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Dear Community Advisory Group Members:

It is time to begin the public review process for the next Alaska Marine Highway System scheduling cycle. The proposed schedule patterns that will be reviewed will cover the summer 2015 schedule.

The schedule patterns that are being proposed are based on an assumed funding level for FY16 similar to the FY15 operating budget. The operating plan has been designed to meet the essential needs for community service, staying within available funding, and maintaining regulatory and safety standards for the vessels.

Please take the time to review and comment on this proposal paying particular attention to any need for special events scheduling. Be sure to give the name of the event, date, location, and arrival and departure times needed for each special event.

Please provide your written comments prior to September 23, 2014. Information may be faxed to 907-586-8365 or emailed to dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov. A teleconference to hear comments and consider adjustments is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. for Southeast schedules and at 1:30 p.m. for Southwest and Southcentral schedules. The meeting will be held in Ketchikan at the Alaska Marine Highway's Marine Engineering Facility, 7037 North Tongass Highway for participants wishing to attend in person.

The toll free number to participate in both teleconferences is: 1-800-315-6338. **Please note the changed conference code: 03902#.** The link to access the proposed schedule patterns is: <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/share/schedule/considerations.pdf>.

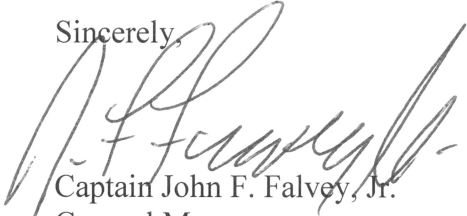
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If you have any additional questions or need additional information, please contact the AMHS Operations Manager, Tony Karvelas, at (907) 228-7252 or (907) 617-4277.

Sincerely,



Captain John F. Falvey, Jr.
General Manager

ENCLOSURES:

Draft FY16 Operating Plan 15.07
Proposed Vessel Deployment
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Weekly Vessel Pattern Graphs

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**Operating Plan
2014-2015**

Revision Number 15.7
09/02/2014

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Operating Weeks		
	2014											Implementation of an Operating Plan is dependent upon funding from the legislature and earned revenue.		2015	
KEN	Jul 1, Tue BEL-X-GULF			Oct 01, Federal CIP				Jan 22 O.H.	Mar 05 BEL-X-GULF				30.0		
COL	Jul 1, Tue BEL-Fri			Oct 1, Wed Layup					Mar 15, Sun Overhaul		Apr 29, Wed BEL-Fri		22.0		
MAT	Jul 1, Tue YPR/SGY		Sep 15, Layup					Feb 1, Overhaul	Mar 22, BEL-FRI		May 1, YPR/SGY		25.3		
MAL	Jul 1, Tue NLC - Dayboat			Oct 01, Wed BEL-Fri					Mar 22, Overhaul		May 15 NLC - Dayboat		44.4		
TAK	Jul 1, Tue YPR/JNU										May 1, Fri Overhaul		43.4		
LIT	Jul 1, Tue MET Service						Jan 10, O.H.	Feb 12, MET Service					47.4		
LEC	Jul 1, Tue NP/Dayboat			Oct 13, Federal CIP					Mar 16, Overhaul		May 1, Fri NP/Dayboat		23.6		
TUS	Jul 1, Tue SW								Mar 1, Overhaul	Apr 28, In transit	May 02, SW		43.3		
AUR	Jul 1, Tue PWS		Sep 11, In Transit	Sep 15, O.H.	Oct 13, NP Dayboat						May 01, In Transit	May 05, PWS	47.6		
FWX	Jul 1, Tue SIT 6X - PSG 1X		Sep 08, O.H.	Oct 6 In transit	Oct 11, Sat PWS 4X wk						May 11 In transit	May 14, Thu SIT 4X	47.0		
CHE	Jul 1, Tue PWS			Oct 13, Re-engine						Apr 1 OH	May 15, PWS		21.6		

LEGEND

 On Line	BEL - Bellingham to Skagway Route	PWS-Prince William Sound	SW- Southwest	Mainline Vessels	165.1
 Overhaul	YPR - Prince Rupert to Skagway Route	MET - Metlakatla Service	YPR-X-Gulf-SW Pr. Rupert Cross Gulf Southwest	Feeder Vessels	118.0
 Layup	BEL-X-Gulf Bellingham Cross Gulf SW	NP - Northern Panhandle	NLC + SIT - Northern Lynn Canal + Sitka	Southwest Vessels	112.5
	Note: Dates represent the first day of the period. Overhaul and refurbishment periods include vessel travel time.				
				Total Operating Weeks	395.6

Alaska Marine Highway System
Summer 2015
September 04, 2014

Proposed Vessel Deployment

- Kennicott to operate Bellingham cross the Gulf to Southwest
- Columbia to remain on the Friday Bellingham Route, May through September.
- Matanuska to sail from Prince Rupert to Skagway and from Prince Rupert to Juneau once per week.
- Malaspina to homeport in Juneau and sail North Lynn Canal daily except Monday, May 15 to September 30.
- Taku to sail from Prince Rupert to Juneau twice per week July 01-Sept 01.
- Lituya to sail 5 days per week between Annette Bay and Ketchikan
- LeConte to sail a Northern Panhandle Route, plus one trip per month to Petersburg, South Mitkof and Coffman Cove
- Tustumena to sail the Southwest Route with two Aleutian chain trips per month. First Chain trip May 5. Old Harbor will receive one stop per month May to September. (5-25 OLD-KOD, 6-8 OLD-KOD, 6-18 KOD-OLD, 7-20 OLD-KOD, 8-12 KOD-OLD, 9-9 OLD-KOD)
- Aurora to sail between Valdez and Whittier, also serving Tatitlek twice per month until overhaul commencing August 15.
- Fairweather to sail: May 1 to May 11 PWS, May 15 to June 30 Sitka 2 days/Sitka with Angoon 2 days. July 1- Sept 15: Sitka 4 days, Sitka with Angoon 2 days, Petersburg 1 day
- Chenega to sail: May 15 to August 14, between Cordova and Whittier 5 days, reversing triangle Cordova, Whittier, Valdez 2 days. August 15 to Sept 30, between Cordova and Whittier 1 day, reversing triangle Cordova, Whittier, Valdez 6 days to cover while Aurora is in overhaul.

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

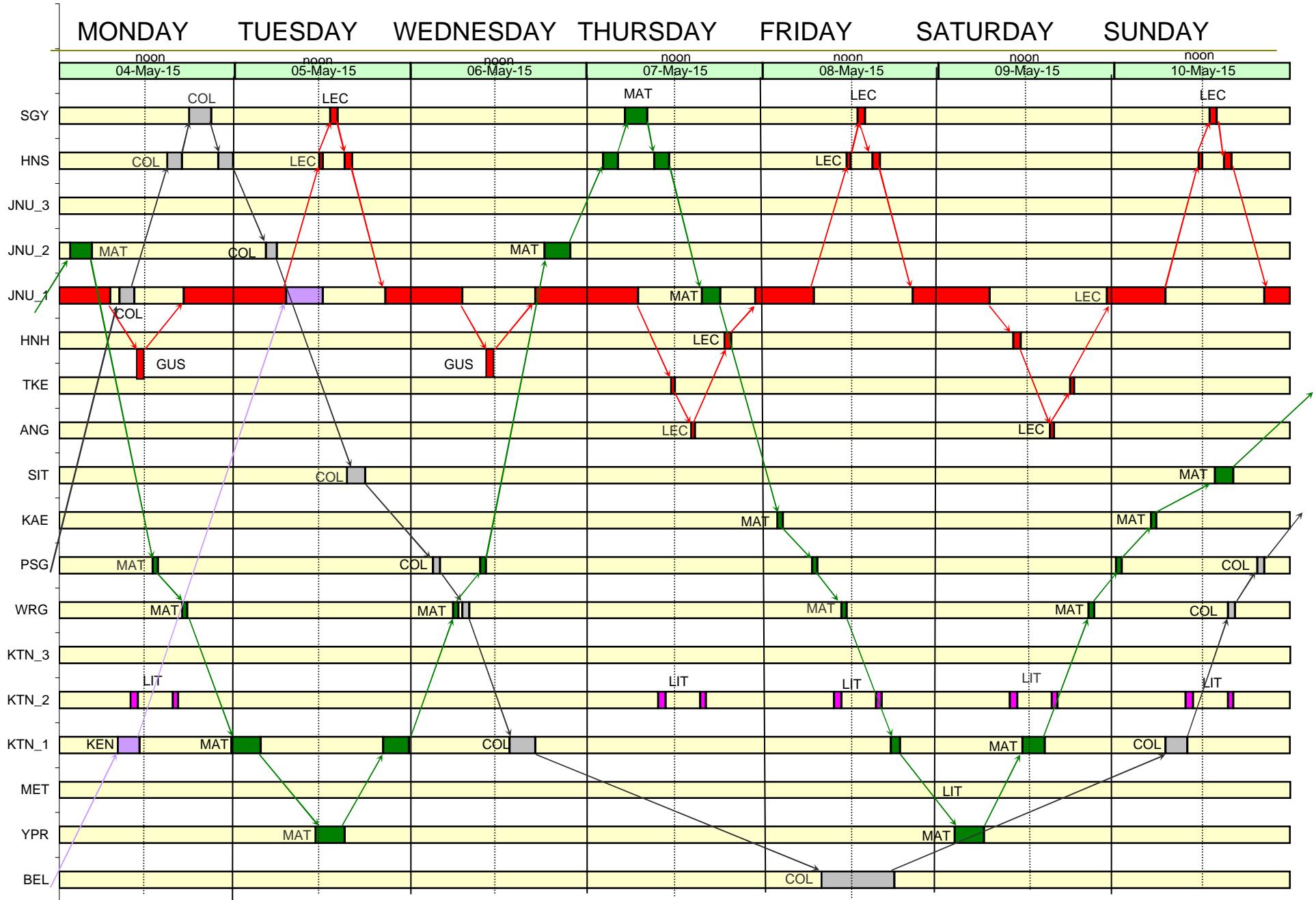
AUR = Aurora
CHE = Chenega (Fast Ferry)
COL = Columbia
FWX = Fairweather (Fast Ferry)
KEN = Kennicott
LEC = LeConte
LIT = Lituya
MAL = Malaspina
MAT = Matanuska
TAK = Taku
TUS = Tustumena

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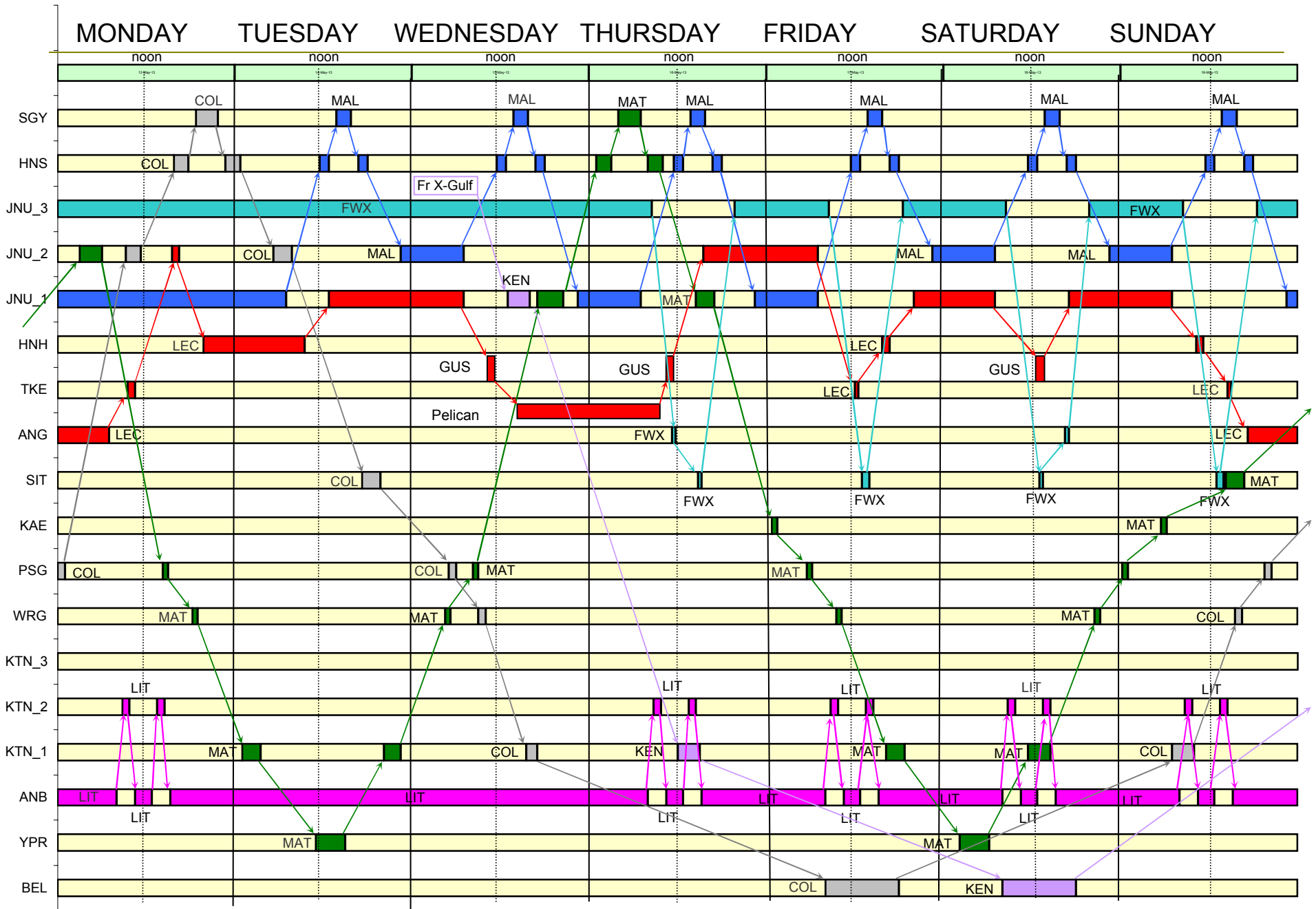


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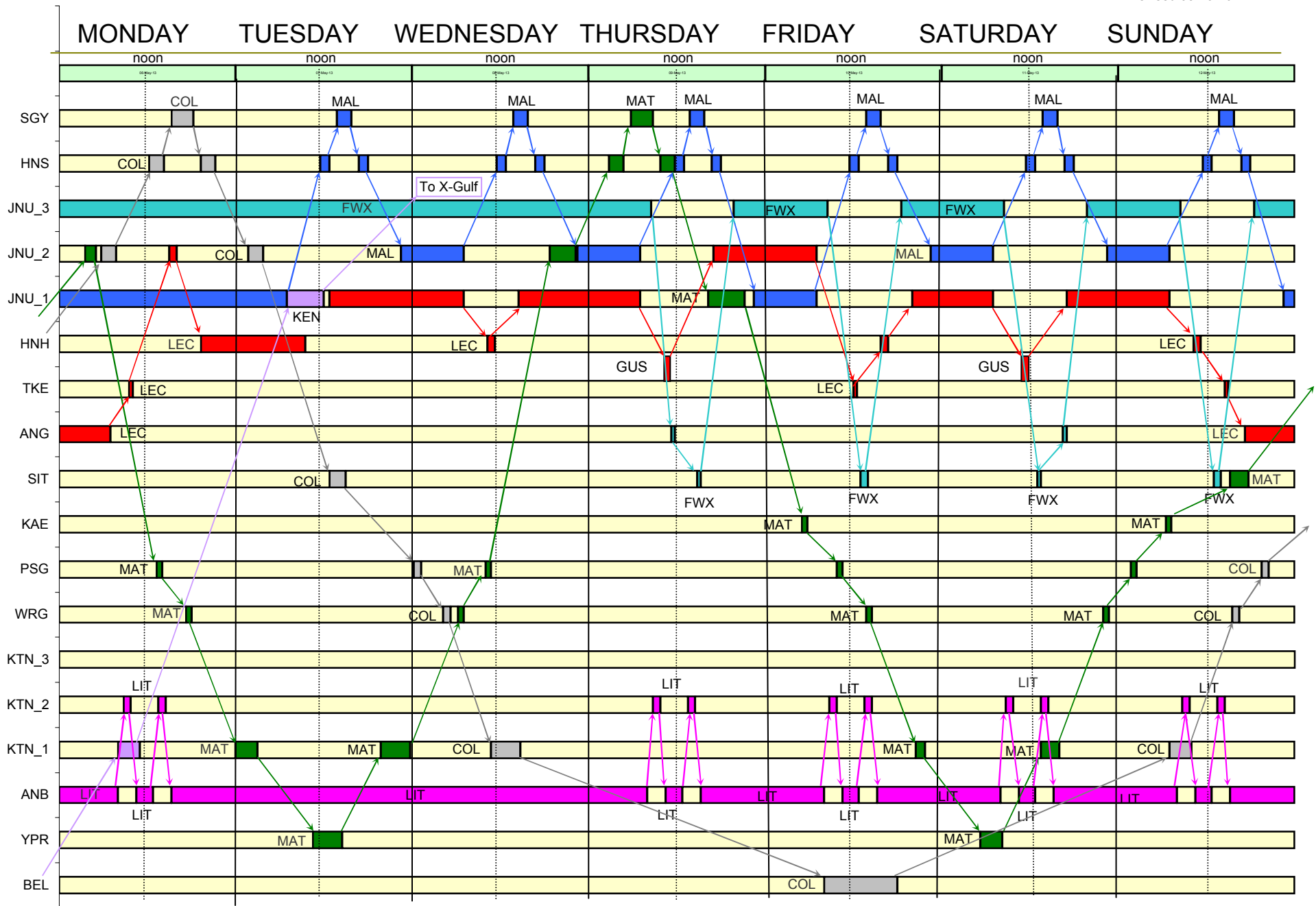


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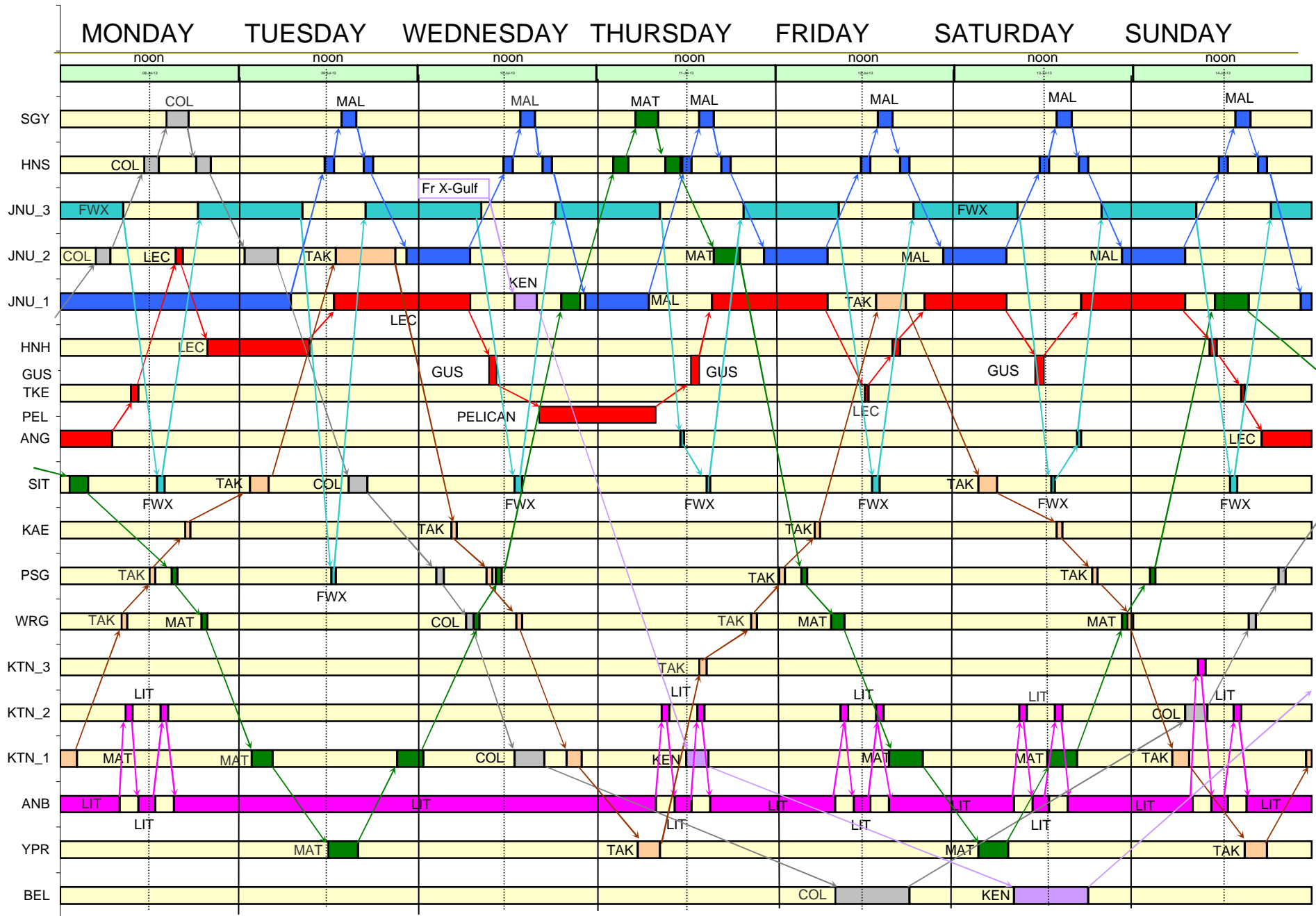


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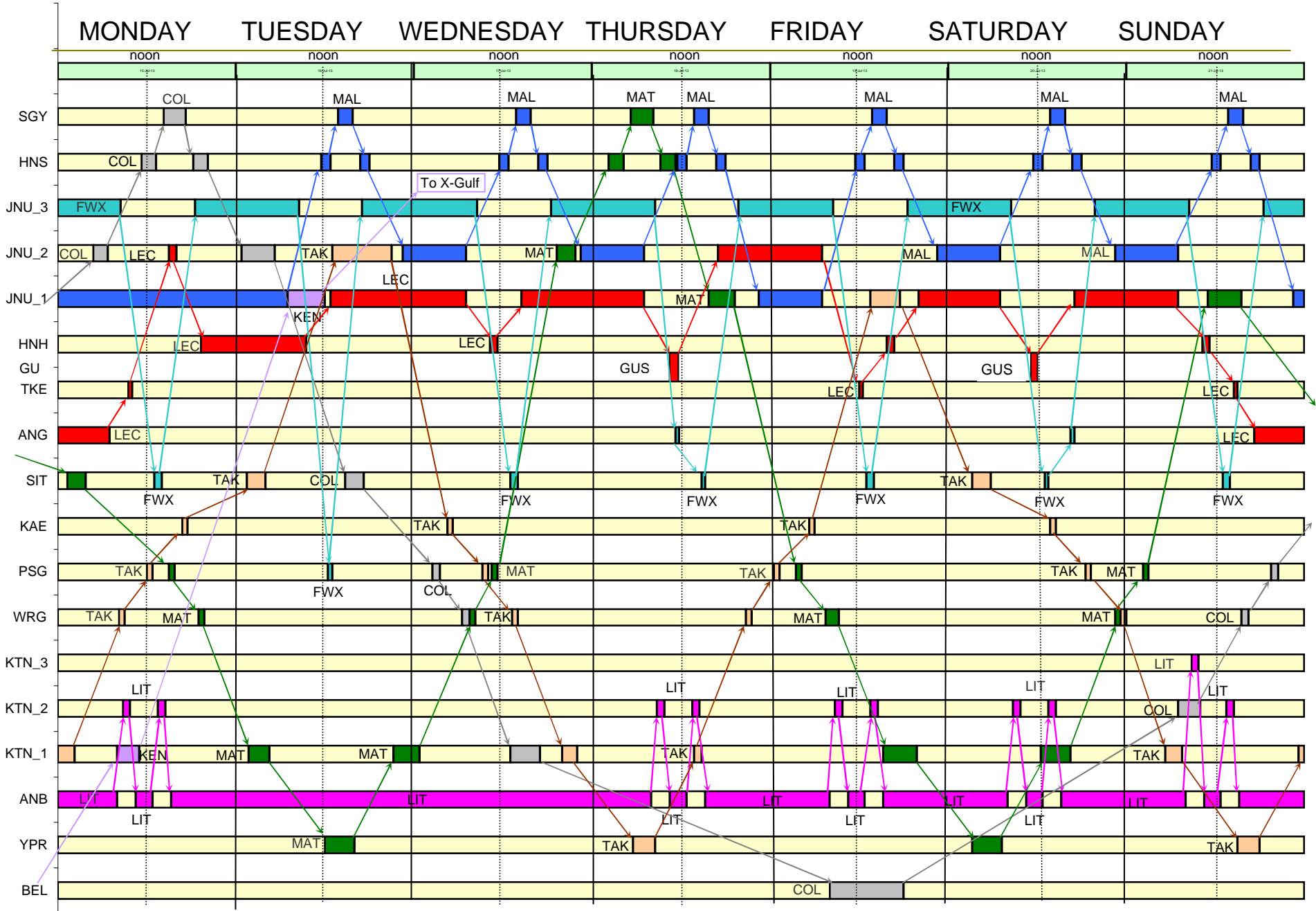


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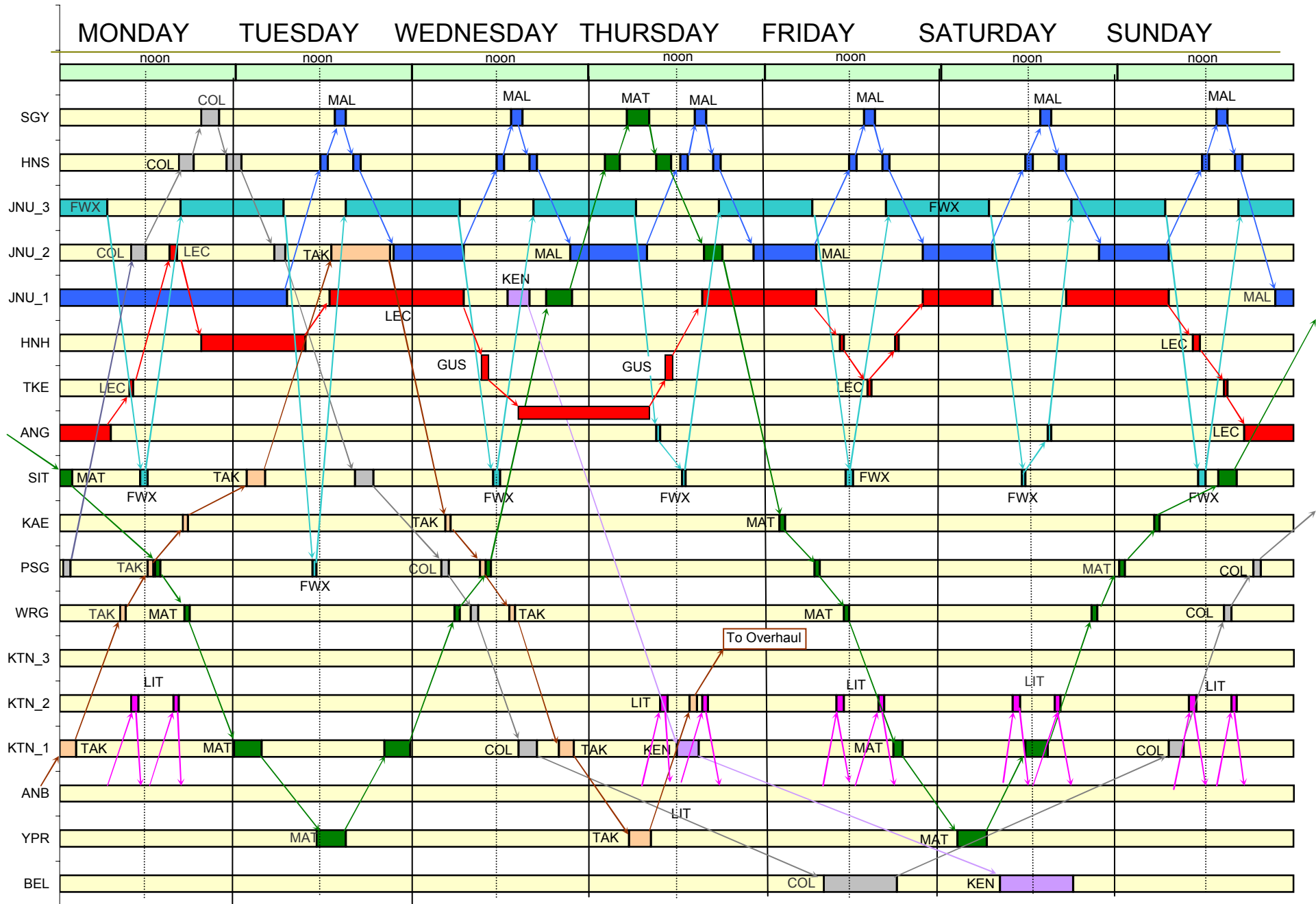


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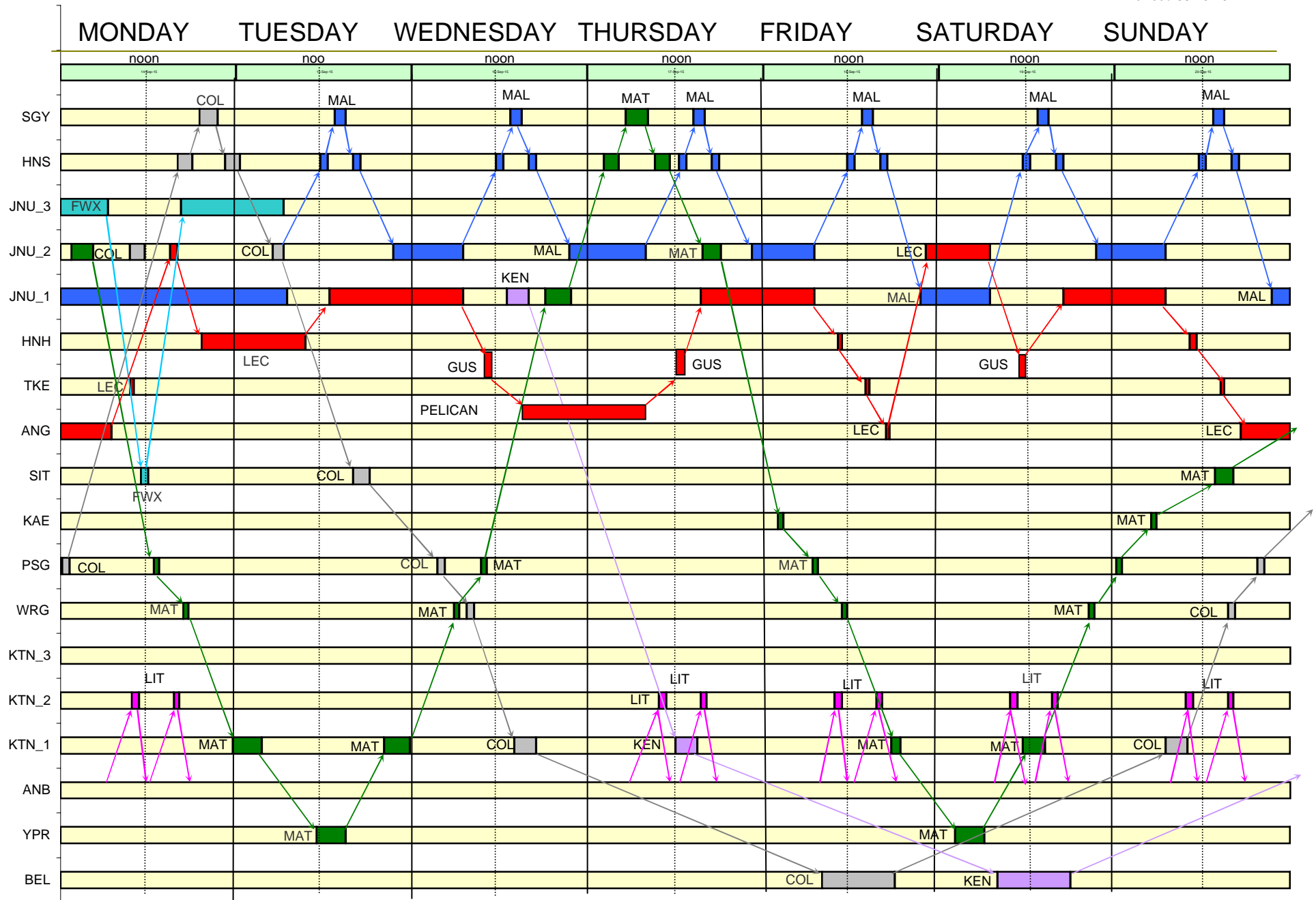


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SE Summer 2015 Sept 15-30

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2015 SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS
SOUTHEAST
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MAY

Annual Great Alaska Craftbeer & Homebrew Festival HNS – May22-23
Little Norway – Petersburg – May 14-17

JUNE

Kluane to Chilkat Bike Relay – Haines June 20

JULY

Annual Dustball Tournament – Whitehorse
SE AK State Fair & Bald Eagle Music Fest July 30- Aug 02

AUGUST

Founder's Day – Metlakatla Aug 07
Dog Salmon Festival – Kake Aug 01

SEPTEMBER

Klondike Road Relay – Skagway September 11-12

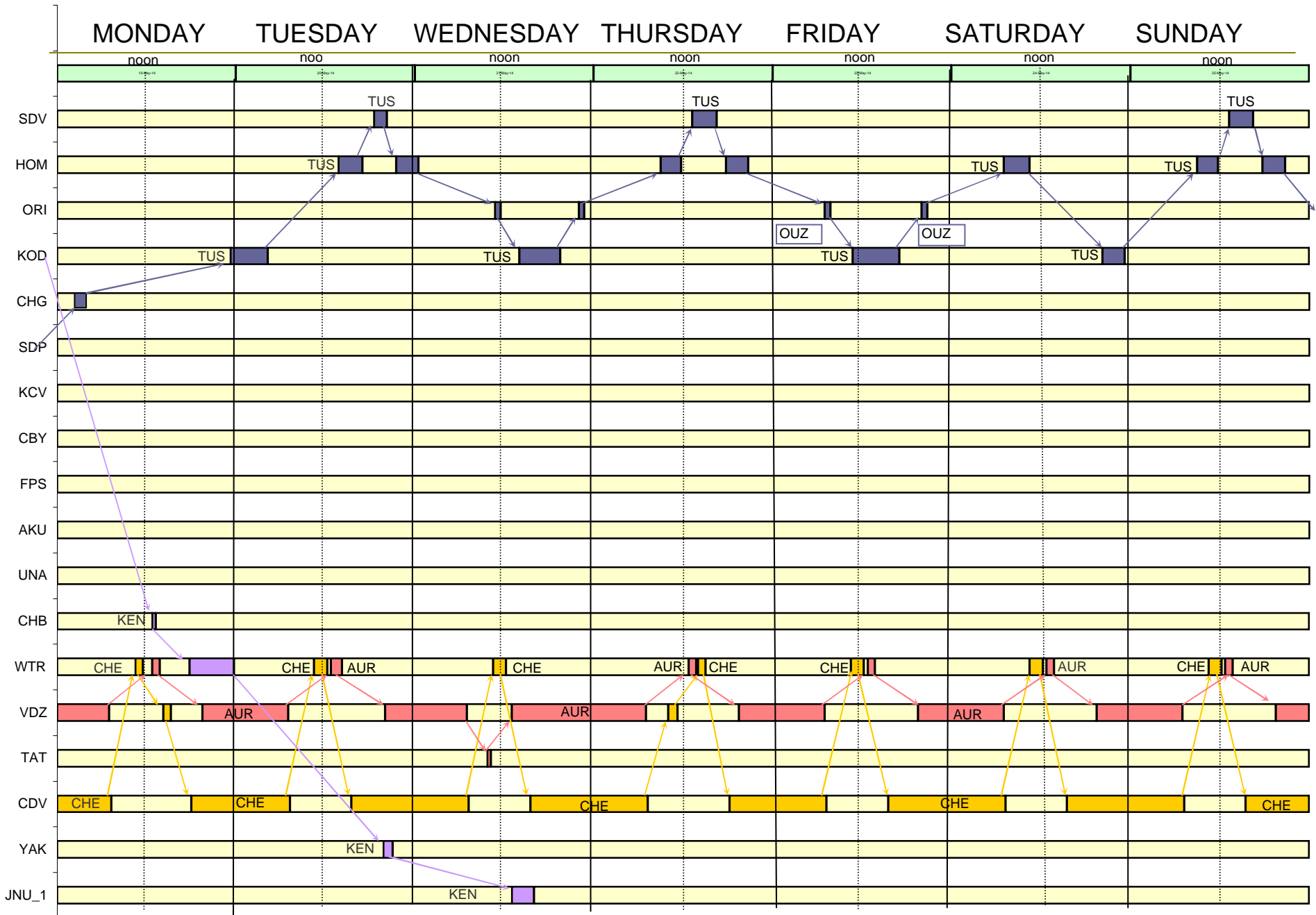
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SW-PWS Summer 2014 Wk 1 & 3

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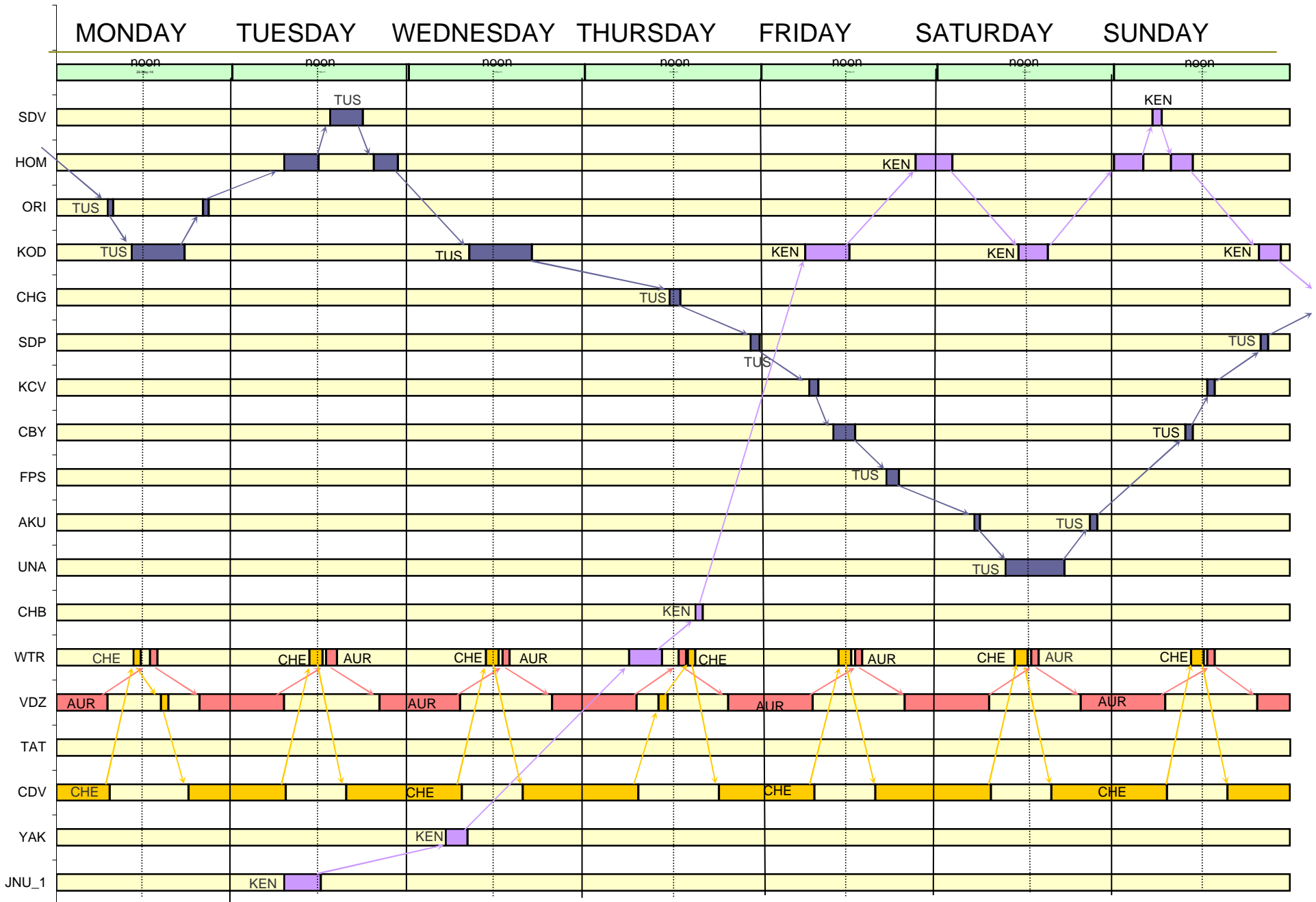


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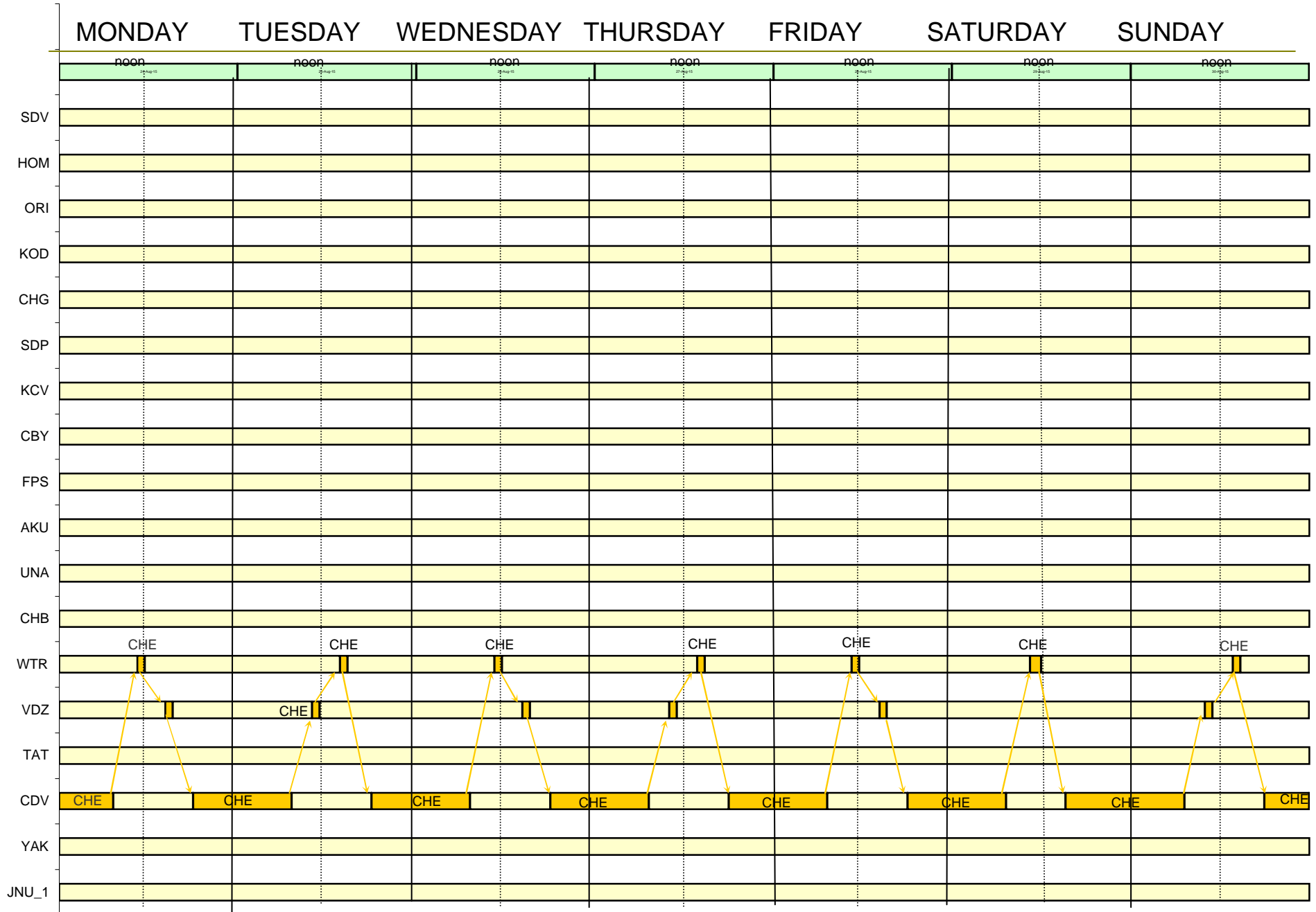


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Summer 2015 PWS Aug 15- Sep 30

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**2015 SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS
SOUTHWEST/SOUTHCENTRAL**

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MAY

Eastern Aleutian Tribes, Inc – Health Fair AKU, CBY, KCV, SDP
PWS Shorebird Festival – Cordova May
Kodiak Crab Festival May

JUNE

JULY

Copper River Wild! Festival - Cordova

AUGUST

Fungus Festival – Cordova

SEPTEMBER

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