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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, 2025, through September 30, 2025.

The schedule patterns proposed are based on the funding levels for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25). 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 2025. The link to access the proposed schedule patterns is:
https://dot.alaska.gov/amhs/doc/summer_considerations_2025.pdf

AMHS is also gathering information on special events that may require scheduling adjustments. Organizers and communities should provide the event name, dates, location, and any specific arrival or departure times needed to support each event.

Please provide your written comments by November 12, 2024. Information may be faxed to 907-228-6873 or emailed to dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov.

A public teleconference to hear additional comments and consider adjustments is scheduled for November 12, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. for Southeast schedules and at 11:30 a.m. for Southwest and Southcentral schedules. The meetings will be held at the Alaska Marine Highway Ketchikan Central Office, 7037 North Tongass Highway for participants wishing to attend in person.

"Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure."

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To attend by phone or by video conference

Topic: AMHS Summer Schedule 2025 Public Meeting for Southeast AK

When: November 12, 2024 at 10:30 AM Alaska time

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81562507831>

By phone: (253) 215-8782

Webinar ID: 815 6250 7831

International numbers available:

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Topic: AMHS Summer Schedule 2025 Public Meeting for Southwest AK and PWS

When: November 12, 2024 at 11:30 AM Alaska time

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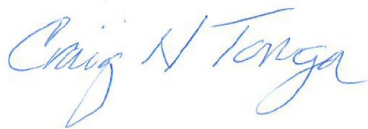
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Sincerely,

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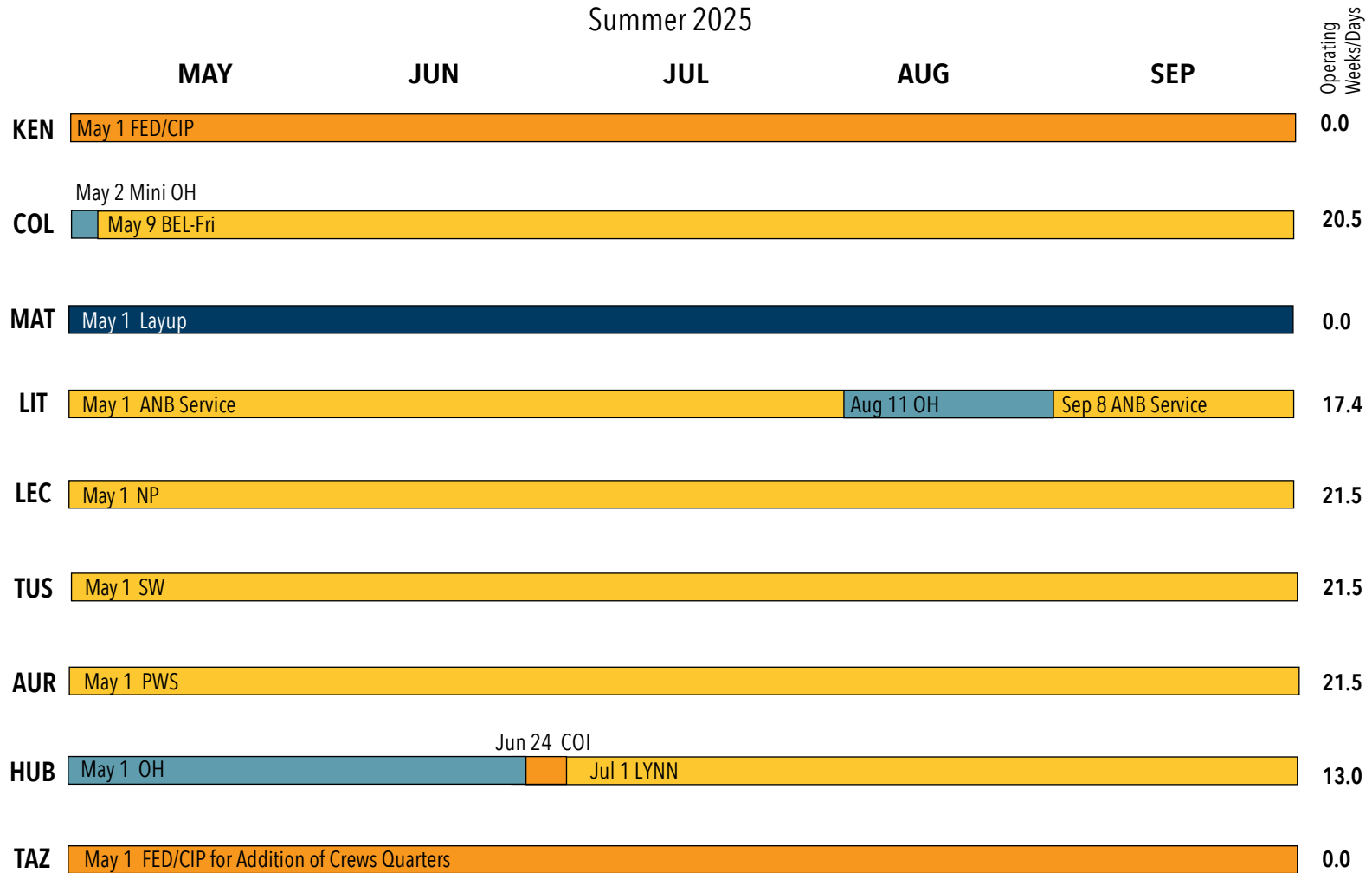
Craig Tornga
Marine Director, Alaska Marine Highway System

ENCLOSURES:

Draft Summer 2025 Operating Plan
Calendars of Events
Weekly Vessel Pattern Graphs
Summer 2025 Vessel Deployment Plan



Operating Plan Summer 2025



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

On Line

Overhaul (OH)

Layup (LU)

Maintenance

BEL-Fri: Bellingham to Skagway

NP: Northern Panhandle Dayboat

SW: Southwest

Total Operating Weeks/Days 116.3

ANB: Annette Bay/ Metlakatla Service

PWS: Prince William Sound

LYNN: Lynn Canal

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Summer 2025 – Proposed Vessel Deployment

◆ **M/V Columbia** **May – September**

✦ Friday Bellingham route

◆ **M/V LeConte** **May - September**

✦ Northern Panhandle

◆ **M/V Lituya** **May – September**

✦ 5-Days/Week Annette Bay - Ketchikan

✦ 4 Week overhaul in August

◆ **M/V Tustumena** **May - September**

✦ Southwest Route

✦ (1) One chain trip per month

◆ **M/V Aurora** **May – September**

✦ PWS

◆ **M/V Hubbard** **July - September**

✦ 6-Days/Week Lynn Canal

◆ **M/V Kennicott** **Maintenance**

✦ 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
HNS = 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.

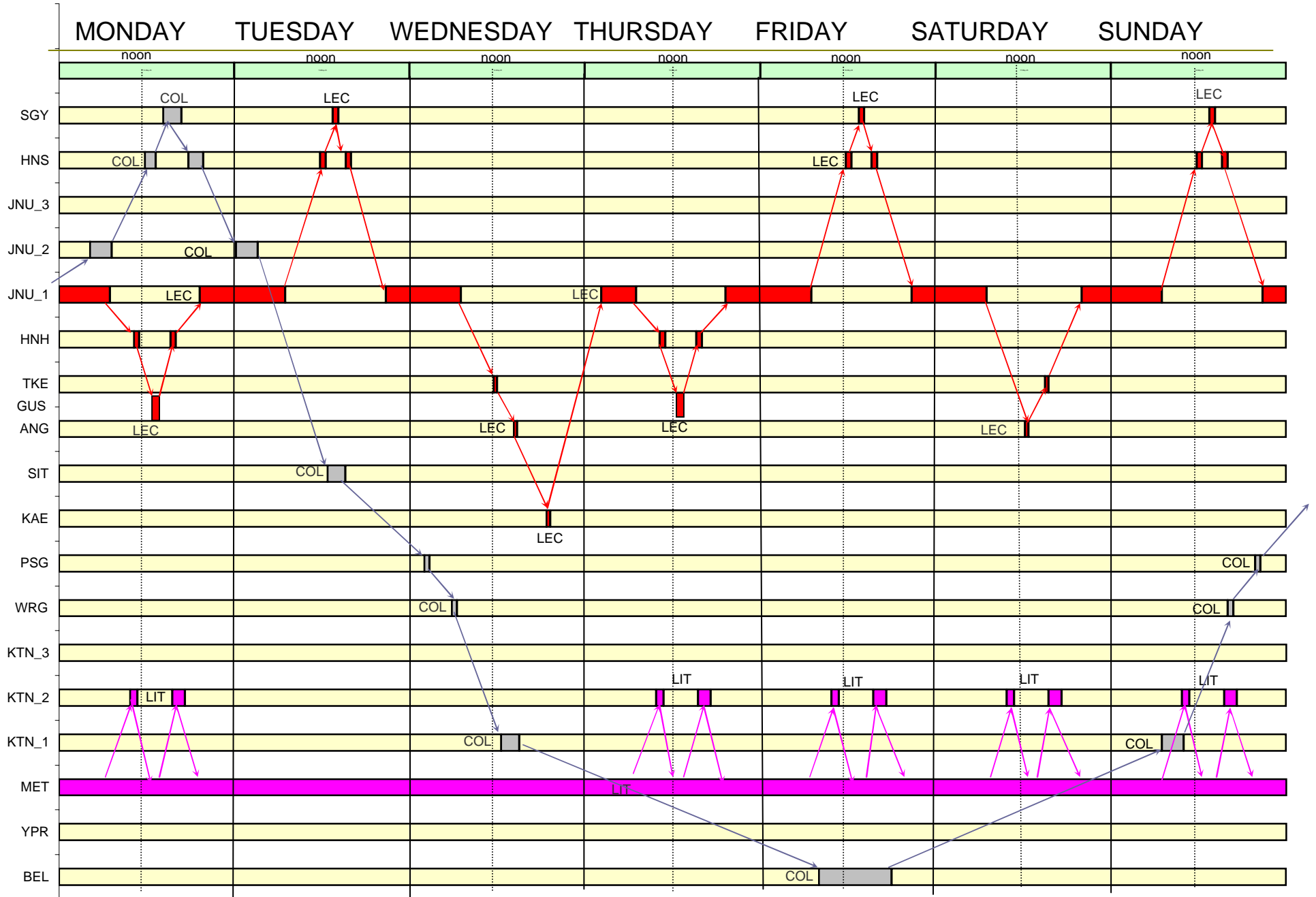
1. The title of the graph defines the geographic area depicted by the chart and the time period to which it applies. When “Wk 1 & 3” or “Wk 2 & 4” appear, it implies that the schedule alternates every other week of the month (i.e. that the schedule is not the same every week). Essentially, a week 1 schedule 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 2025 May/June Wk 1

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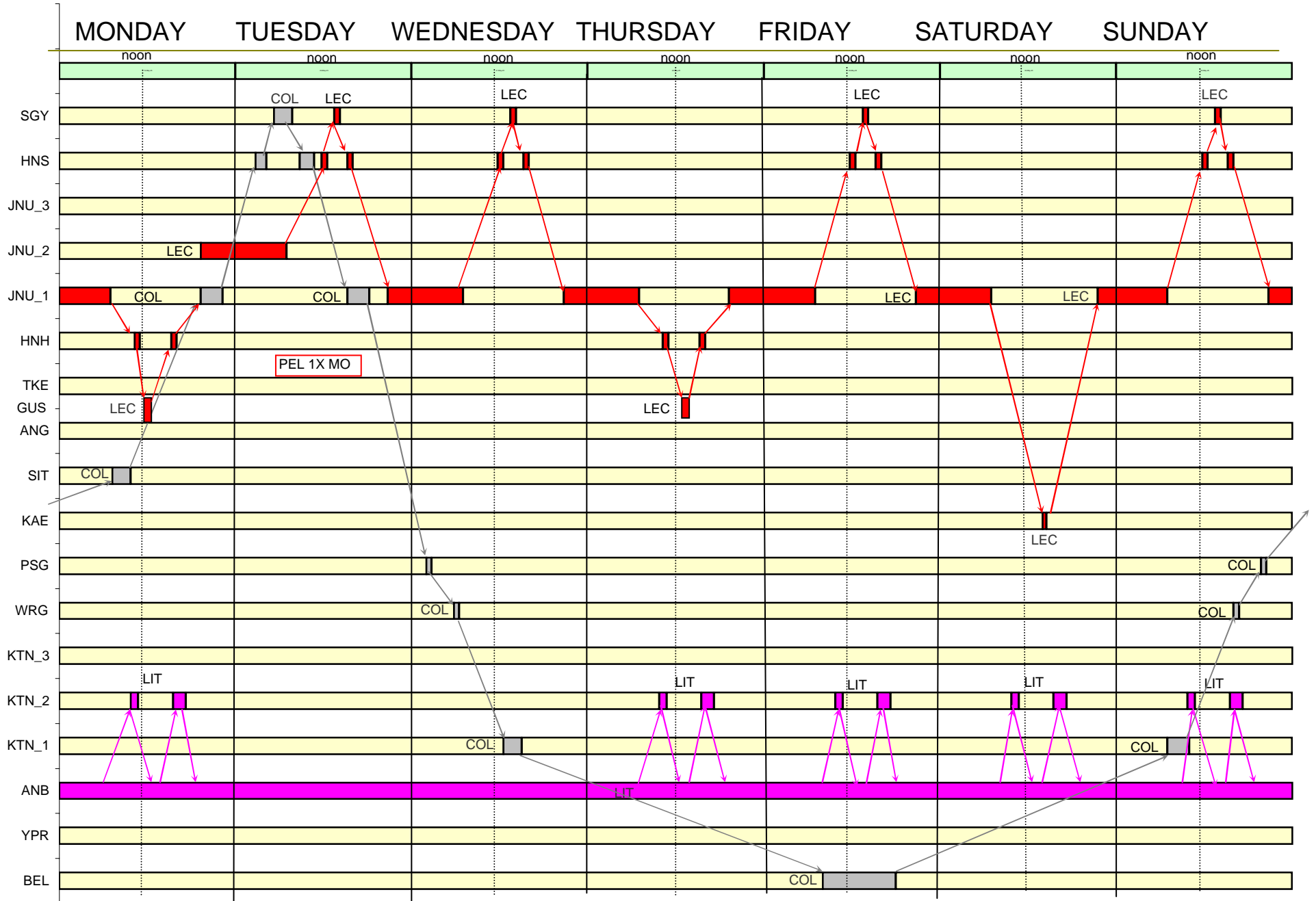


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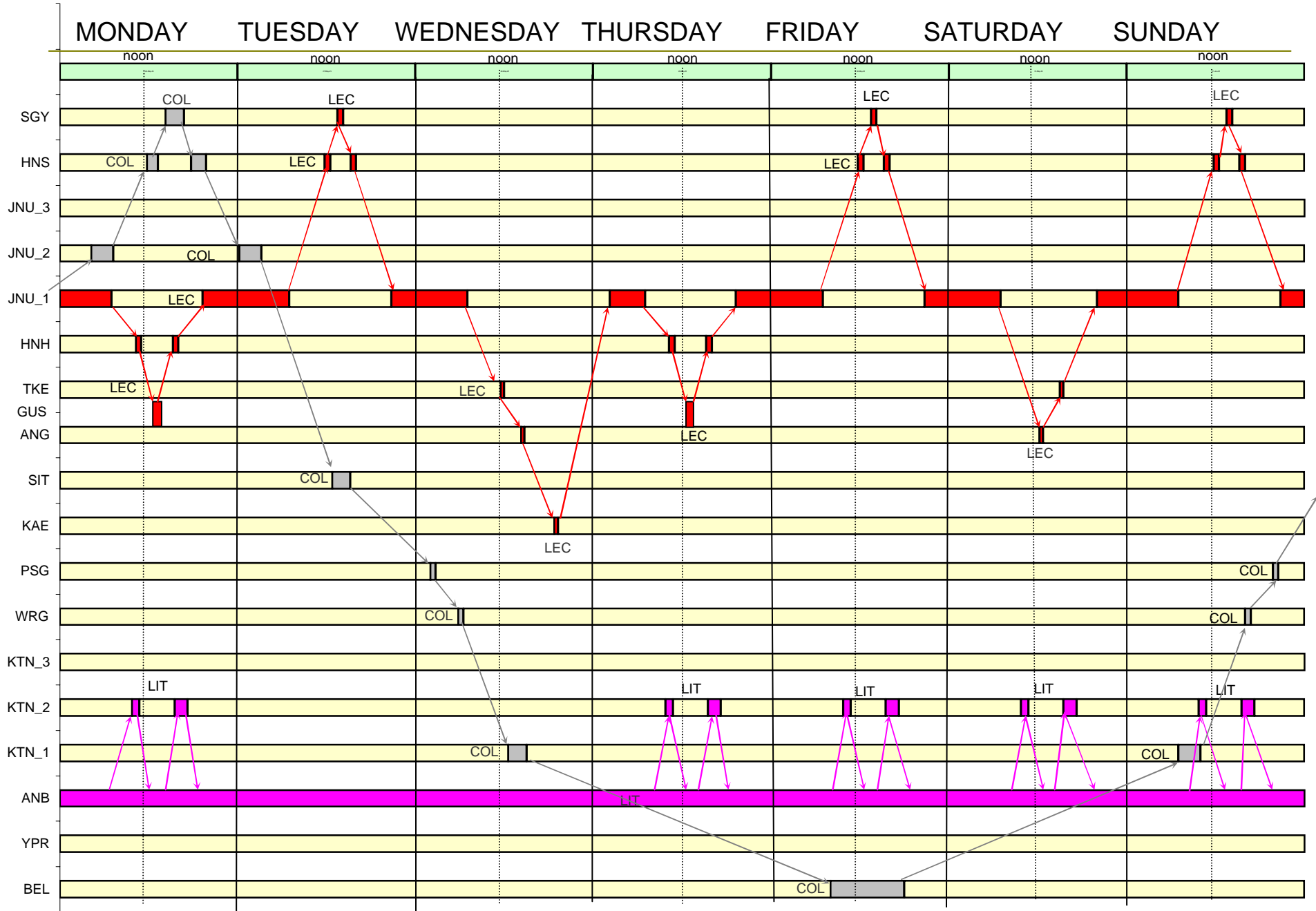


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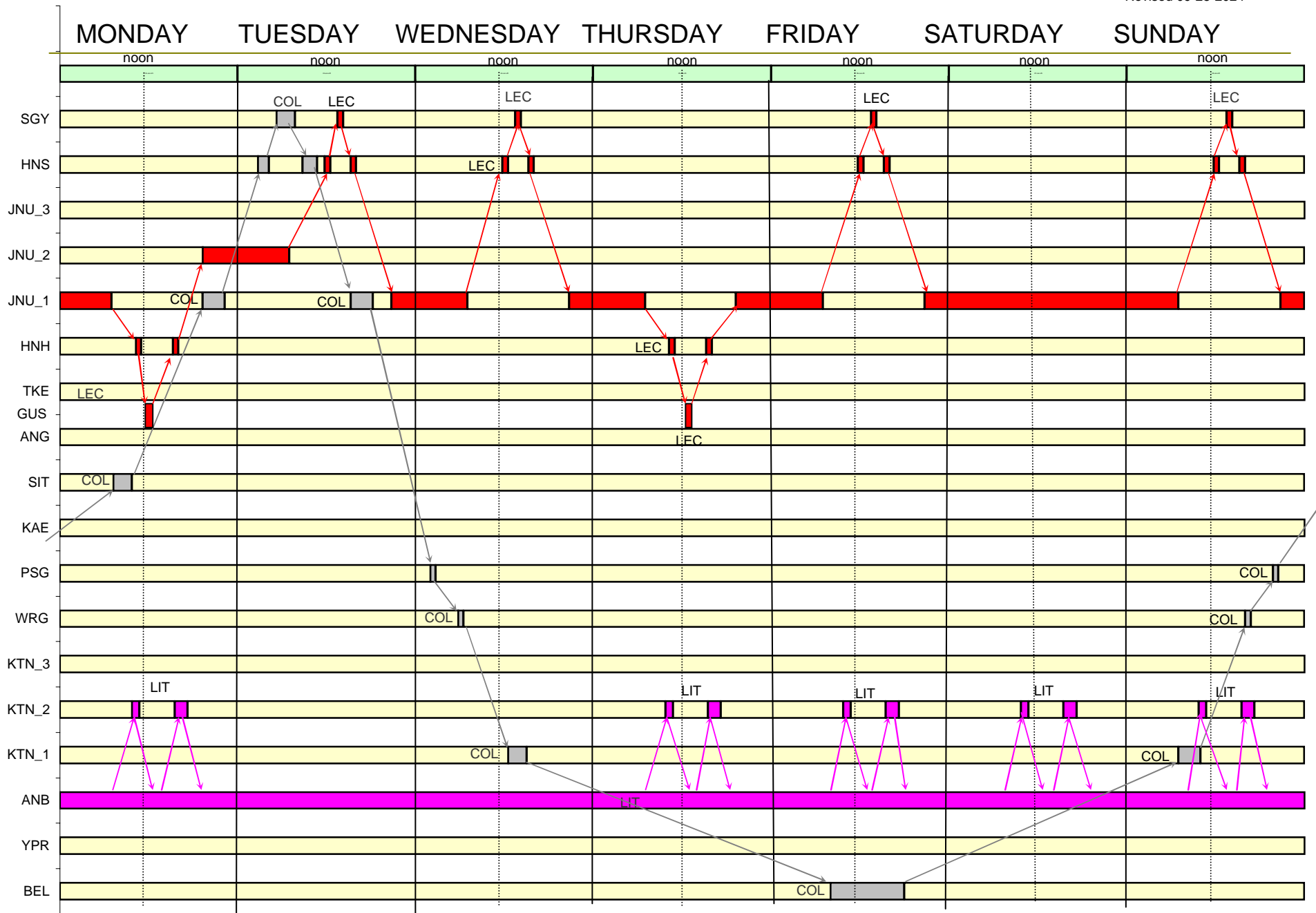


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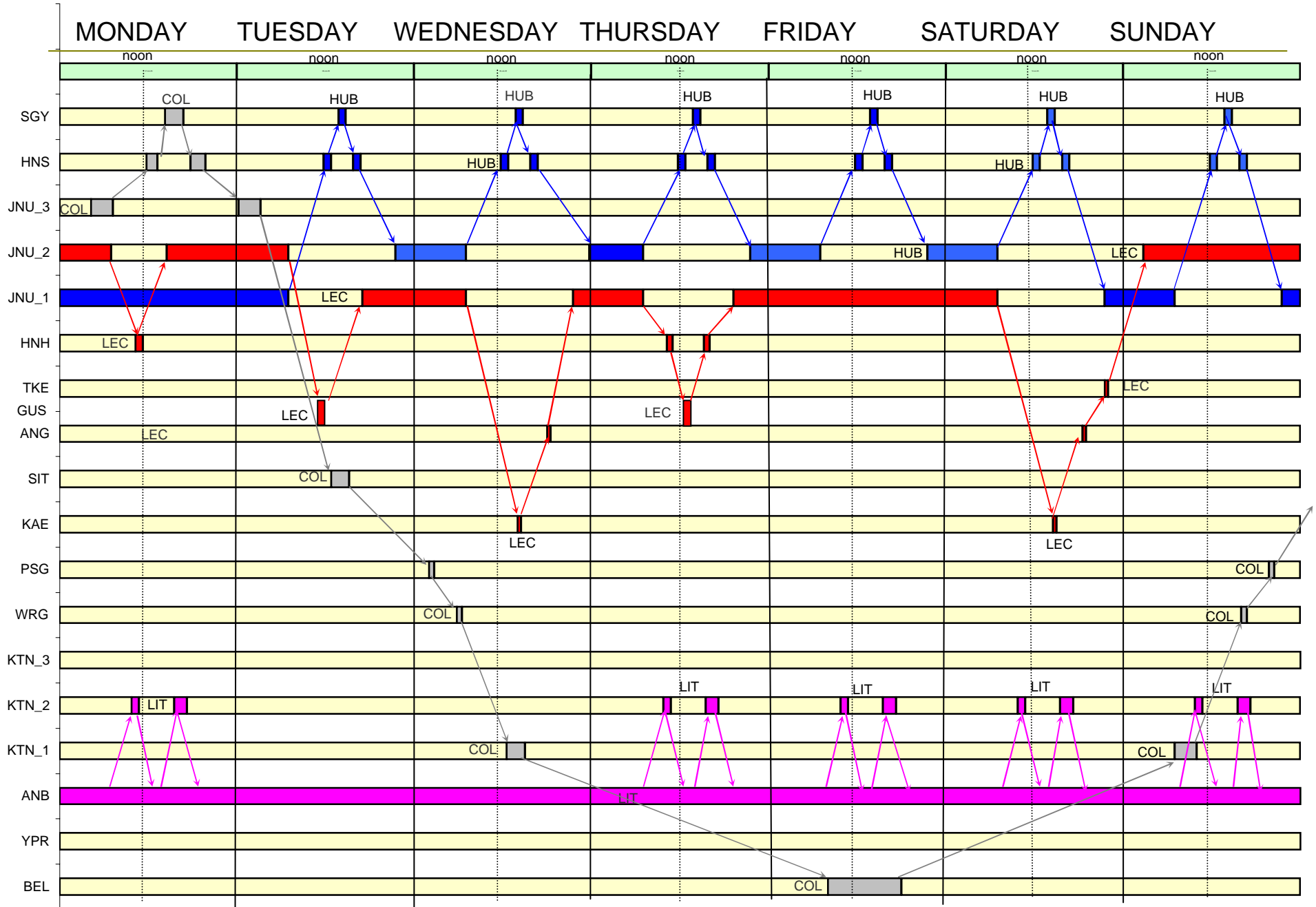


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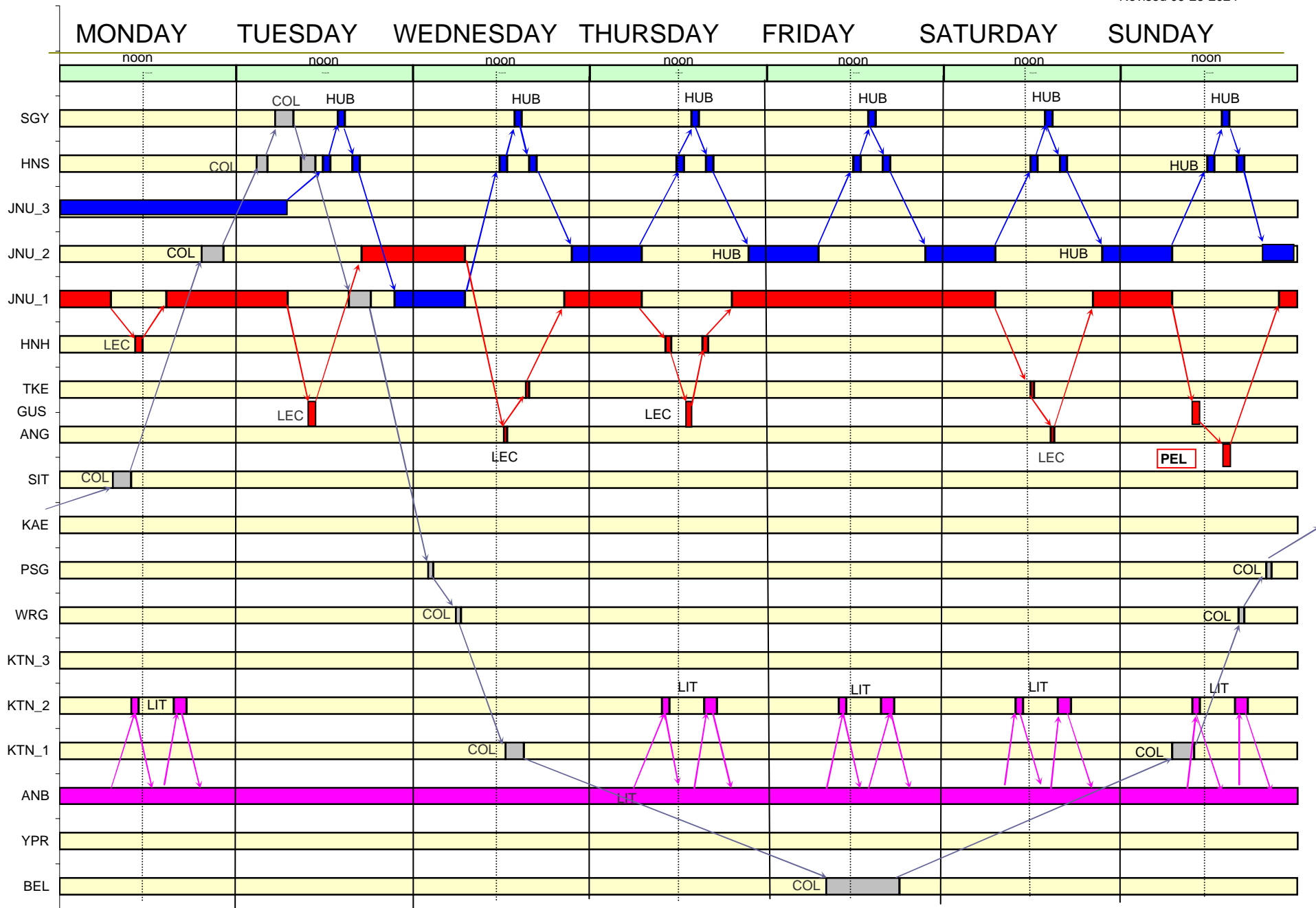


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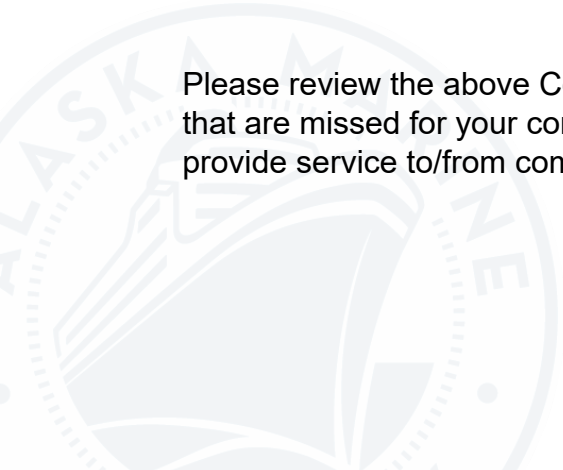
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Summer 2025 SE Community Events

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◆	MAY		
✦	Great Ak Craftbeer and Homebrew Fest	HNS	May 24-25
✦	Little Norway	PSG	
◆	JUNE		
✦	Kluane Bike Relay	HNS	June 14
◆	JULY		
✦	Dustball Tournament	WHT	
✦	SE Alaska State Fair	HNS	July 24-27
◆	AUGUST		
✦	Founder'sDay	MET	Aug 07
✦	Dog Salmon Festival	KAE	Aug 02
◆	SEPTEMBER		
✦	Mudball	SIT	
✦	Klondike Road Relay	SGY	Sept 05-06

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 provide service to/from community events.



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Summer 2025 SW

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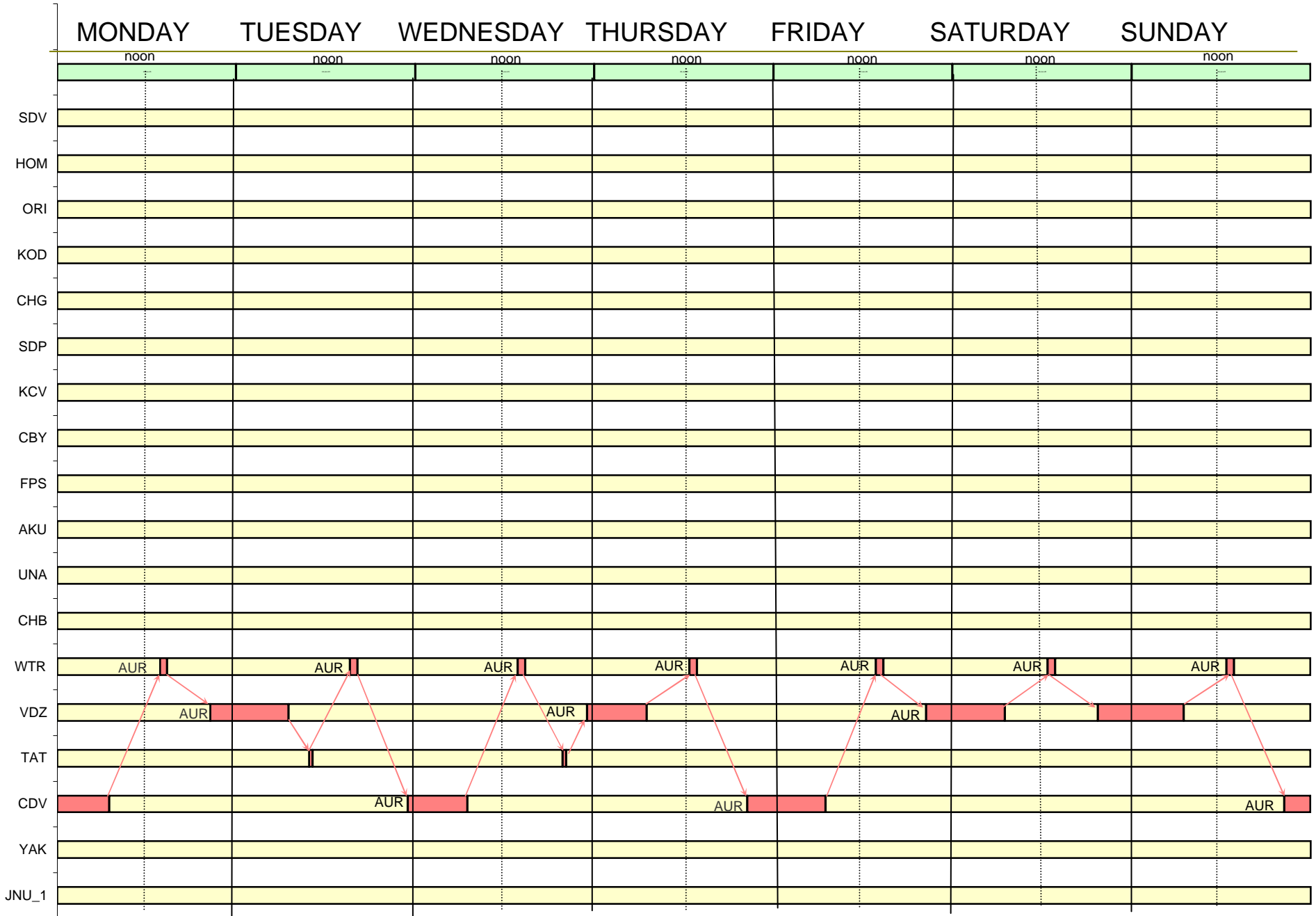


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PWS Summer 2025 WK 1 & 3

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PWS Summer 2025 Wk 2 & 4

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	noon	noon	noon	noon	noon	noon	noon
SDV							
HOM							
ORI							
KOD							
CHG							
SDP							
KCV							
CBY							
FPS							
AKU							
UNA							
CHB							
WTR	AUR	AUR	AUR	AUR	AUR	AUR	AUR
VDZ	AUR				AUR	AUR	
TAT							
CDV		AUR					AUR
YAK							
JNU_1							

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Summer 2025 SW/SC/PWS Community Events

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◆ MAY

✦ PWS Shorebird Festival	CDV	May 01-04
✦ Kodiak Crab Festival	KOD	May 22-26

◆ JUNE

✦ Copper River Nouveau	CDV	
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◆ JULY

✦ Copper River Salmon Jam	CDV	July 19
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◆ AUGUST



◆ SEPTEMBER

✦ Cordova Fungus Festival	CDV	Sep 11-14
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