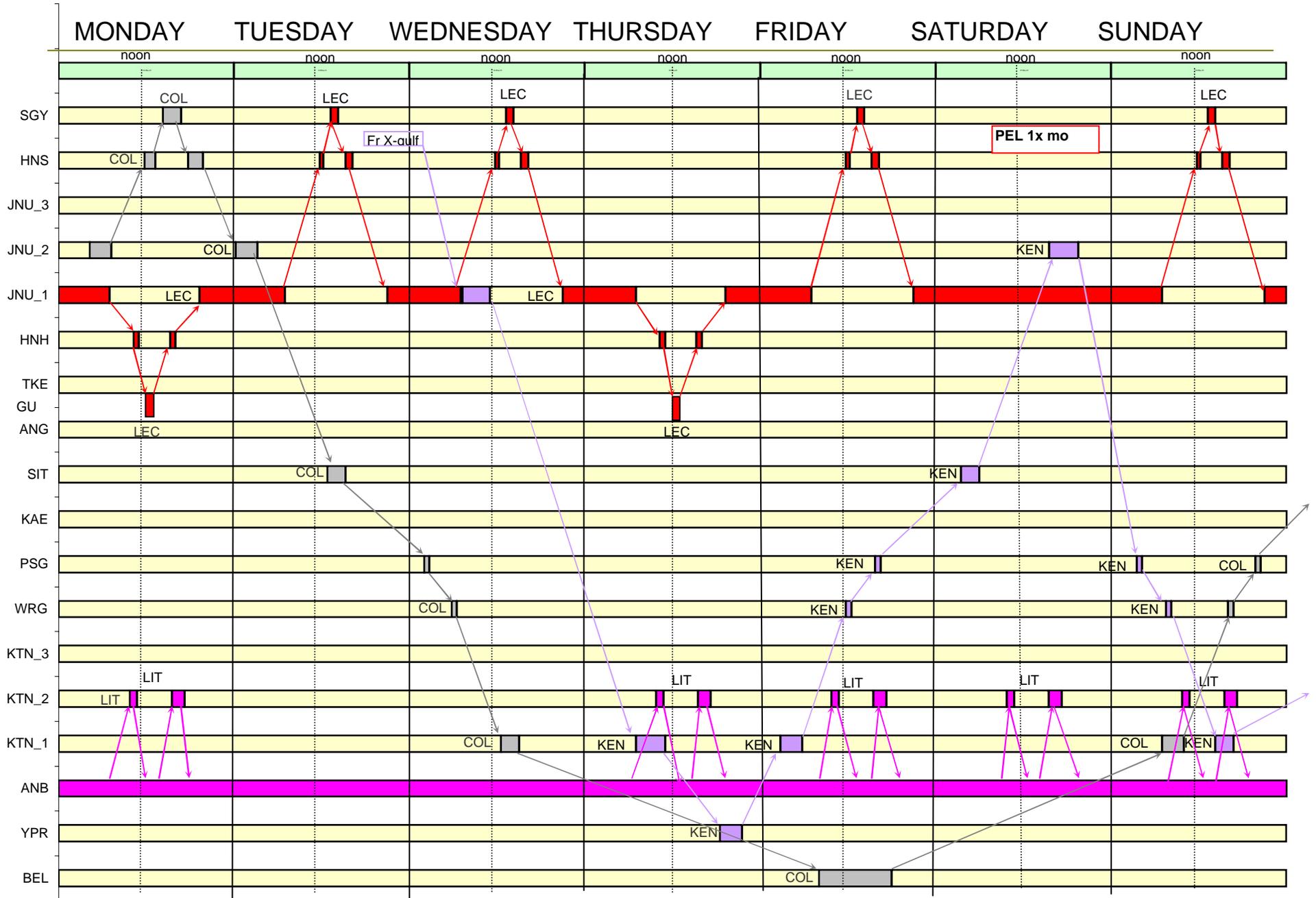


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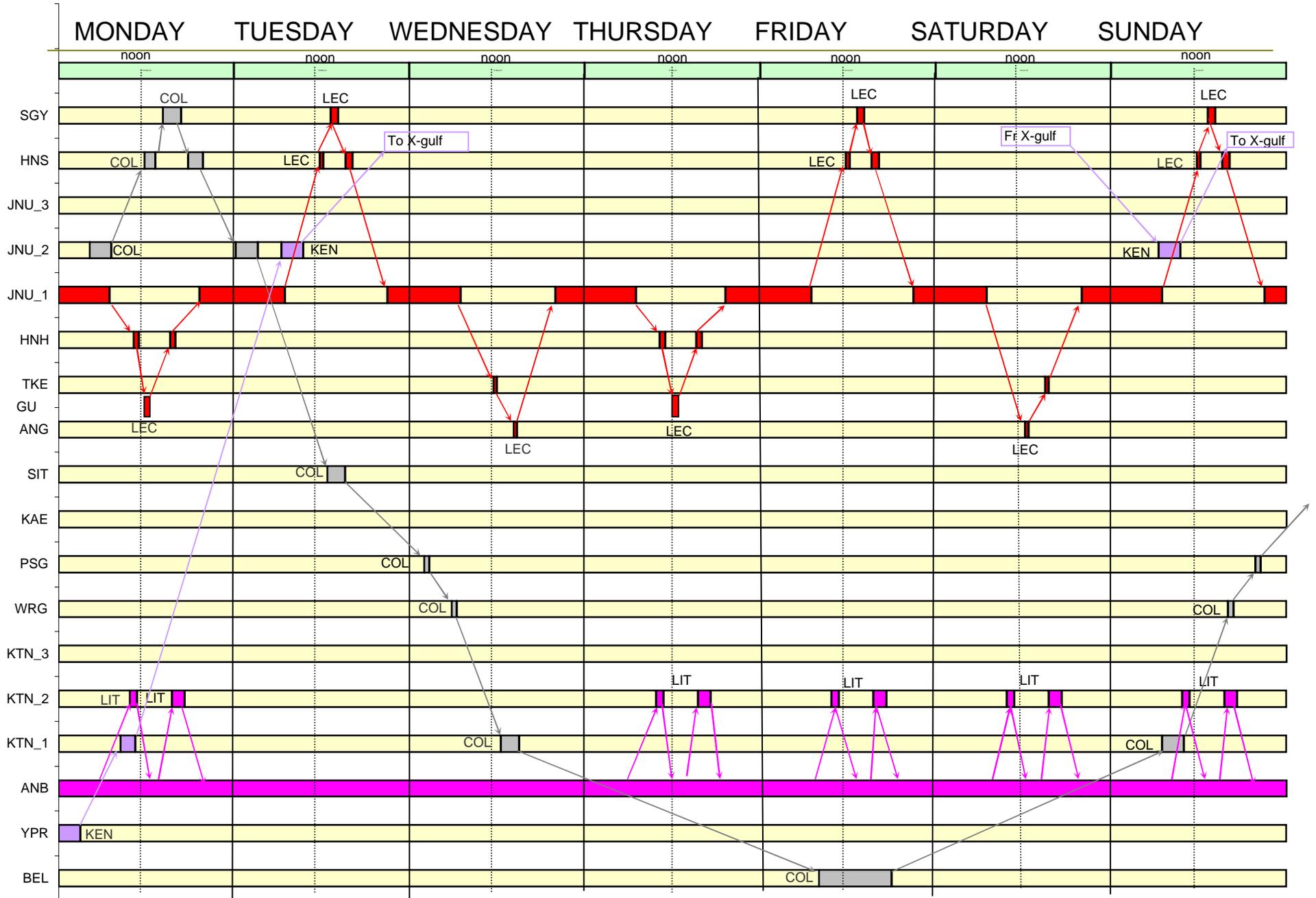


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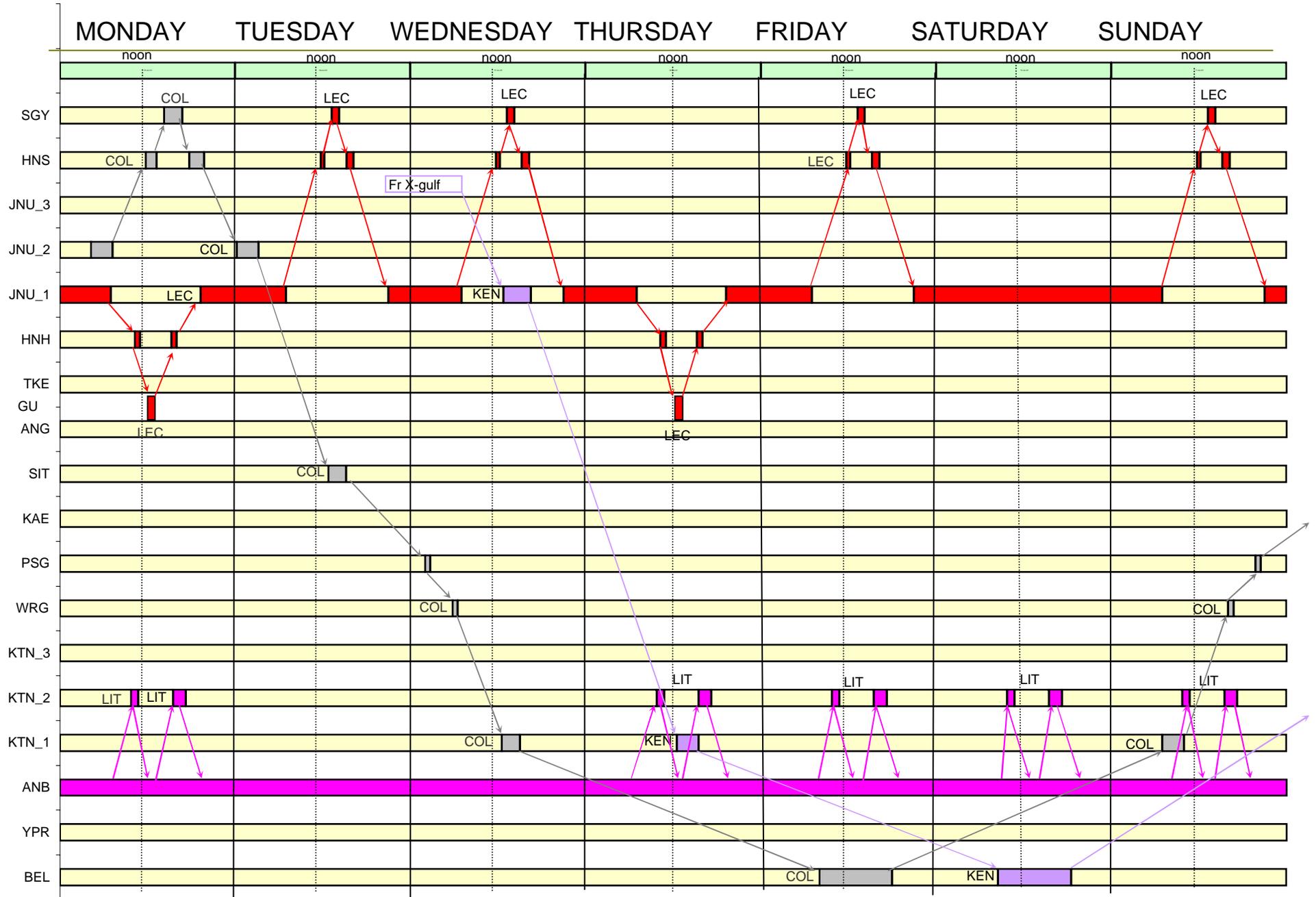


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Summer 2022 Southeast Community Events

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MAY

Great Ak Craftbeer and Homebrew Fest Little Norway	HNS PSG	May 27
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JUNE

Kluane Bike Relay Celebration	HNS JNU	June 17
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JULY

Dustball Tournament SE Alaska State Fair	WHT HNS	July 27-30
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AUGUST

Founder'sDay Dog Salmon Festival	MET KAE	
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SEPTEMBER

Mudball Klondike Road Relay	SIT SGY	Sep 8-9
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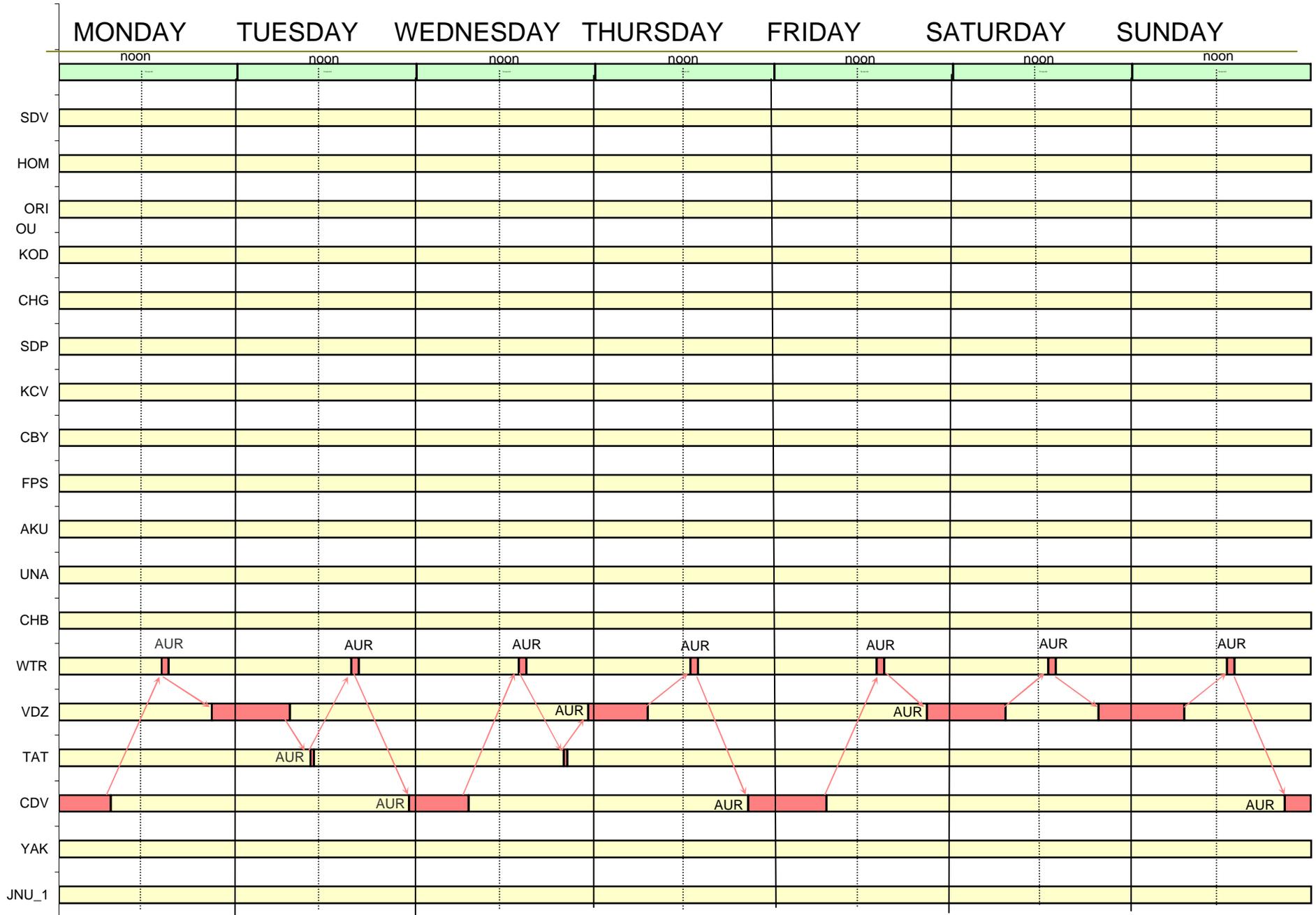
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Summer 2023 PWS Wk 2 & 4

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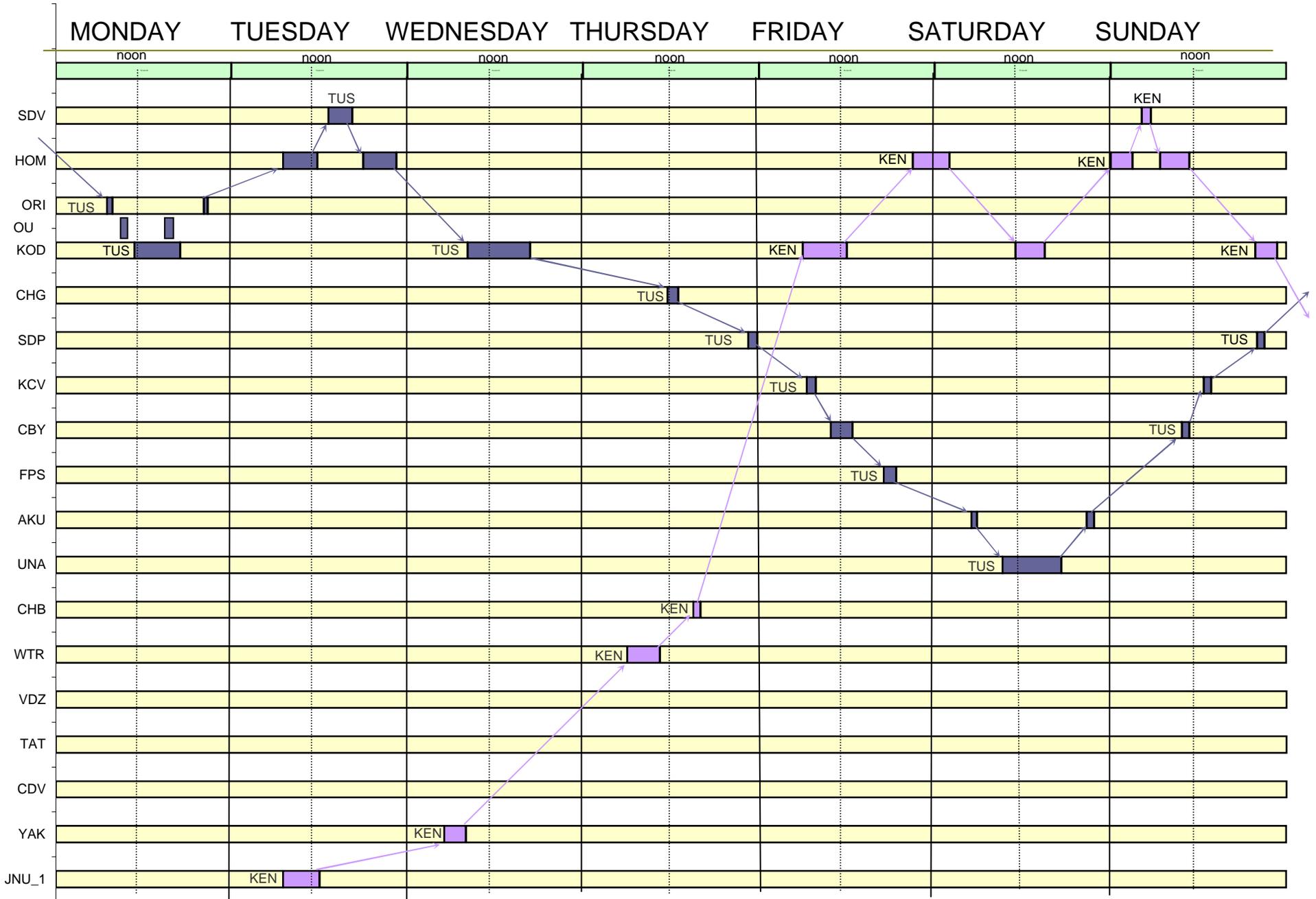
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Summer 2023 SW Wk 1

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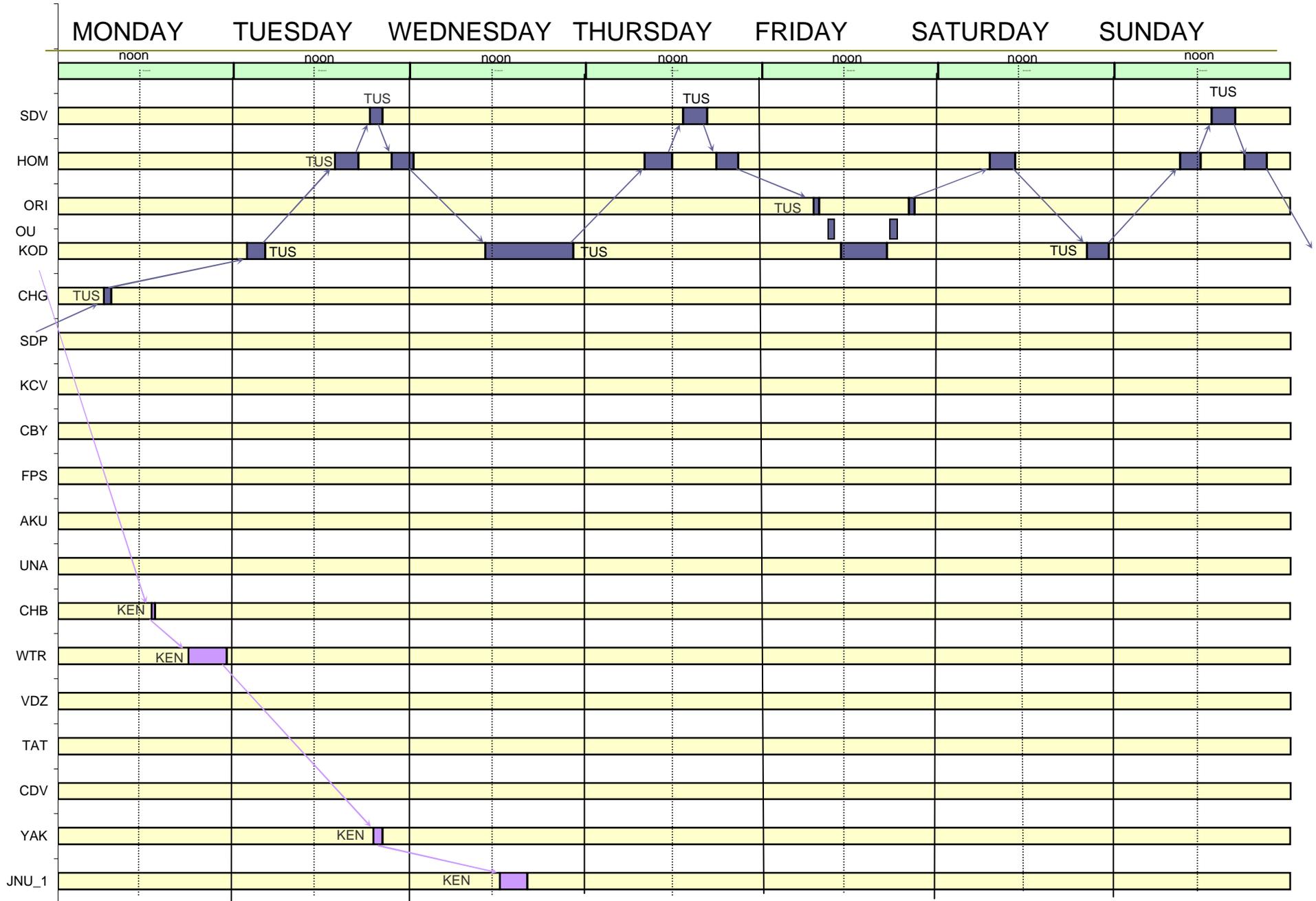


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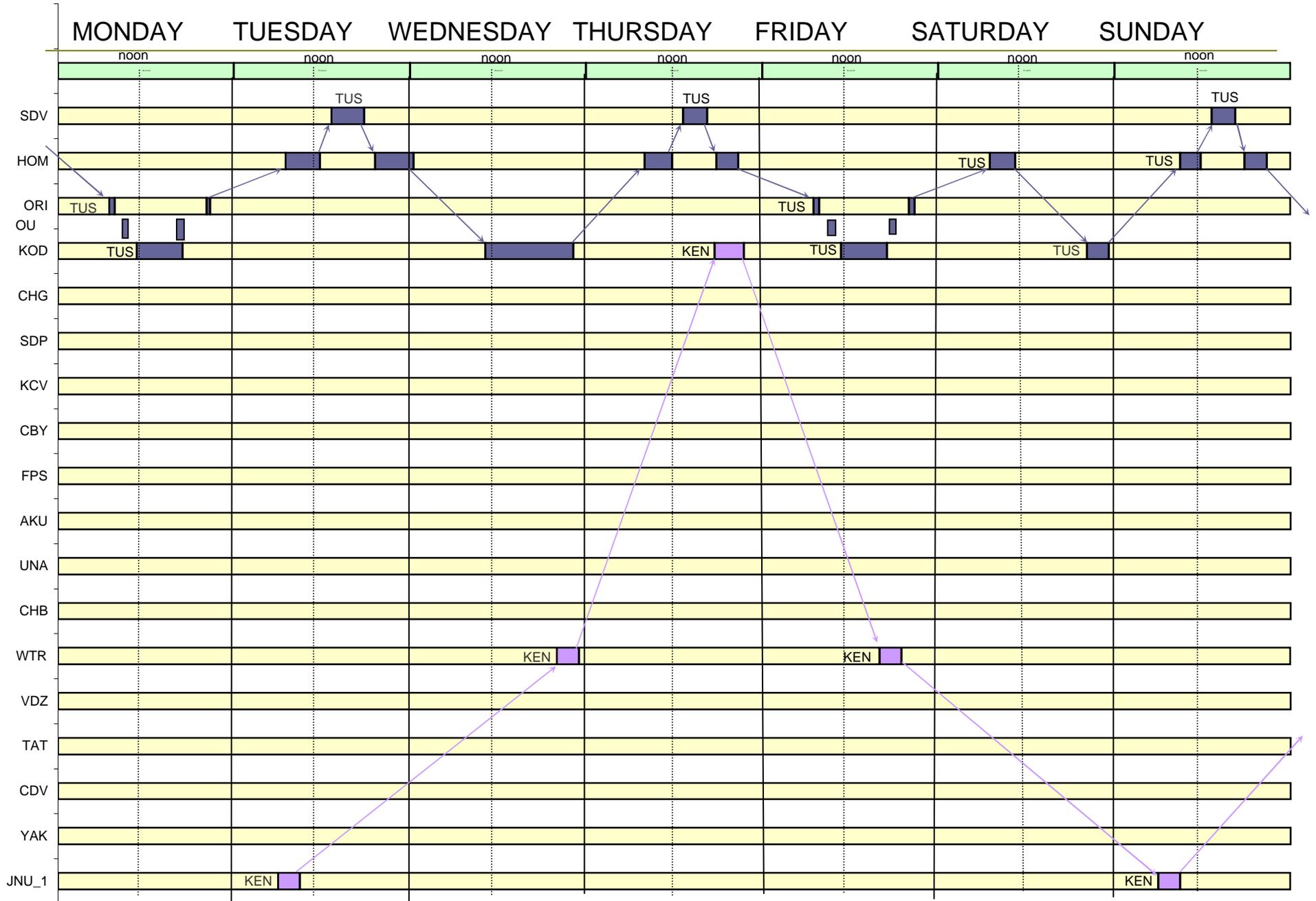


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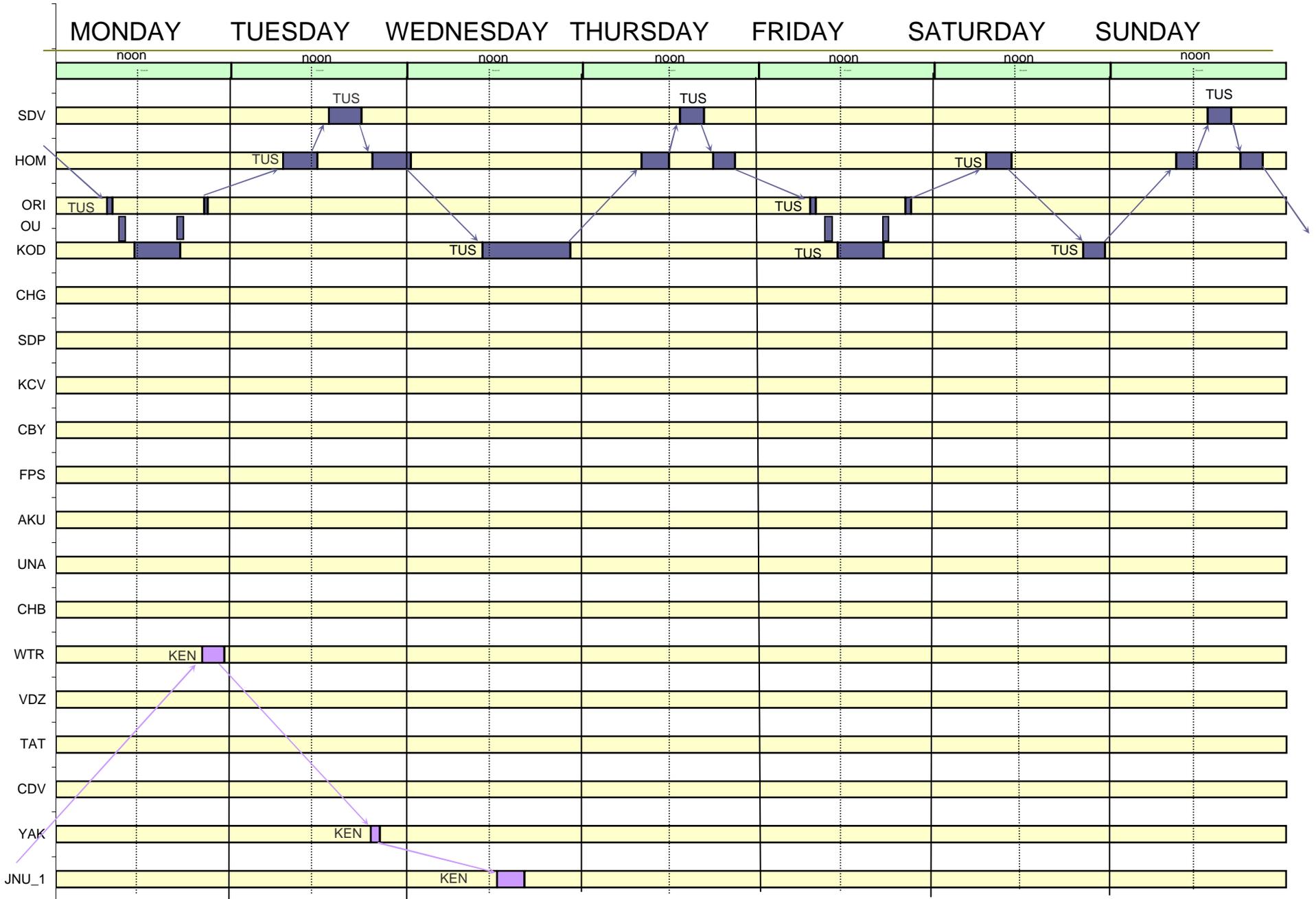


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Summer 2023 SW Wk 4

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Summer 2023 SW/SC Community Events

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MAY

PWS Shorebird Festival	CDV	
Kodiak Crab Festival	KOD	May 25-29

JUNE

Copper River Nouveau	CDV	
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JULY

Copper River Wild Festival	CDV	
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AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

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