



Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

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December 29, 2025

Dear Alaskans:

The proposed 2026 Summer AMHS schedule is now available for public review for the next two weeks. The proposed schedule patterns to be reviewed cover the summer schedule from May 1, 2026, through Sept. 30, 2026.

The schedule patterns proposed are based on the funding levels for FY26. 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 2026. To access the proposed schedule patterns please check the AMHS website:

<https://dot.alaska.gov/amhs/>

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 Tuesday, Jan 13, 2026. Information may be faxed to 907-228-6873, emailed to dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov.

A public teleconference to hear additional comments and consider adjustments is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026 at 9 a.m. for Southeast schedules and at 11 a.m. for Southwest and Southcentral schedules.

To attend by phone or by video conference

Topic: AMHS 2026 Summer Schedule Public Meeting For Southeast Alaska

When: Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026 at 9 a.m.

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82608531772>

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Join via audio: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Topic: AMHS Summer Schedule 2026 Public Meeting for Southwest Alaska

Time: Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026 at 11 a.m.

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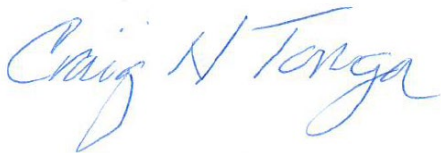
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For those who would like to attend in person, the meetings will be held at the Alaska Marine Highway Ketchikan Central Office, 7037 North Tongass Highway.

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The State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT & PF) complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, and/or special modifications to comment should contact AMHS Acting General Manager, Captain Tony Karvelas at (907) 228-7252 or email at anthony.karvelas@alaska.gov no later than Friday, Jan. 9, 2026 to make any necessary arrangements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig N Tornga". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Craig" and last name "Tornga" clearly legible.

Craig Tornga
Marine Director, Alaska Marine Highway System

ENCLOSURES:

Draft FY 2026 Summer Operating Plan
Calendars of Events
Weekly Vessel Pattern Graphs
FY 2026 Vessel Deployment Plan

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Summer 2026 Proposed Vessel Deployment

May 1 to September 30, 2026

- ◆ M/V Kennicott
 - ✦ Friday Bellingham route
- ◆ M/V Columbia
 - ✦ Friday Bellingham route
- ◆ M/V LeConte
 - ✦ Northern Panhandle
- ◆ M/V Lituya
 - ✦ 5-Days/week Annette Bay – Ketchikan
 - ✦ Overhaul Aug. 15 to Sept. 30
- ◆ M/V Tustumena
 - ✦ Southwest route
- ◆ M/V Aurora
 - ✦ Prince William Sound
- ◆ M/V Hubbard
 - ✦ 5-Days/Week Annette Bay – Ketchikan
- ◆ M/V Matanuska
 - ✦ Removed from Revenue
 - ✦ Serving as hotel ship in Ketchikan
- ◆ M/V Tazlina
 - ✦ Awaiting Federal/CIP project

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AMHS Community and Ship Three Letter Codes

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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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Guide to Reading and Using AMHS Scheduling Graphs

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(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.

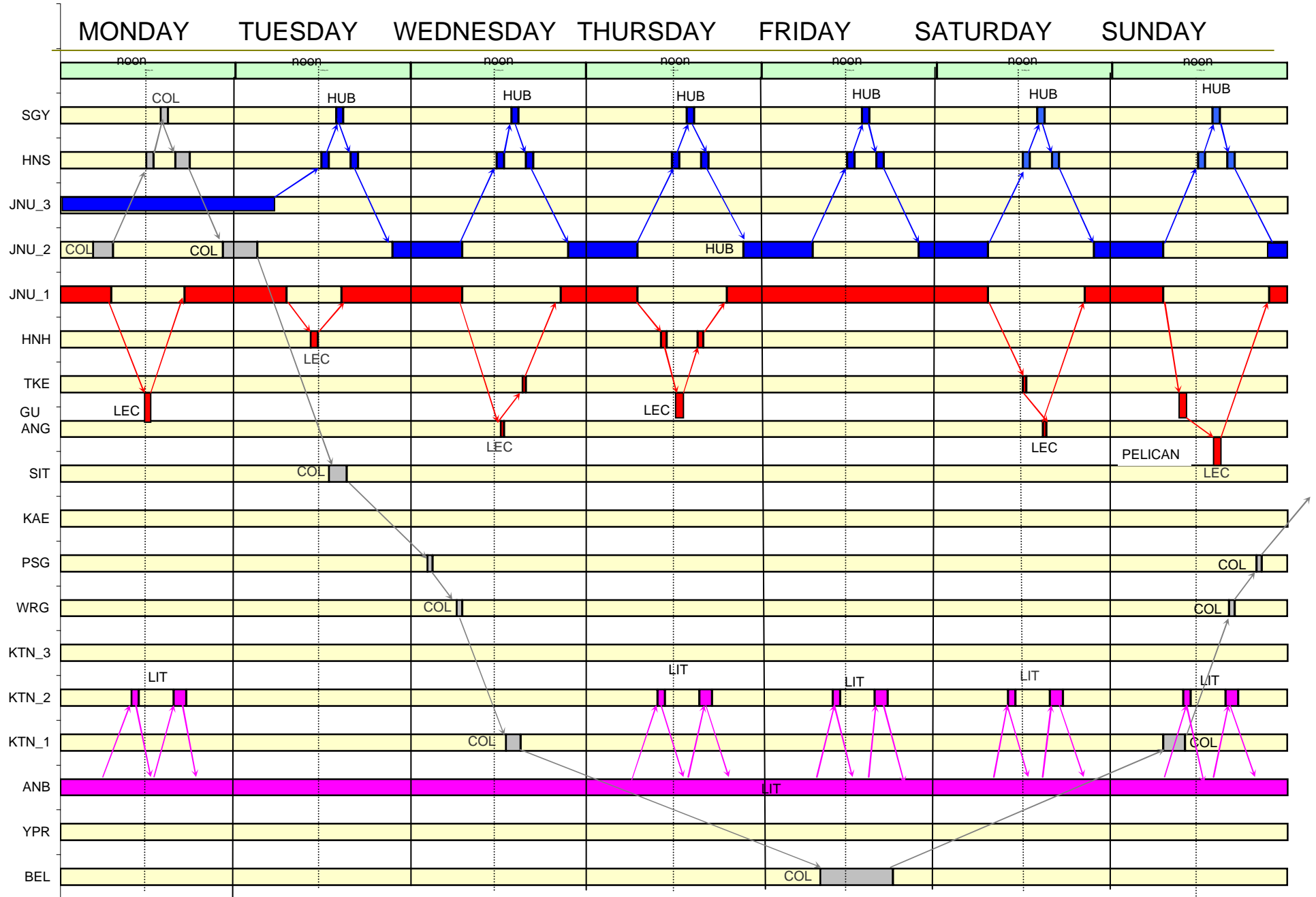
1. The title of the graph defines the geographic area depicted by the chart and the time period to which it applies. When “Wk 1 & 3” or “Wk 2 & 4” appear, it implies that the schedule alternates every other week of the month (i.e. that the schedule is not the same every week). Essentially, a week 1 schedule 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 code. 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, JNU3). 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. Suggestions for use:
 - ◆ 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.
 - ◆ 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.

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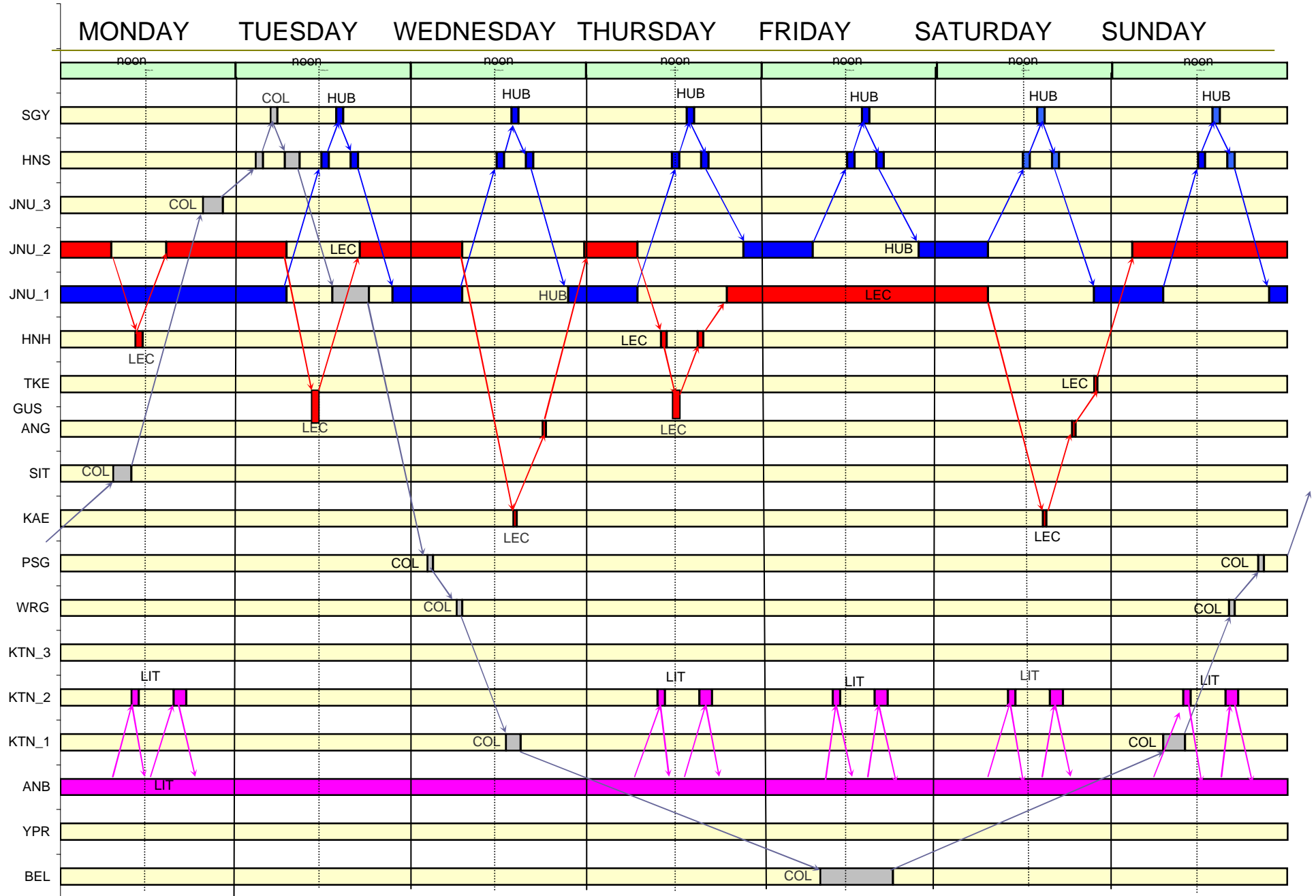
SE Summer 2026 WK 1 & 3

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Summer 2026

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MAY

Great Ak Craftbeer and Homebrew Fest
Little Norway

HNS
PSG

May 22-23

JUNE

Kluane Bike Relay
Celebration

HNS
JNU

Jun 20

Jun 3-6

JULY

Dustball Tournament
SE Alaska State Fair

WHT
HNS

Jul 31-Aug 3

AUGUST

Founder'sDay
Dog Salmon Festival

MET
KAE

Aug 07

SEPTEMBER

Mudball
Klondike Road Relay

SIT
SGY

Sept 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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PWS Summer 2026 WK 1 & 3

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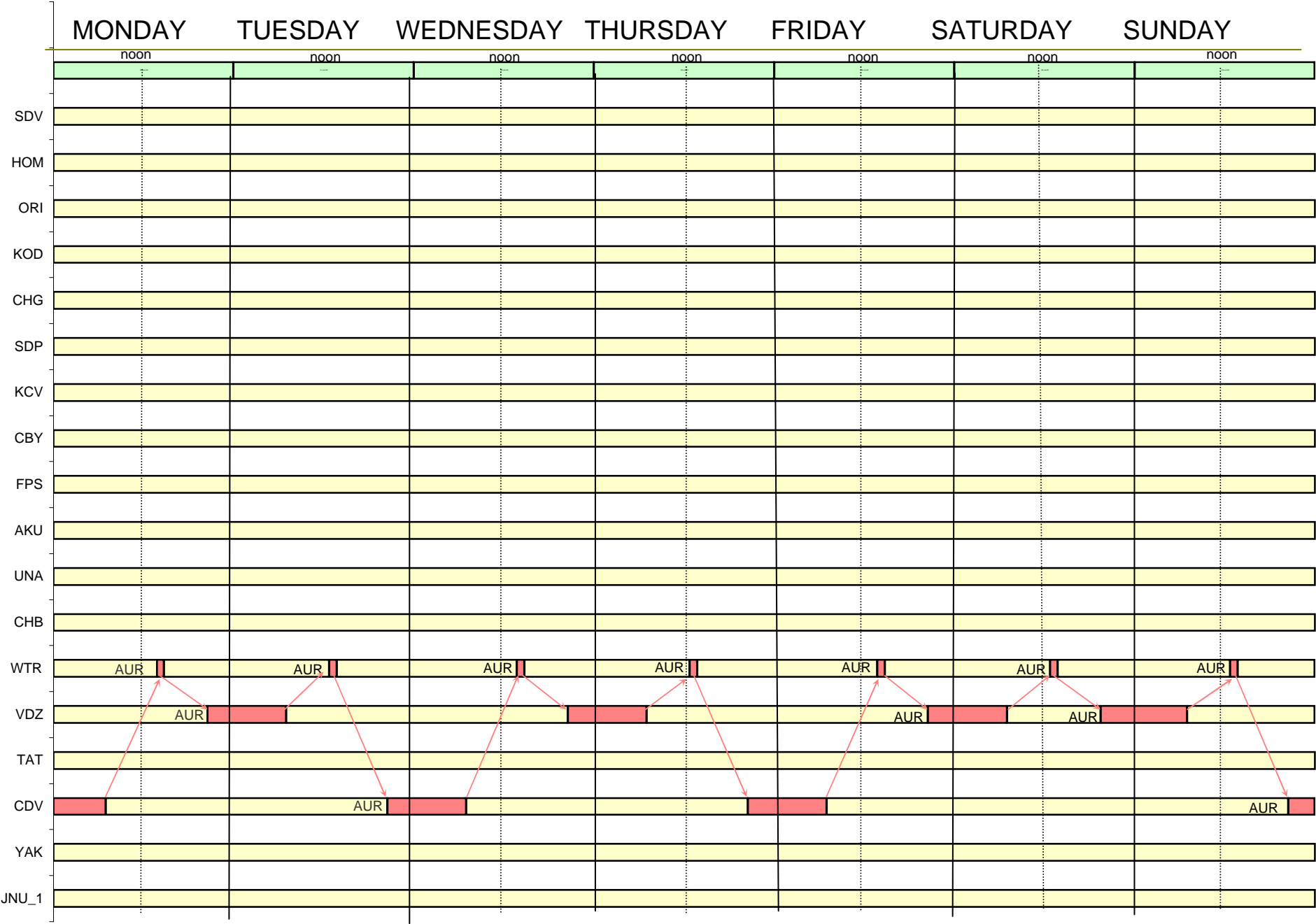
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ORI							
KOD							
CHG							
SDP							
KCV							
CBY							
FPS							
AKU							
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CHB							
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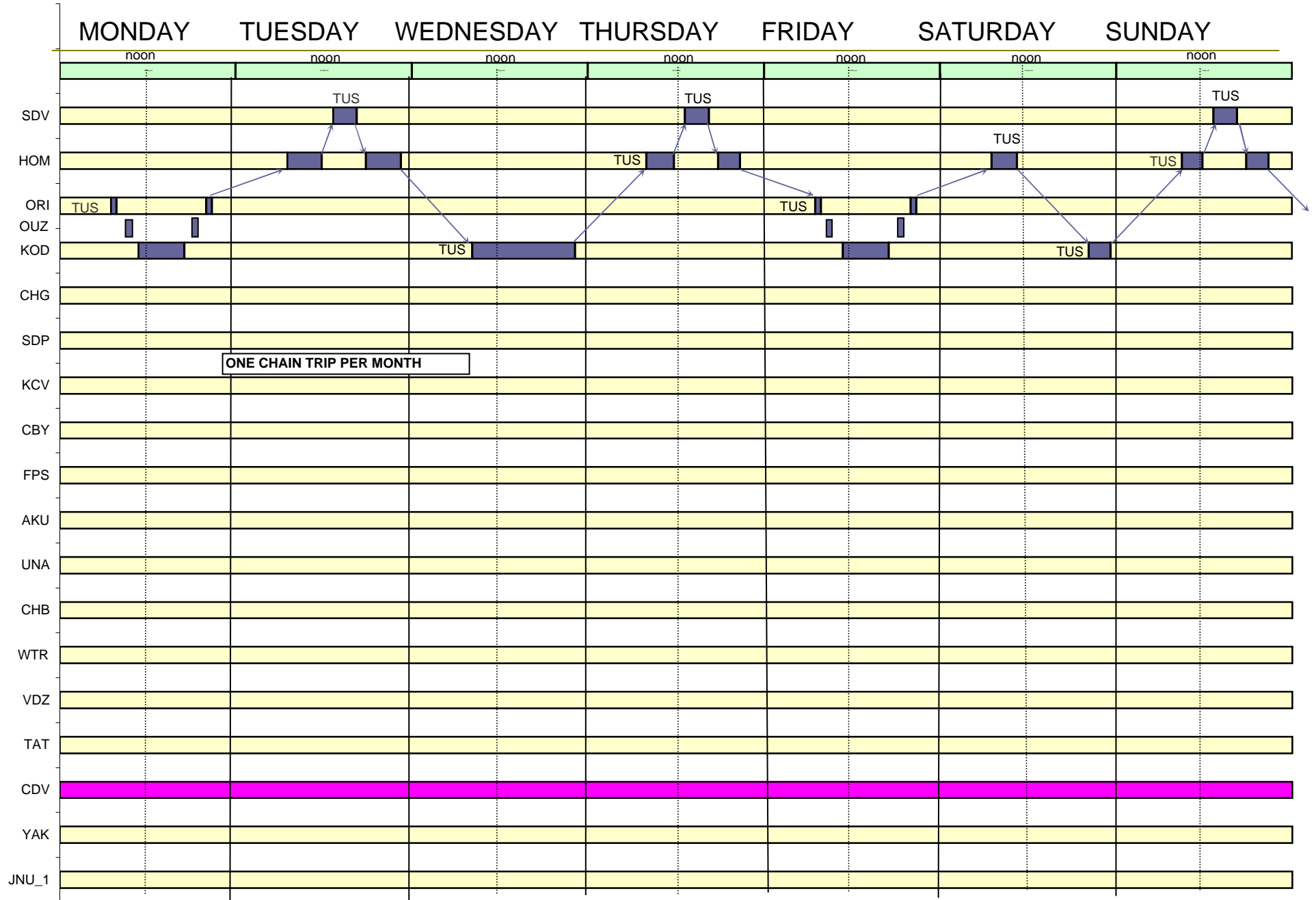


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Summer 2026 SW/SC Community Events

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MAY

Copper River Shorebird Festival	CDV	May7-10
Kodiak Crab Festival	KOD	May21-25

JUNE

Copper River Nouveau	CDV
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JULY

Copper River Salmon Jam	CDV
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AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Cordova Fungus Festival	CDV
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