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August 6, 2012

Dear Community Advisory Group Members:

It is time to begin the public review process for the next Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) scheduling cycle. The proposed schedule patterns that will be reviewed cover the summer 2013 schedule.

The schedule patterns that are being proposed are based on a funding level for FY14 that will support 416.6 ship-weeks of service. The operating plan has been designed to meet the needs for community service, stay within available funding, and maintain 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 if you propose adding any.

Please provide your written comments prior to August 28, 2012. 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 Tuesday, August 28, 2012 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 Port Engineer's waterfront office, 3713 Tongass Avenue for participants wishing to attend in person.

The toll free number to participate in both teleconferences is: 1-800-315-6338, conference code 3902#. The link to access the proposed schedule patterns is <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/share/schedule/considerations.pdf>.

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participate in this public meeting should contact AMHS Operations Manager, Captain Tony Karvelas at (907) 228-7252 and TDD (907) 269-0743, TTY 1-800-770-8793, Alaska Relay, Voice: 7-1-1 or 1-800-770-8255 no later than August 13, 2012 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 or (907) 617-4277.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Neussl
Deputy Commissioner, Marine Operations

ENCLOSURES:

Draft FY13 Operating Plan 13.06
Proposed Vessel Deployment
Calendars of Events
Weekly Vessel Pattern Graphs (Spider Graphs)

DISTRIBUTION:

All Southeast Alaska Mayors
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Marine Transportation Advisory Board
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**Operating Plan
2012-2013**

Revision Number 13.06
07/10/2012

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Operating Weeks		
	2012											Implementation of an Operating Plan is dependent upon funding from the legislature and earned revenue.		2013	
KEN	Jul 1, Sun	BEL -X-GULF		Sep 17, O.H		Nov 03, YPR-X-GULF SW						May 09 BEL-X-GULF	45.4		
COL	Jul 1, Sun	BEL-Fri				Dec 5, Wed Layup		Feb 1, Fri Overhaul		Mar 31, Sun	BEL-Fri		35.6		
MAT	Jul 1, Sun	YPR/SGY		Oct 2, Overhaul		Dec 5, BEL-FRI				Apr 1, YPR-JNU-SGY			43.0		
MAL	Jul 1, Sun	NLC - Dayboat		Oct 1, Layup/CIP					Mar 04, O.H.		May 01 NLC - Dayboat		21.9		
TAK	Jul 1, Sun	YPR/JNU								Apr 1, Mon OH			42.3		
LIT	Jul 1, Sun	MET Service					Jan 10, Overhaul		Jan 26, MET Service			Jun 9, Sun YPR/JNU	49.9		
LEC	Jul 1, Sun	NP/Dayboat	Aug 22, O.H.	Oct 01, Mon	NP/Dayboat								46.4		
TUS	Jul 1, Sun	SW				Nov 01, Thu CIP			Mar 04, Overhaul/CIP	Apr 20, SW			27.9		
AUR	Jul 1, Sun	PWS	Aug 18, In Transit	Aug 22, NP Dayboat	Oct 04, PWS			Feb 13, Overhaul	Apr 01, PWS				44.4		
FWX	Jul 1, Sun	SIT 6X - PSG 1X		Oct 01, O.H.	Nov 01, Thu Layup				Feb 27, Wed	NLC + SIT 4X wk	May 01, SIT 4X		30.9		
CHE	Jul 1, Sun	PWS		Oct 04, Layup				Feb 14, PWS 4X	Apr 01, Mon OH	May 01, Wed	PWS		28.9		

LEGEND

 On Line	BEL - Bellingham to Skagway Route	PWS-Prince William Sound	SW- Southwest	Mainline Vessels	188.2
 Overhaul	YPR - Prince Rupert to Skagway Route	MET - Metlakatla Service	YPR-X-Gulf-SW Pr. Rupert Cross Gulf Southwest	Feeder Vessels	127.2
 Layup	BEL-X-Gulf Bellingham Cross Gulf SW	NP - Northern Panhandle	NLC + SIT - Northern Lynn Canal + Sitka	Southwest Vessels	101.2

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

Total Operating Weeks 416.6

Alaska Marine Highway System
Summer 2013
July 25, 2012

Proposed Vessel Deployment

- Kennicott to operate Bellingham cross the Gulf to Southwest
- Columbia to remain on the Friday Bellingham Route
- 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
- Taku to sail from Prince Rupert to Juneau twice per week
- Lituya to sail 5 days per week between Annette Bay and Ketchikan
- LeConte to sail a Northern Panhandle Route
- Tustumena to sail the Southwest Route with two Aleutian chain trips per month
- Aurora to sail between Valdez and Whittier, also serving Tatitlek twice per month
- Fairweather to sail: May 1 to June 30, Sitka 2 days/Sitka with Angoon 2 days. July 1-Sept 30: Sitka 4 days, Sitka with Angoon 2 days, Petersburg 1 day
- Chenega to sail: May 1 to Aug 21, between Cordova and Whittier 5 days, reversing triangle Cordova, Whittier, Valdez 2 days. Aug 22 to Sept 30, between Cordova and Whittier 1 day, reversing triangle Cordova, Whittier, Valdez 6 days to cover for Aurora while she is in SE

Adjustments to the schedule:

- Malaspina homeport in Juneau, Lynn Canal schedule starting in Juneau northbound six days per week
- LeConte overnight Angoon on Sunday, Hoonah on Monday and Pelican every other Wednesday. LeConte is scheduled for overhaul Aug 22- Sept 30. Her schedule will be covered by the Aurora .
- Taku to operate as Lynn Canal day boat in September due to Columbia repower/Malaspina to Bellingham run

2013 SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS
SOUTHEAST
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MAY

Annual Great Alaska Craftbeer & Homebrew Festival HNS – May 24-25
Little Norway – Petersburg – May 17-20

JUNE

Kluane to Chilkat Bike Relay – Haines June 15, 2013

JULY

Annual Dustball Tournament – Whitehorse
SE AK State Fair & Bald Eagle Music Fest

AUGUST

Founder's Day – Metlakatla
Dog Salmon Festival – Kake

SEPTEMBER

Klondike Road Relay – Skagway

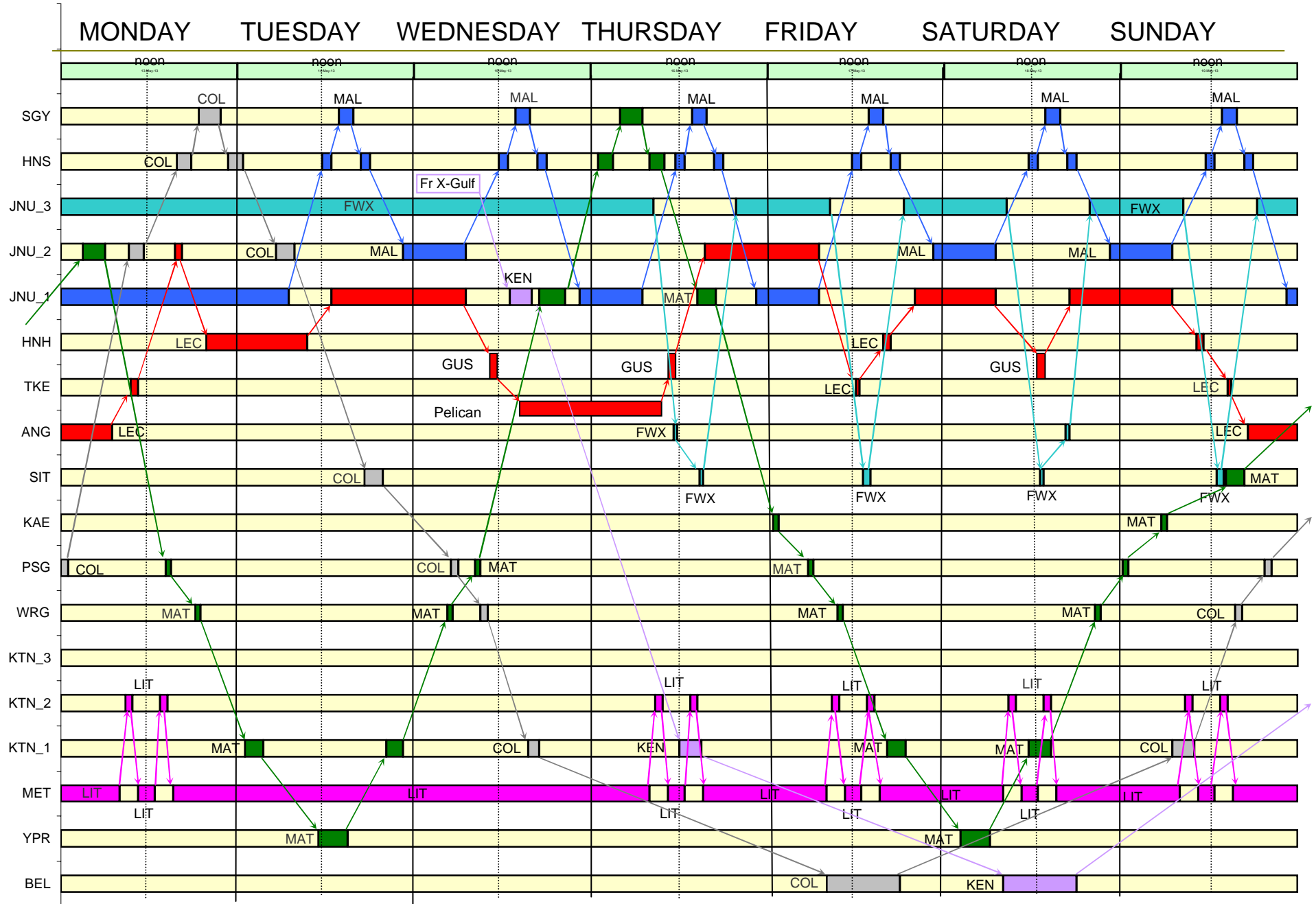
Please review the above Community Calendar of Events and comment on any events that are missed for your community. Schedule patterns may be changed as warranted to be able to provide service to/from the events.

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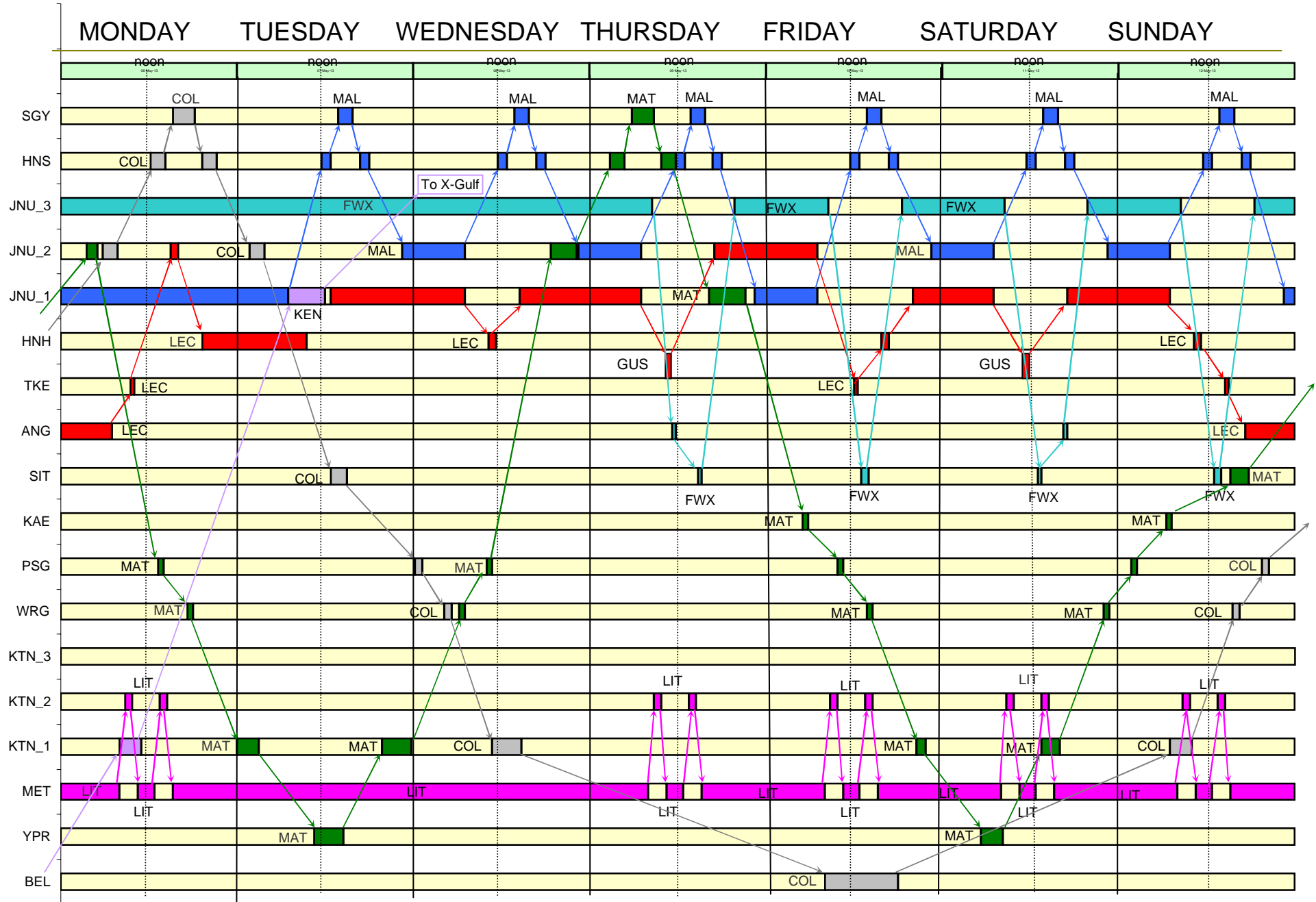


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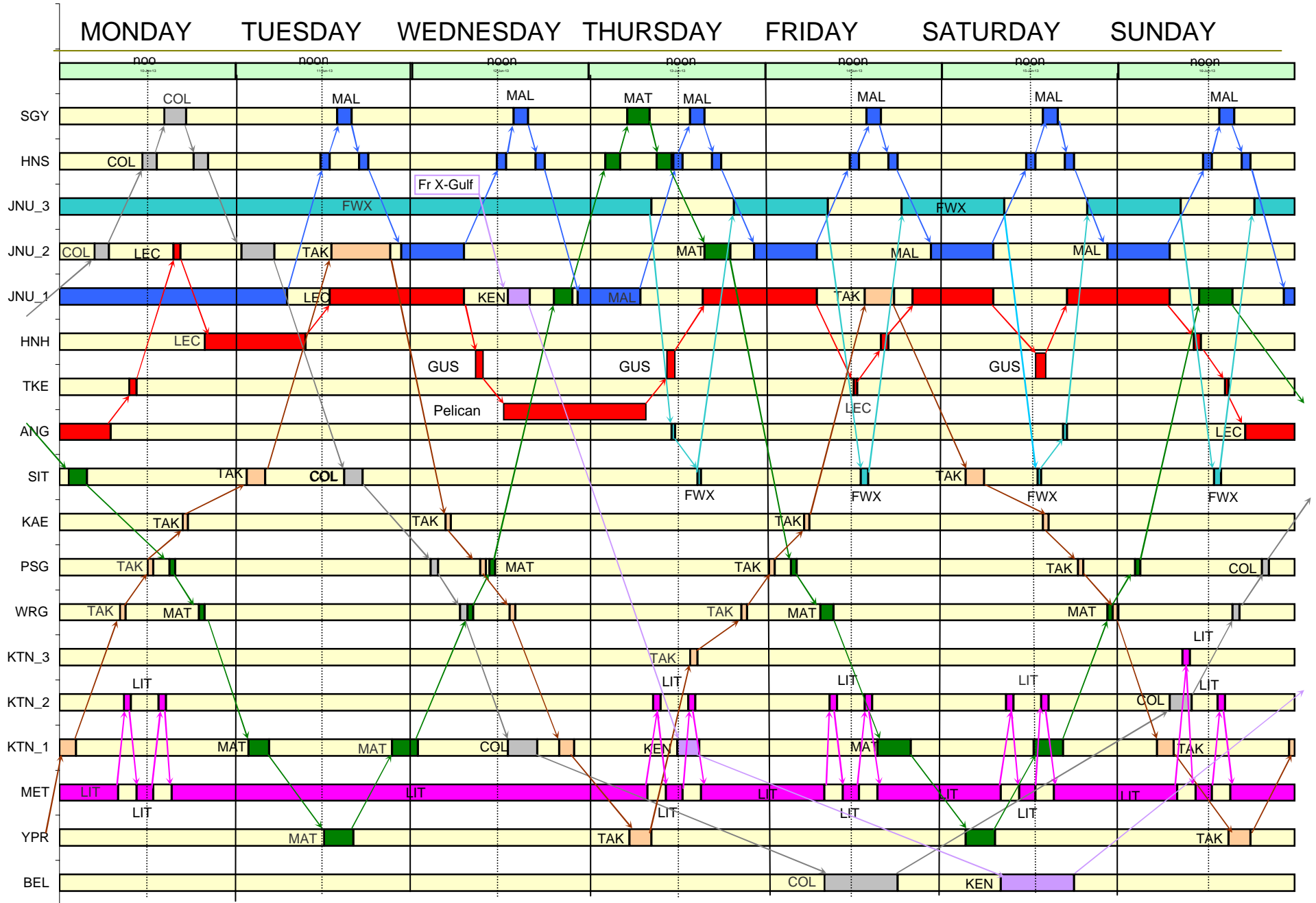


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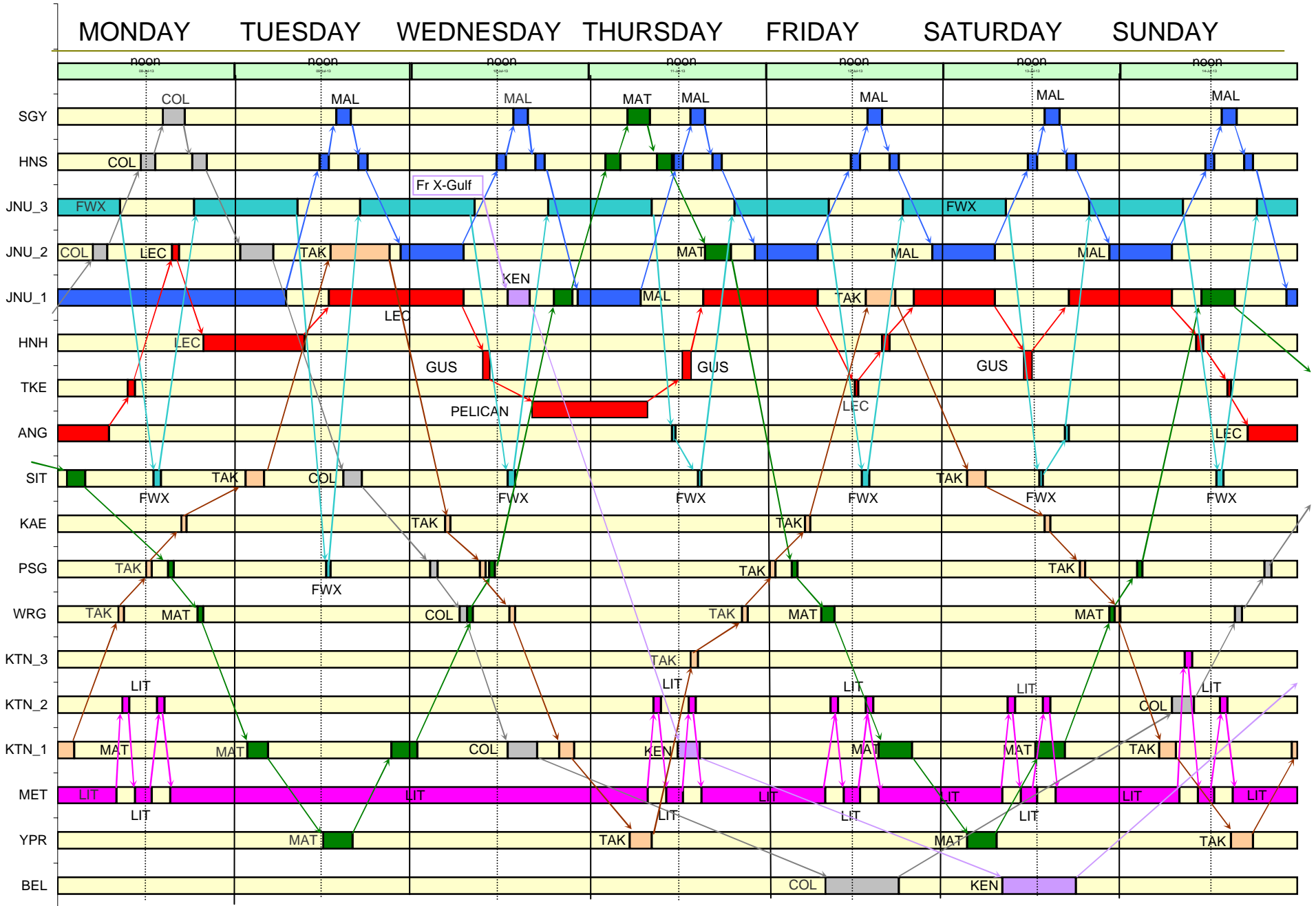


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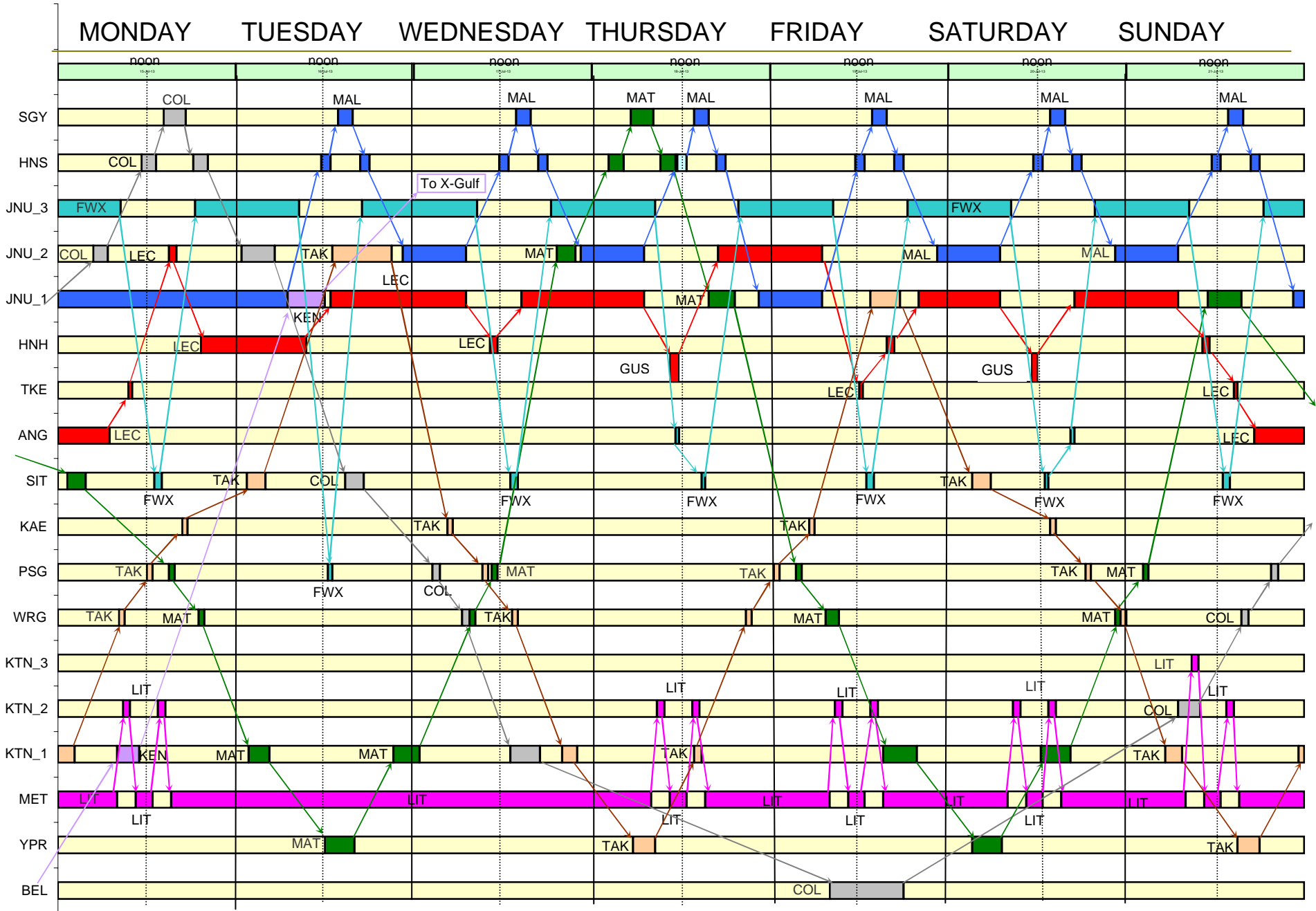


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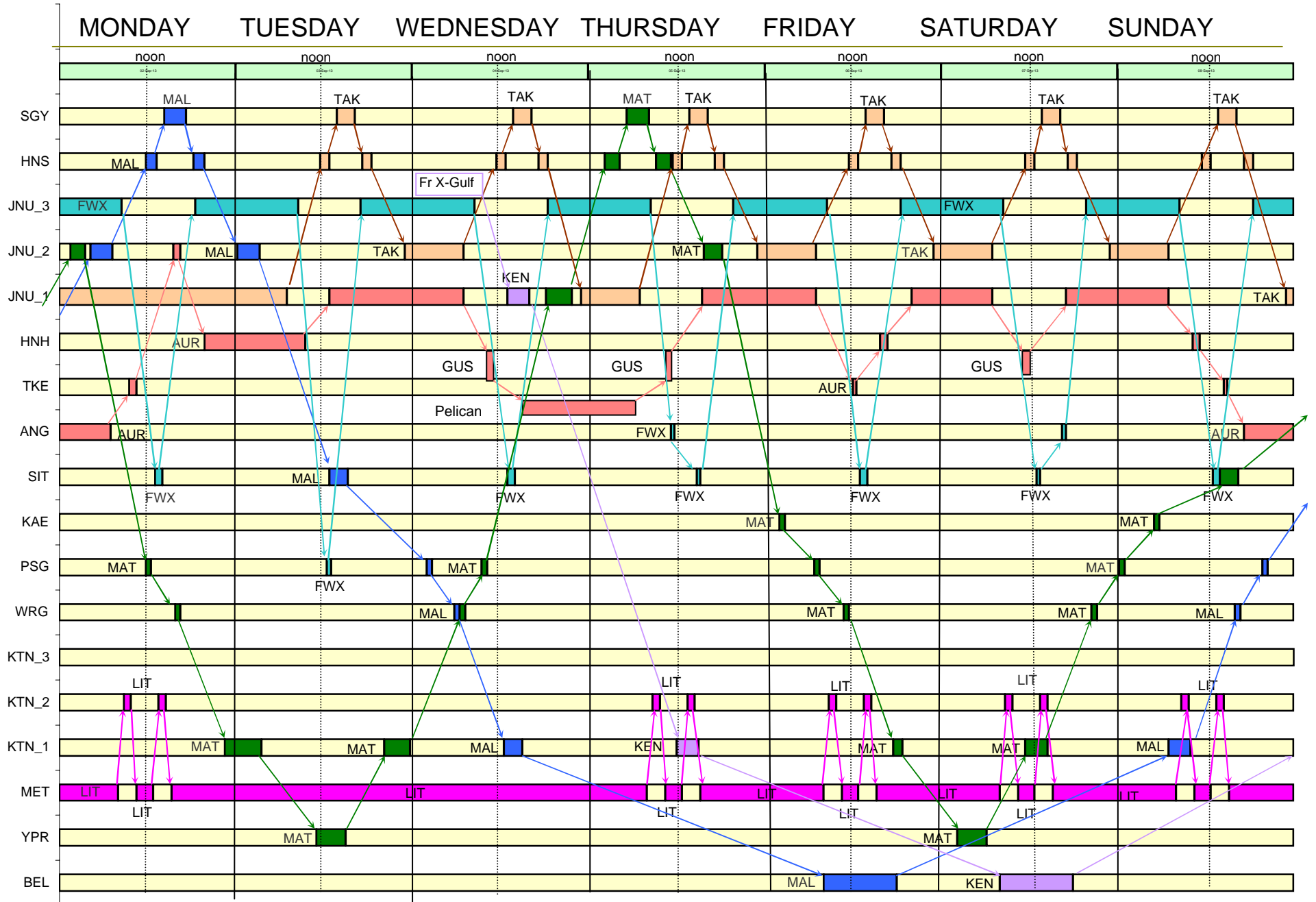


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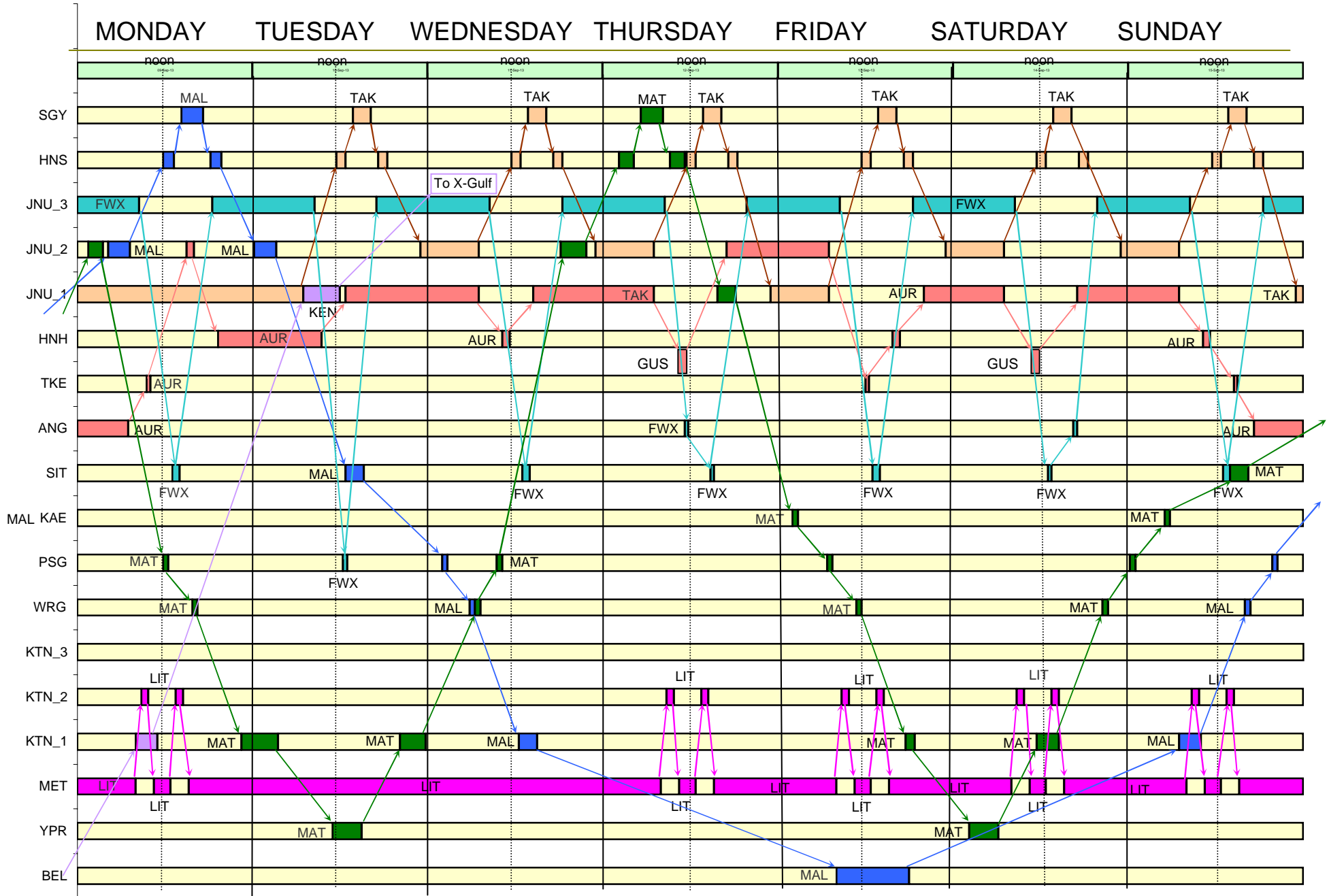


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2012 SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS
SOUTHWEST/SOUTHCENTRAL
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MAY

Eastern Aleutian Tribes, Inc – Health Fair AKU, CBY, KCV, SDP
PWS Shorebird Festival – Cordova May 2-5
Kodiak Crab Festival May 23-27

JUNE

JULY

Wild Copper River Salmon Days - Cordova

AUGUST

Fungus Festival – Cordova

SEPTEMBER

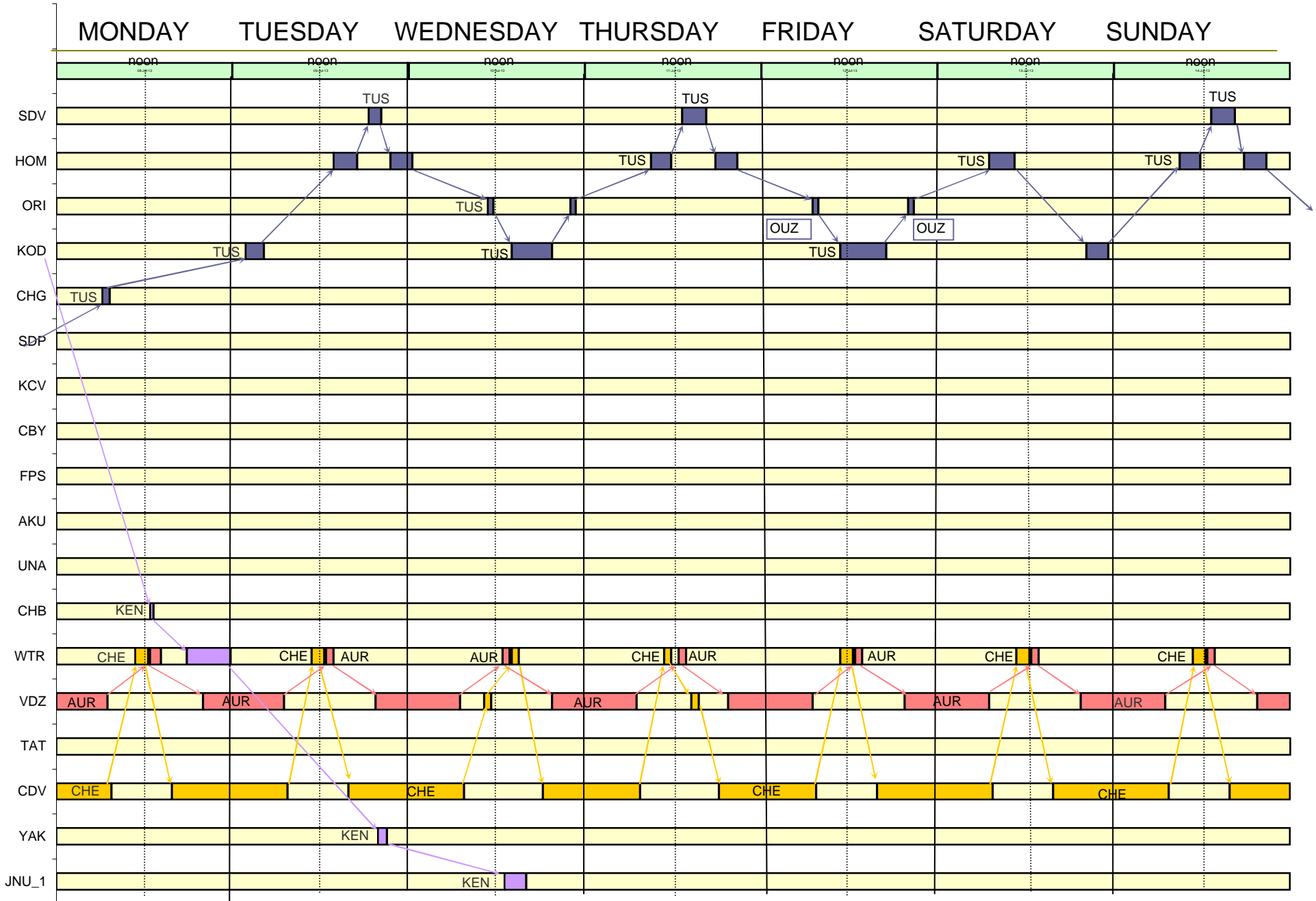
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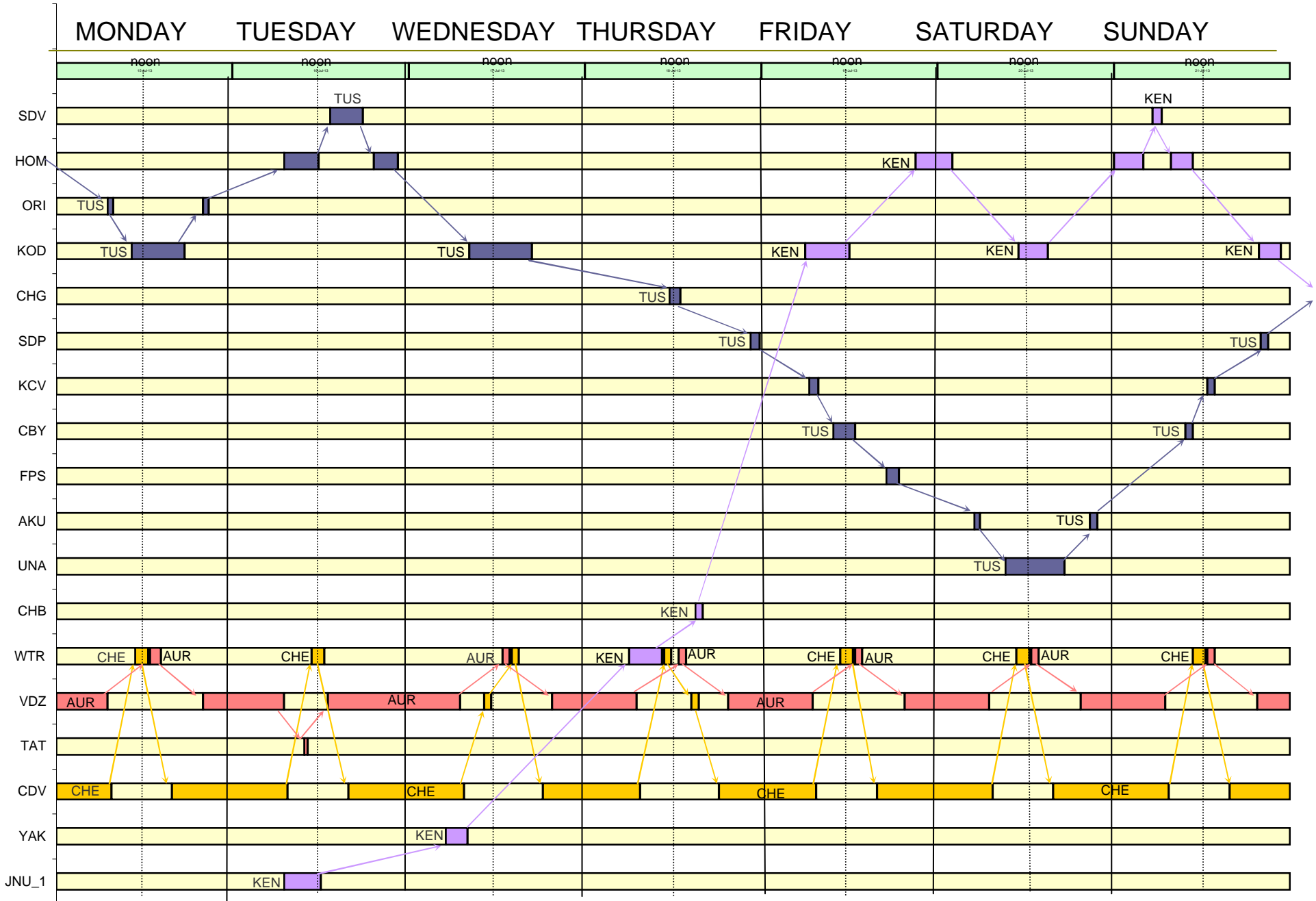


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SW-PWS Summer 2013 Wk 2 & 4

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PWS Summer 2013 AUG 18 - SEP 30

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	noon 18 Sep-13	noon 19 Sep-13	noon 20 Sep-13	noon 21 Sep-13	noon 22 Sep-13	noon 23 Sep-13	noon 24 Sep-13
SDV							
HOM							
ORI							
KOD							
CHG							
SDP							
KCV							
CBY							
FPS							
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WTR	CHE	CHE	CHE	CHE	CHE	CHE	CHE
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TAT							
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