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July 8, 2026

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 winter schedule from October 01, 2026, through April 30, 2027.

The schedule patterns proposed are based on the funding levels for FY27, and vessel availability. 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 Winter 2026/2027. The schedule is similar to last winter. The link to access the proposed schedule pattern is: https://dot.alaska.gov/amhs/doc/winter_considerations_2026-2027.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 July 22, 2026. 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 July 22, 2026 at 09:00 a.m. for Southeast schedules and at 11:00 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.

To attend by phone or by video conference:

Topic: AMHS Winter Schedule 2026/2027 Public Meeting For Southeast Alaska

When: Jul 23, 2026 09:00 AM Alaska

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Topic: AMHS Winter Schedule 2026/2027 Public Meeting for Southwest and South Central Alaska

When: Jul 23, 2026 11:00 AM Alaska

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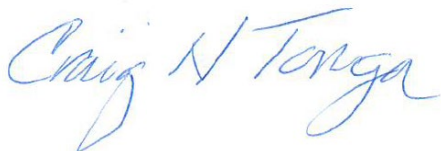
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig N Tornga". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig Tornga

Marine Director, Alaska Marine Highway System

ENCLOSURES:

Draft FY 2027 Winter Operating Plan
Calendars of Events
Weekly Vessel Pattern Graphs
FY 2027 Vessel Deployment Plan

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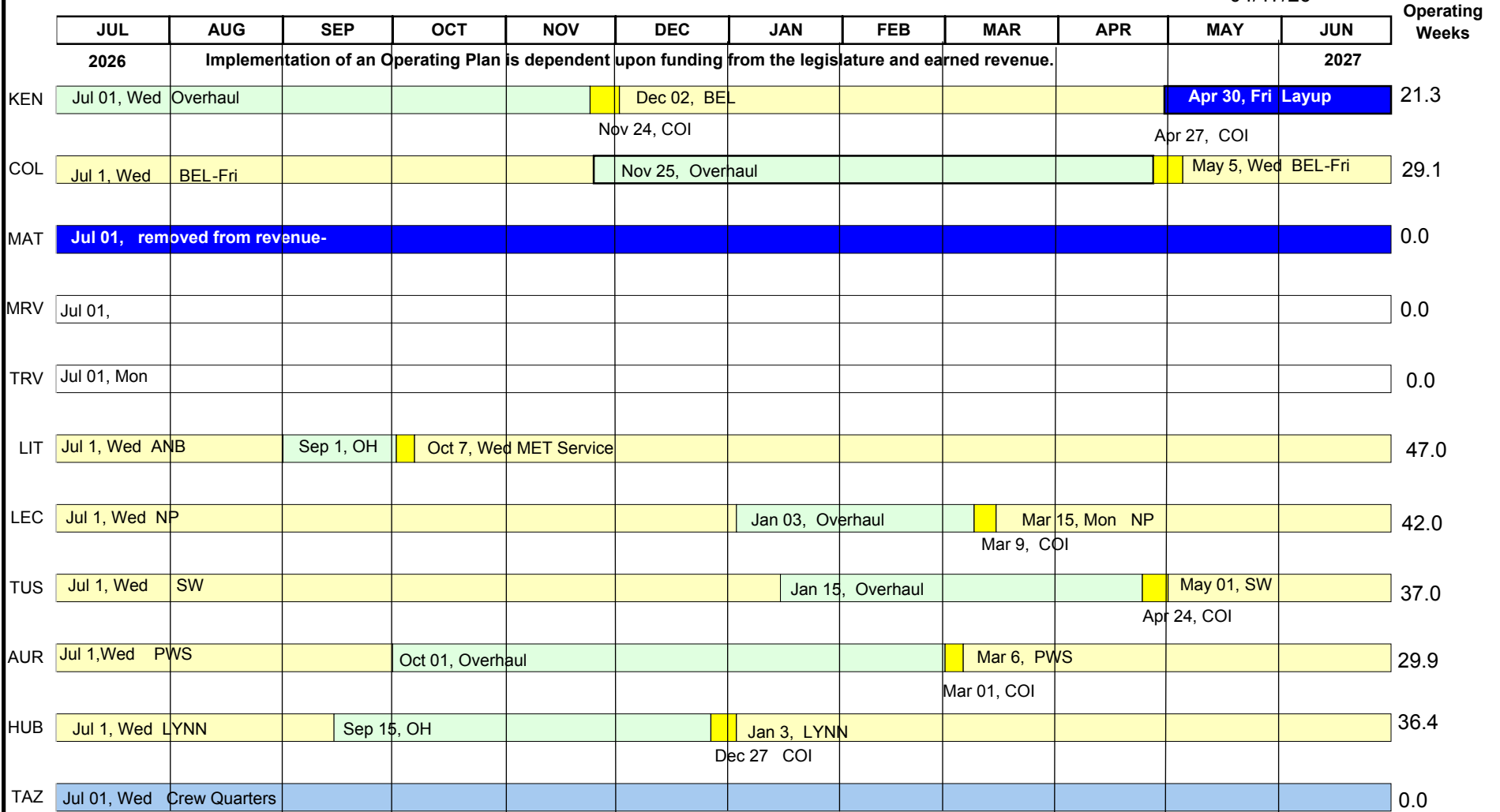
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Operating Plan 2026-2027

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Line Overhaul Layup | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BEL - Bellingham to Skagway Route YPR - Prince Rupert to Skagway Route BEL-X-Gulf Bellingham Cross Gulf SW PWS-Prince William Sound ANB - Annette Bay Service NP - Northern Panhandle SW- Southwest BEL-YPR alt Bellingham Prince Rupert alternating | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainline Vessels 50.4 Feeder Vessels 125.4 Southwest Vessels 66.9 |
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Note: Dates represent the first day of the period. Overhaul and refurbishment periods include vessel travel time.

Total Operating Weeks 242.7

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Winter 2026-2027 - Proposed Vessel Deployment

◆ M/V Kennicott	December 02 - April 30
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday Bellingham route• State Overhaul Project October 1 through December 01	
◆ M/V Columbia	October 01 – November 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday Bellingham route• Overhaul November 25 through April 30	
◆ M/V LeConte	October 01 – January 03
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northern Panhandle 30• Overhaul December 14 through March 30	April 01 – April
◆ M/V Tazlina	
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◆ M/V Aurora	March 06 - April 30
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prince William Sound• Overhaul October 1 through March 05	
◆ M/V Tustumena	October 01 – January 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southwest Route• Overhaul January 15 through April 30	
◆ M/V Lituya	October 01 – April 30
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7-Days/Week Annette Bay – Ketchikan	
◆ M/V Matanuska	

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◆ **M/V Hubbard**

January 03 - April 30

- Northern Panhandle
- Overhaul October 01 through January 02
- Lynn Canal April 01 to April 30



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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.

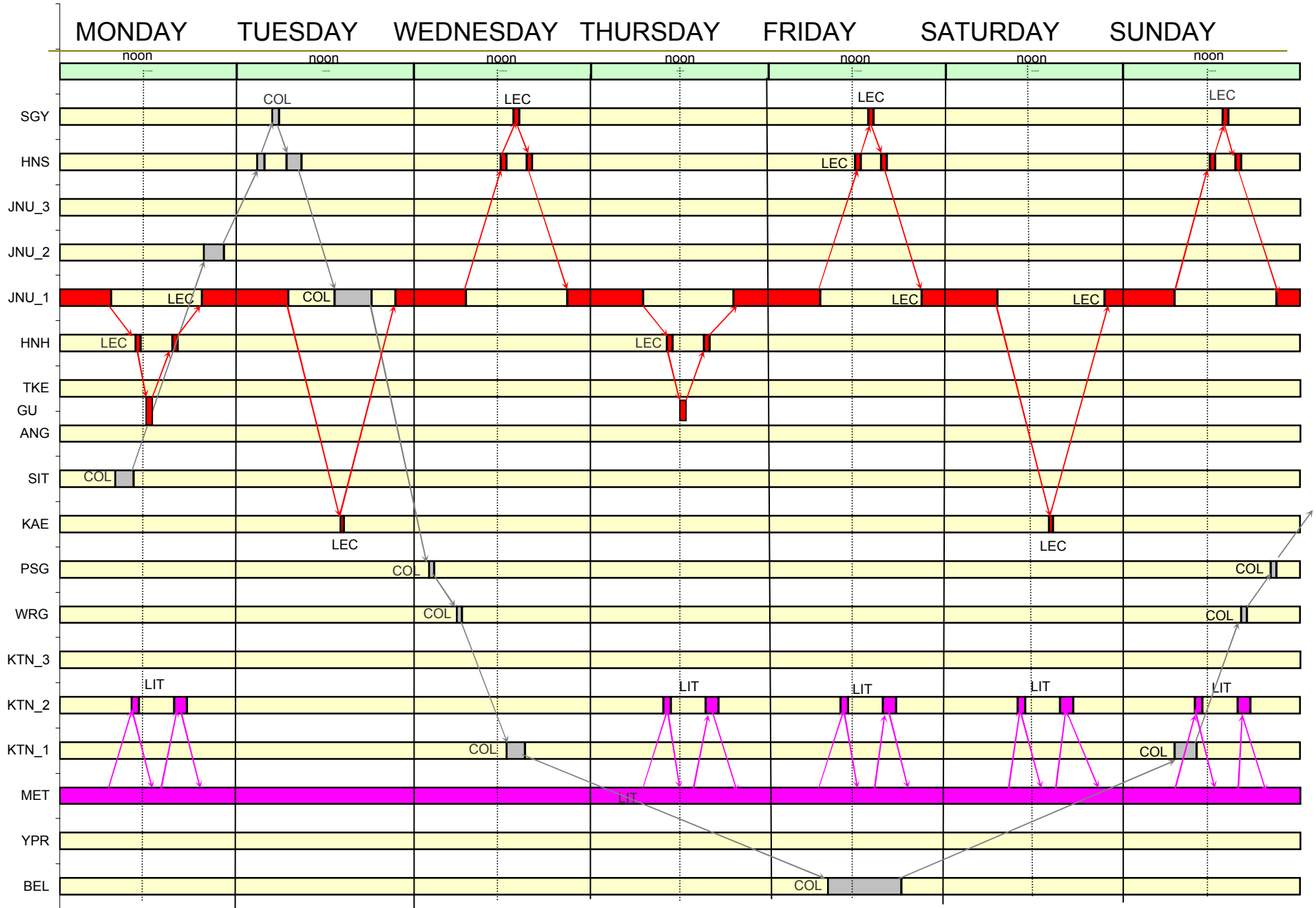
1. The title of the graph defines the geographic area depicted by the chart and the time period to which it applies. When “Wk 1 & 3” or “Wk 2 & 4” appear, it implies that the schedule alternates every other week of the month (i.e. that the schedule is not the same every week). Essentially, a week 1 schedule 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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Winter 2026-27 SE OCT-DEC Wk 1 & 3

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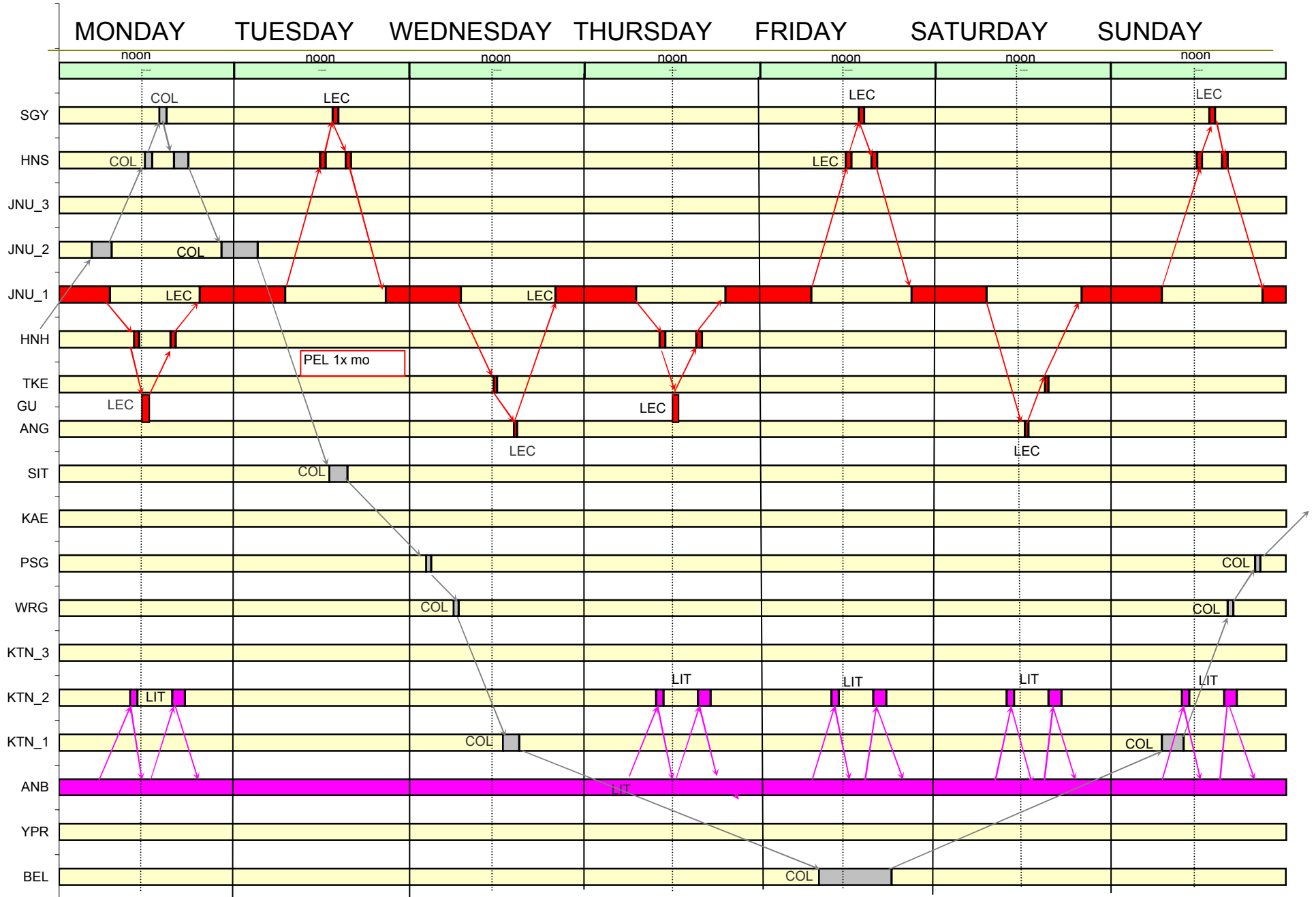


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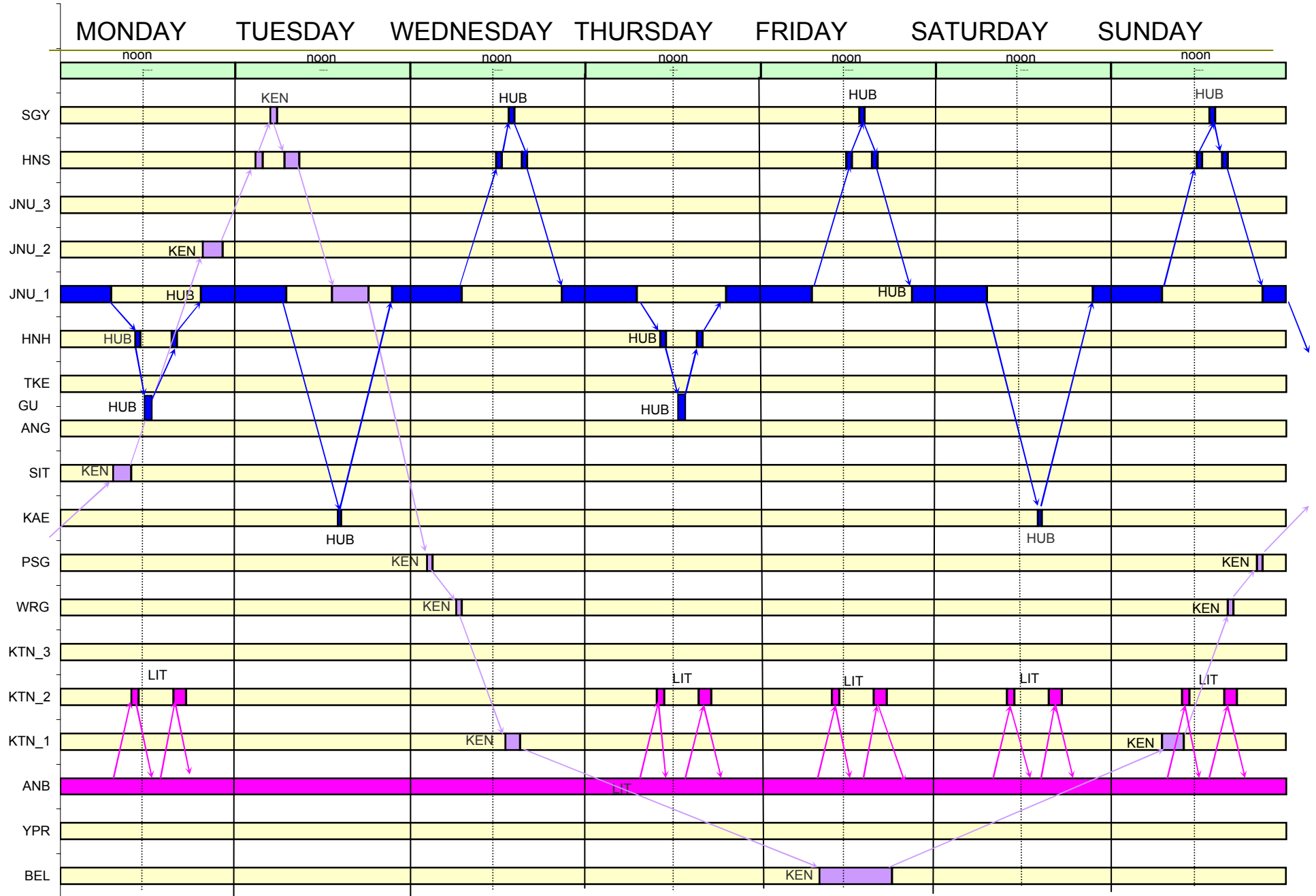


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Winter 2026-27 SE JAN-MAR Wk 1 & 3

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Winter 2026-2027 SE Community Events

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◆ OCTOBER

- ANB/ANS Grand Camp Convention
 - Octoberfest Celebration
 - Alaska Day Celebration SIT
 - Annual Bridge Club Tournament
 - Region V Honor Festival
 - Region V Swim/Dive
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◆ NOVEMBER

- All Native BB
 - Bald Eagle Festival HNS
 - Whale Fest SIT
 - Volleyball 2A/3A/4A
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◆ DECEMBER

- Victorian Yuletide Celebration SGY
 - Wrestling 1A/2A/3A/4A HNS
 - Clarke Cochrane Christmas Classic KTN
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◆ JANUARY

- Legislature Reconvenes JNU
 - Alcan 200 Snowmachine Race HNS
 - Edgumbe Invitational SIT
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◆ FEBRUARY

- Dick Hotch Basketball Tourney HNS
 - Sitka Jazz Fest SIT
 - 1A Basketball Tourney
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◆ MARCH



- 2A/3A/4A Basketball Tourney JNU
 - Buckwheat Ski Classic SGY
 - Gold Medal Basketball Tourney JNU
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◆ **APRIL**

- Alaska State Folk Festival JNU
 - High School Music Festival KTN
 - Stikine River Birding Festival WRG
 - Art Festival
 - Legislature session ends JNU
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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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Winter 2026-27 PWS MAR-APR Wk 1 & 2

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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ORI							
KOD							
CHG							
SDP							
KCV							
CBY							
FPS							
AKU							
UNA							
CHB		AUR					
WTR	AUR	AUR		AUR	AUR		AUR
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TAT							
CDV	AUR	AUR		AUR	AUR		AUR
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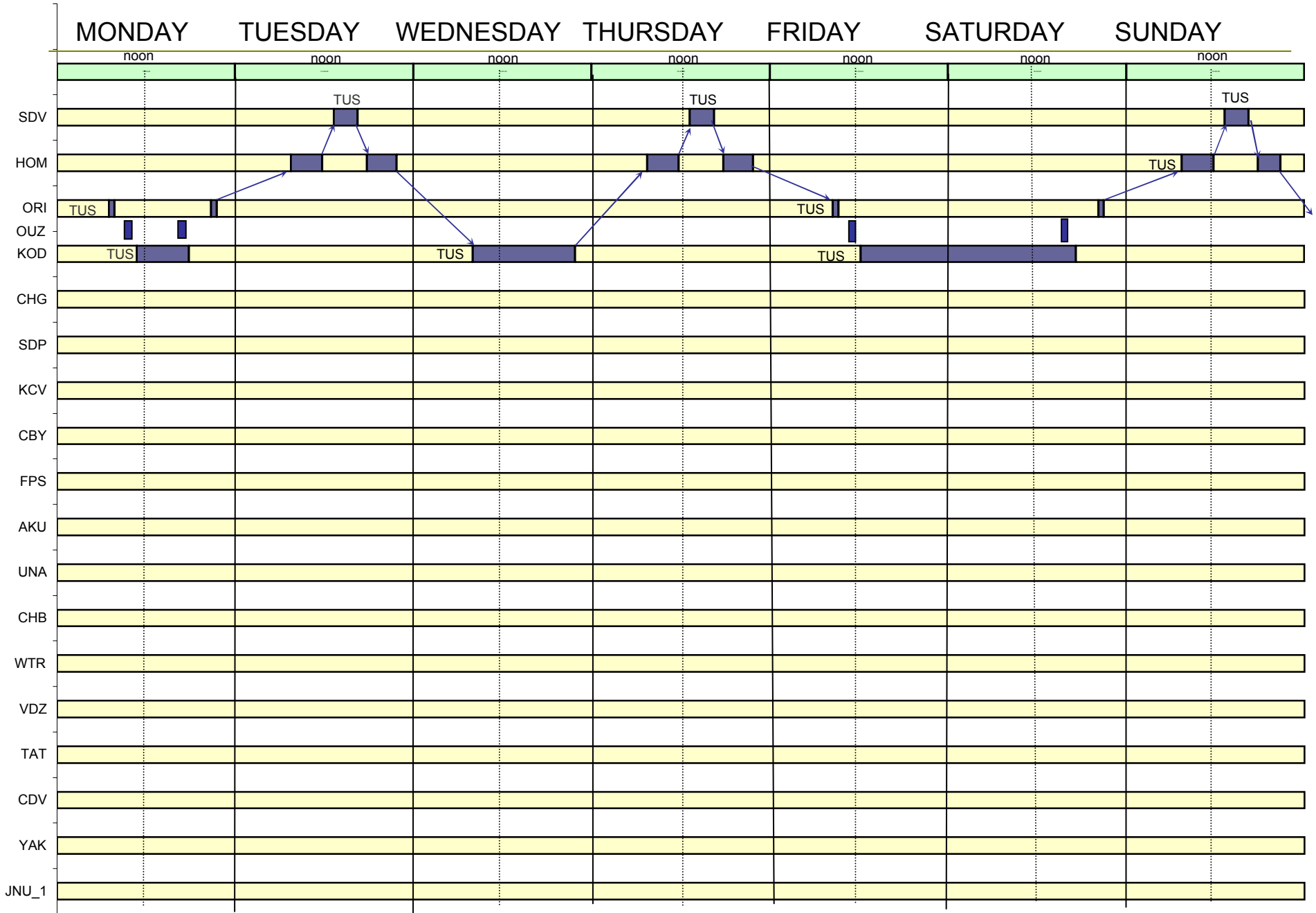
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Winter 2026-27 SW Oct-mid Jan

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Winter 2026-2027 SW/SC Community Events

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◆ OCTOBER

- Valdez Museum Roadhouse Dinner VDZ
 - Kachemak Heritage Land Trust Auction HOM
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◆ NOVEMBER

- Sobriety Celebration CDV
-

◆ DECEMBER

- Nutcracker Faire HOM
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◆ JANUARY

- Legislature Reconvenes JNU
 - Iceworm Festival CDV
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◆ FEBRUARY

◆ MARCH

◆ APRIL

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