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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 from May, 2020 through September, 2020.

The schedule patterns proposed are based on the funding levels for FY21. 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 schedule. The link to access the proposed schedule patterns is:

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/share/schedule/considerations.pdf>.

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

Please provide your written comments prior to February 03, 2020. Information may be faxed to 907-228-6873 or, preferably, emailed to [dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov](mailto:dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov). A public teleconference to hear additional comments and consider adjustments is scheduled for Tuesday, February 04, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for Southeast schedules and at 1:30 p.m. for Southwest and Southcentral schedules. The meetings will be held at the Alaska Marine Highway Ketchikan Central Office, 7559 North Tongass Highway for participants wishing to attend in person.

The toll free number to participate in both teleconferences is: 1-515-604-9000, access code 279613.

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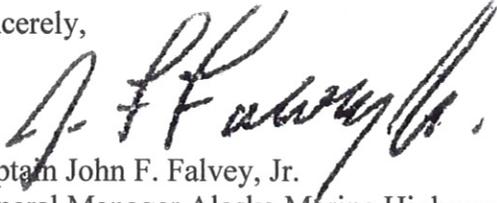
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(907) 228-7252 or email at [anthony.karvelas@alaska.gov](mailto:anthony.karvelas@alaska.gov) no later than January 27, 2020 to make any necessary arrangements.

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

Sincerely,



Captain John F. Falvey, Jr.  
General Manager Alaska Marine Highway

ENCLOSURES:

Draft FY21 Operating Plan  
Calendars of Events  
Weekly Vessel Pattern Graphs  
FY21 Vessel Deployment Plan

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# Operating Plan Summer 2020



**On Line**

**Overhaul (OH)**

**Layup (LU)**

**In-Transit**

BEL: Bellingham to Skagway

NP: Northern Panhandle Dayboat

SW: Southwest

X - Gulf: Cross Gulf Southwest

PWS: Prince William Sound

MET: Metlakatla Service

BEL - YPR alt: Bellingham / Prince Rupert Alternating

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

# **Alaska Marine Highway System**

## **Summer 2020**

January 17, 2020

### **Proposed Vessel Deployment**

- Kennicott to operate Bellingham/Juneau cross the Gulf to Southwest, May through September.
- Columbia to remain on the Friday Bellingham Route, May through September.
- Matanuska to sail from Prince Rupert twice per week every other week (4x mo) and from Bellingham twice per month, May through September.
- Tazlina to sail Lynn Canal four days per week, Hoonah/Gustavus twice a week every other week, alternating with Angoon twice a week every other week.
- Lituya to sail 5 days per week between Annette Bay and Ketchikan
- Tustumena to sail the Southwest Route with two Aleutian chain trips in May and September.
- LeConte to sail between Cordova, Valdez and Whittier, also serving Tatitlek and Chenega Bay once per month May 20 through September.

## **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

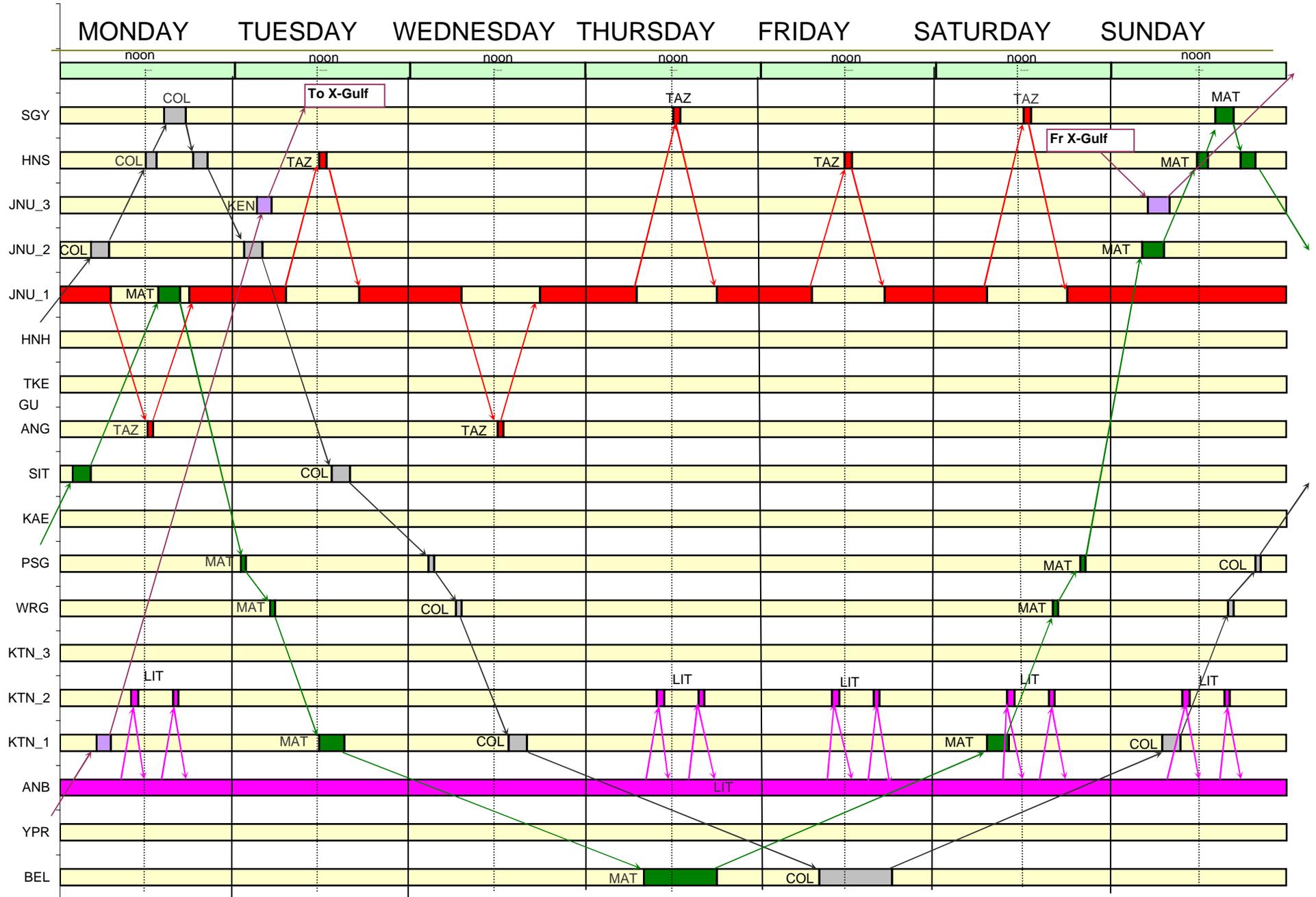
AUR = Aurora  
CHE = Chenega (Fast Ferry)  
COL = Columbia  
FWX = Fairweather (Fast Ferry)  
KEN = Kennicott  
LEC = LeConte  
LIT = Lituya  
MAL = Malaspina  
MAT = Matanuska  
TAK = Taku  
TUS = Tustumena

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SE Summer 2020 Wk 1 & 3

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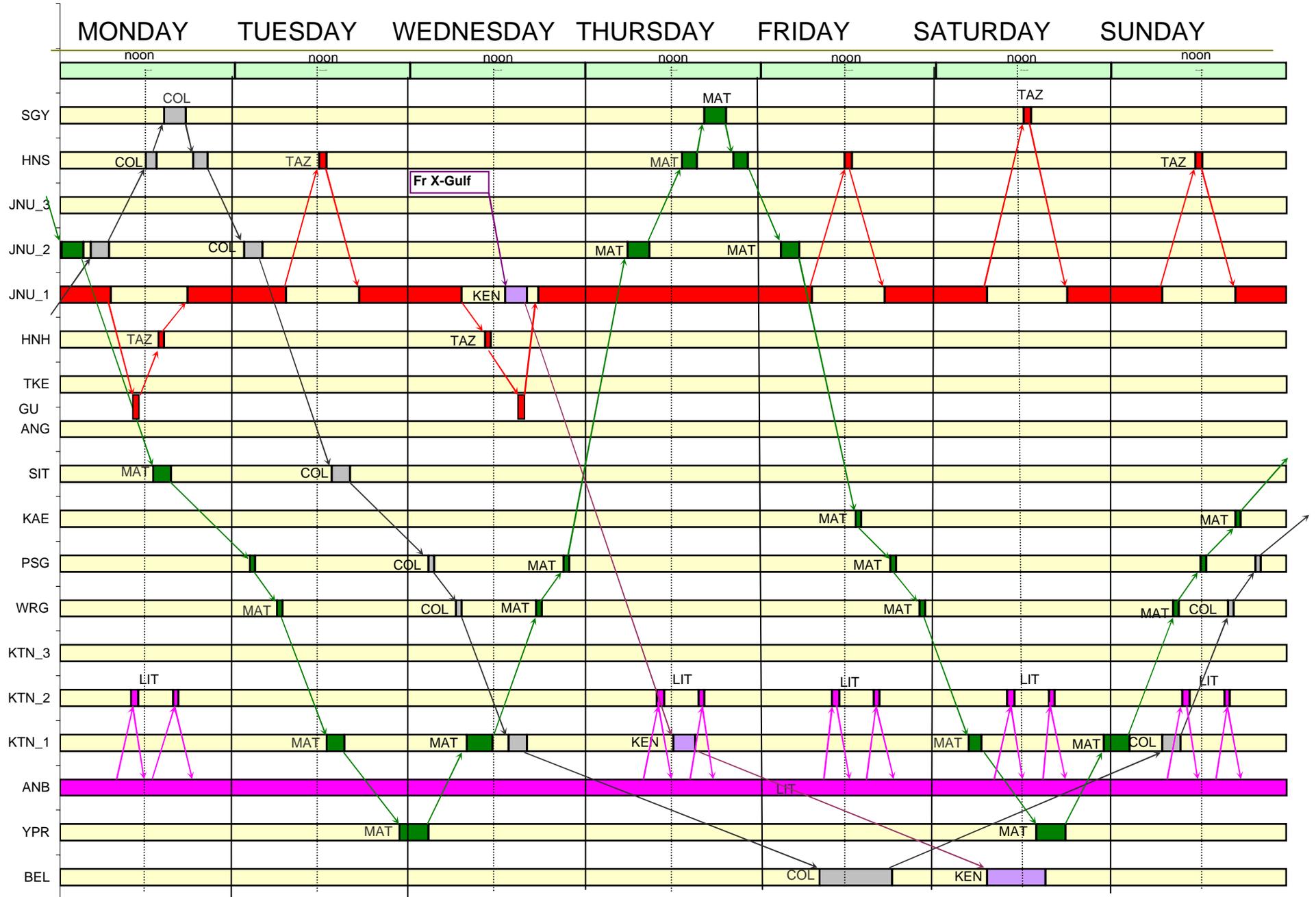


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SE Summer 2020 Wk 2 & 4

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## Summer 2020 Southeast Community Events

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### MAY

Great Ak Craftbeer and Homebrew Fest Little Norway	<b>HNS</b> <b>PSG</b>	May 22-23
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### JUNE

Kluane Bike Relay Celebration	<b>HNS</b> <b>JNU</b>	June 20 June 10-13
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### JULY

Dustball Tournament SE Alaska State Fair	<b>WHT</b> <b>HNS</b>	Jul 30-Aug 2
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### AUGUST

Founder's Day Dog Salmon Festival	<b>MET</b> <b>KAE</b>	
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### SEPTEMBER

Mudball Klondike Road Relay	<b>SIT</b> <b>SGY</b>	Sep 11-12
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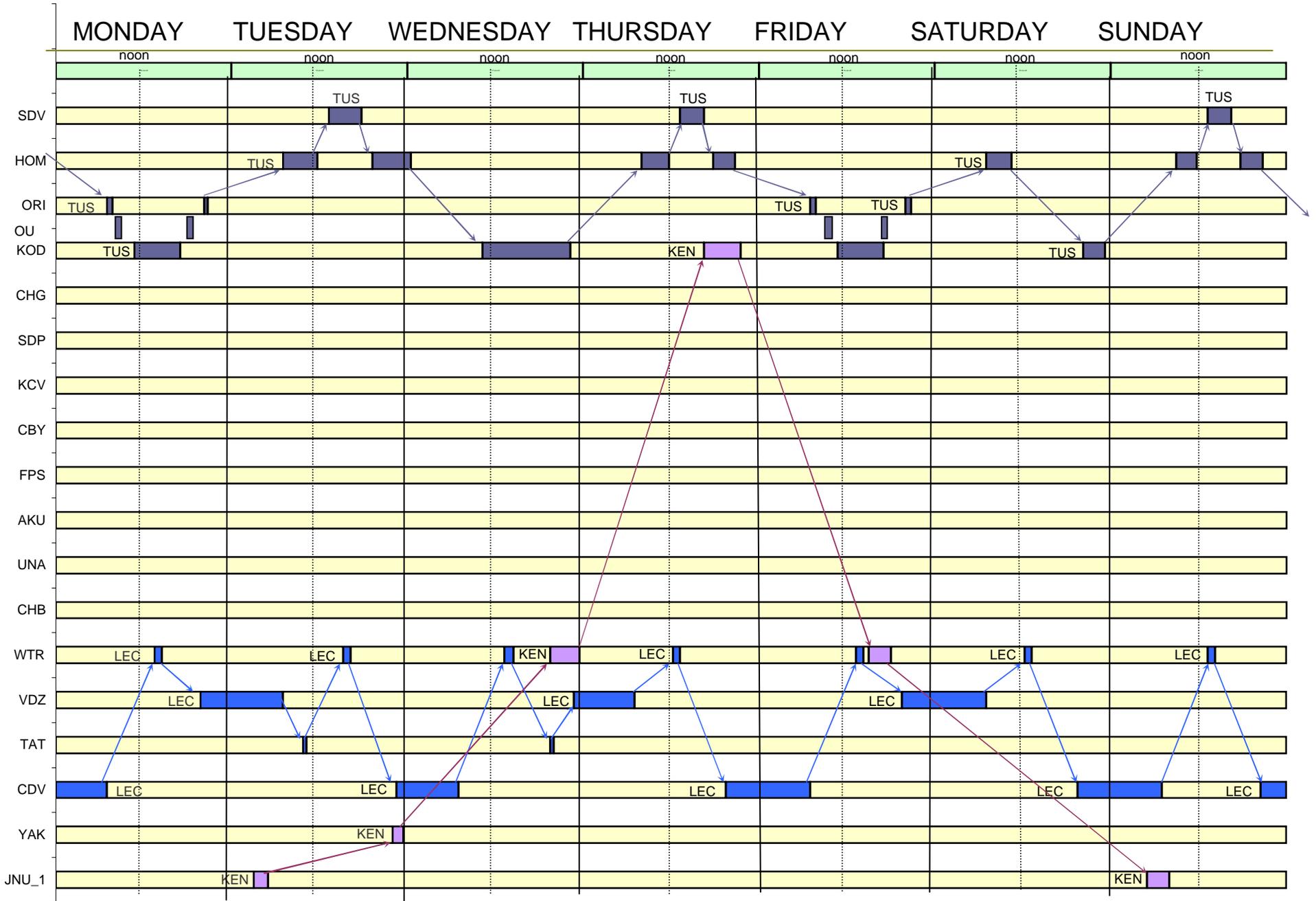
Please review the above Community Calendar of Events and comment on any events that are missed for your community. Schedule patterns may be changed if warranted to be able to provide service to/from the events.

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# SW Summer 2020 Wk 1 & 3

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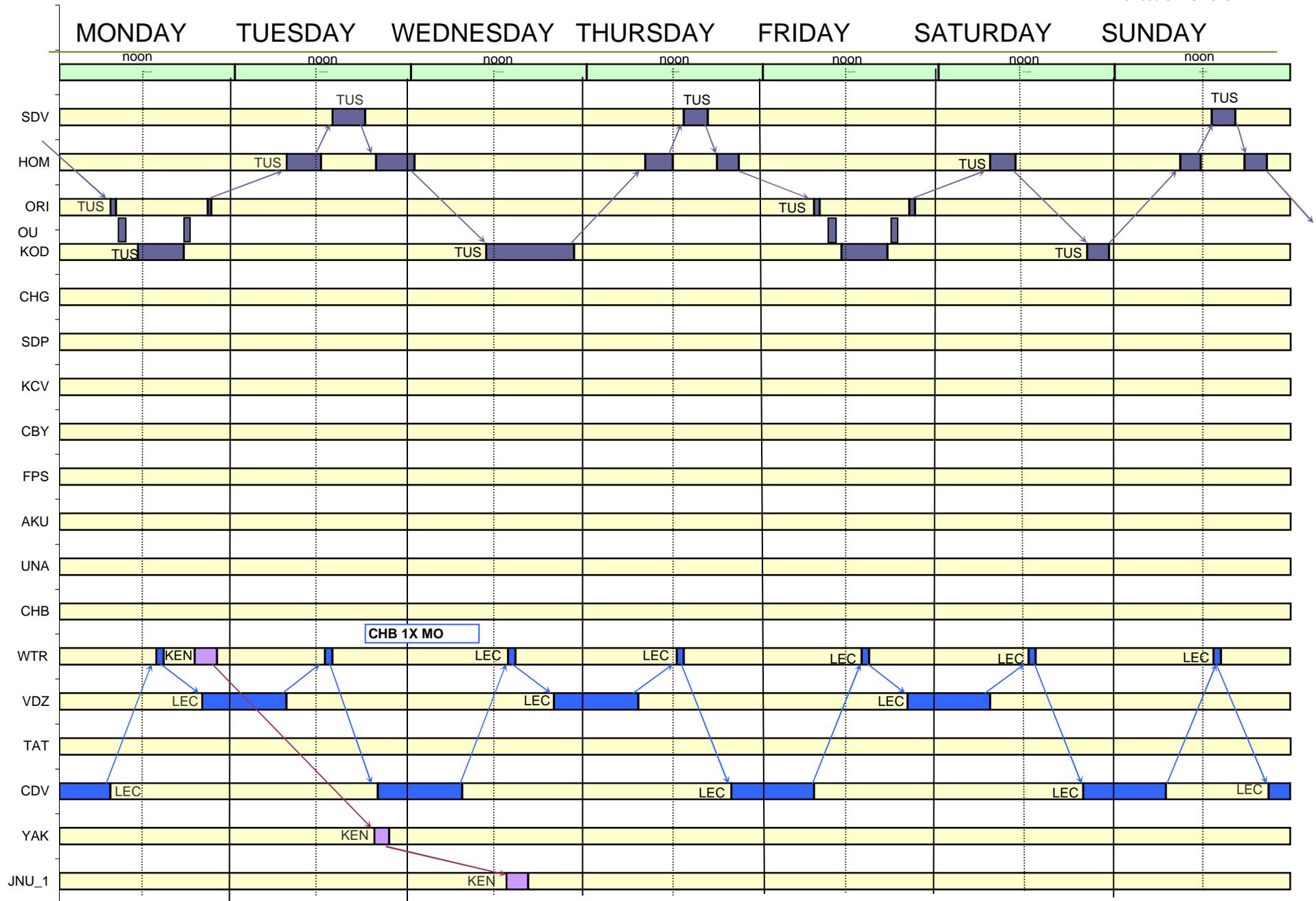


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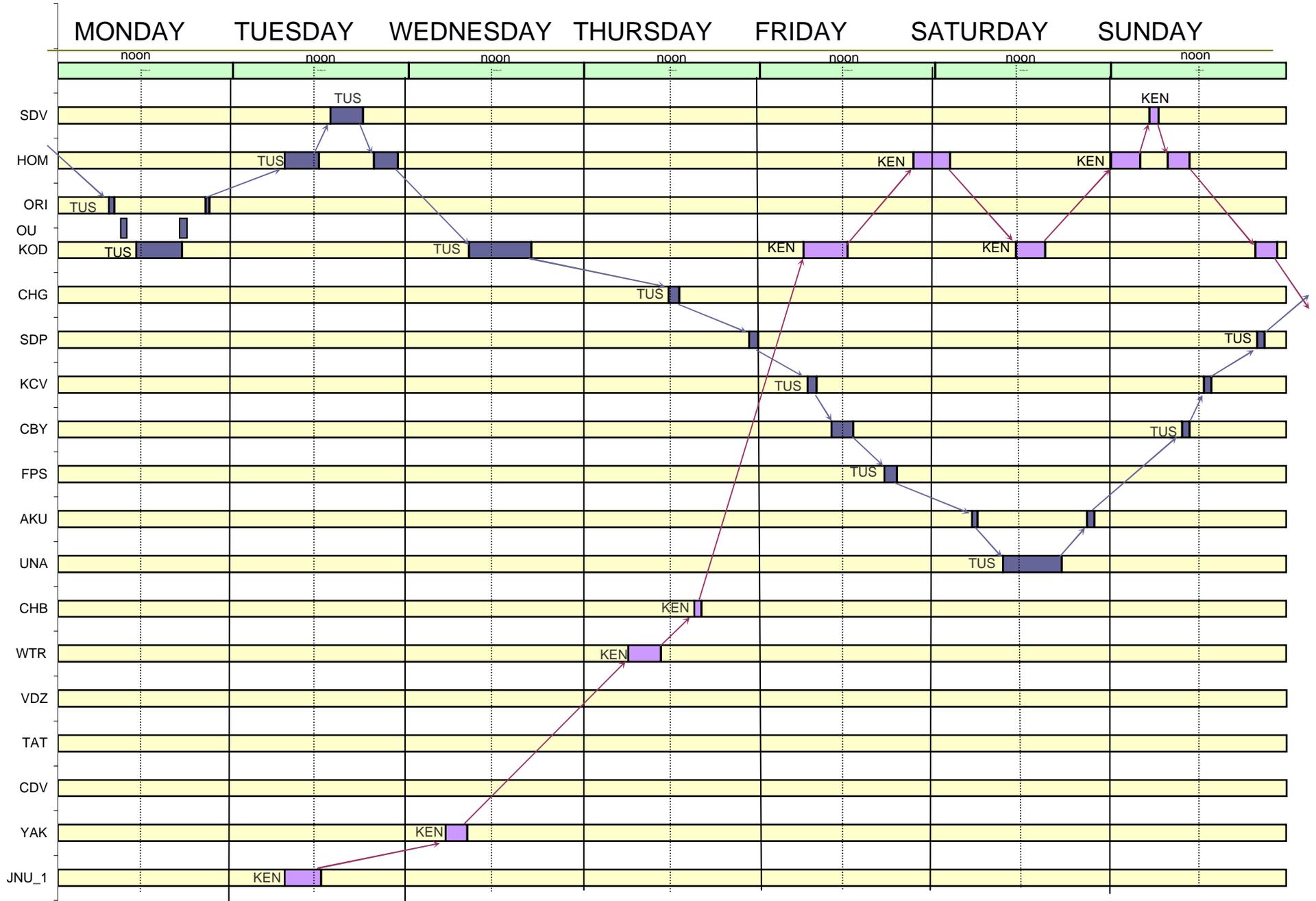


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# SW Summer 2020 May & Sep Wk 1 & 3

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## Summer 2020 SW/SC Community Events

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### MAY

PWS Shorebird Festival  
Kodiak Crab Festival

**CDV** May 7-10  
**KOD** May 21-24

### JUNE

Copper River Nouveau

**CDV** 6-Jun

### JULY

Copper River Wild Festival

**CDV** July 17-18

### AUGUST

### SEPTEMBER

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