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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 fall/winter/spring 2015-2016.

The schedule patterns that are being proposed are based on the approved funding level for FY16. The operating plan has been designed to meet the 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 July 21, 2015. Information may be faxed to 907-586-8365 or emailed to [dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov](mailto:dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov). A teleconference to hear comments and consider adjustments is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. for Southeast schedules and at 1:30 p.m. for Southwest and Southcentral schedules. The meeting will be held at the Alaska Marine Highway, Ketchikan Central Office, 7559 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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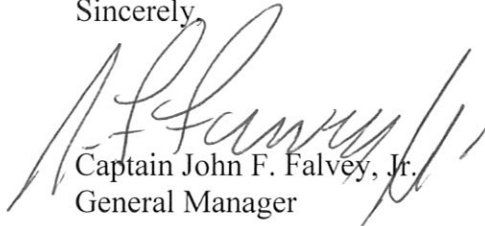
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If you have any additional questions or need additional information, please contact the AMHS Operations Manager, Tony Karvelas, at (907) 228-7252.

Sincerely,



Captain John F. Falvey, Jr.  
General Manager

ENCLOSURES:

Draft FY16 Operating Plan 16.10  
Calendars of Events  
Weekly Vessel Pattern Graphs  
FY16 Vessel Deployment Plan  
Guide to Reading and Using AMHS Scheduling Graphs

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


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**Operating Plan  
2015-2016**

Revision Number 16.10  
06/12/2015

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Operating Weeks
<b>2015 Implementation of an Operating Plan is dependent upon funding from the legislature and earned revenue. 2016</b>													
KEN	Jul 1, Wed	BEL -X-GULF		Oct 02, Layup			Jan 6 O.H.	Feb 16, YPR/SGY	Mar 24, SW - X-Gulf				32.6
								Feb 09, COI			May 18, COI		
COL	Jul 1, Wed	BEL-Fri		Oct 4, Sun Federal CIP							Apr 27, O.H.	May 25, BEL-Fri	18.9
									Mar 16, COI				
MAT	Jul 1, Wed	YPR/SGY						Feb 16, O.H.	Mar 22, YPR/SGY				47.3
MAL	Jul 01, O.H.	Jul 28, Tue NLC-Dayboat		Oct 4, BEL-Fri								May 25, Wed Layup	43.1
TAK	Jul 01, Layup												0.0
LIT	Jul 1, Wed	MET Service					Jan 10, O.H.	Jan 26, MET Service					50.0
								Feb 10, COI					
LEC	Jul 1, Wed	NP/Dayboat					Jan 13, O.H.	Feb 16, Tue NP/Dayboat					47.4
											May 07, COI		
TUS	Jul 1, Wed	SW								Mar 25, Overhaul	May 15, SW		45.0
			Sep 23, COI										
AUR	Jul 1, Wed	PWS	Aug 15, Overhaul	Oct 1, PWS									45.6
FWX	Jul 1, Wed	PWS		Oct 01, O.H.	Nov 1 Federal CIP						May 01, Sun Layup		13.1
CHE	Jul 1, Wed	SIT 6x PSG 1x	Sep 15, Federal CIP								May 01, Sun Layup		10.9

**LEGEND**

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

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

Mainline Vessels	141.9
Feeder Vessels	110.5
Southwest Vessels	101.5
<b>Total Operating Weeks</b>	<b>353.9</b>

**Alaska Marine Highway System  
FY16 Vessel Deployment Plan  
June 15, 2015**

**Vessel Deployment – Winter 2015-16**

- Kennicott will be in Layup status October until entering overhaul in early-January. Kennicott will cover Prince Rupert to Juneau route while Matanuska is in overhaul mid-February to mid-March. Kennicott will cover Southwest while Tustumena is in overhaul late March to mid-May
- Columbia will enter a Federal Project in October.
- Matanuska will sail Prince Rupert to Juneau until Overhaul in mid- February. She will resume the Prince Rupert to Juneau route in mid-March.
- Malaspina will run the Bellingham to Skagway route.
- Taku will be in layup status.
- Lituya will sail between Annette Bay and Ketchikan until January when she enters a two week Overhaul period.
- LeConte will sail the Northern Panhandle until entering Overhaul in mid- January. LeConte will resume the Northern Panhandle route in mid-February.
- Tustumena will sail SW until entering overhaul in late March. Tustumena will provide Cross Gulf service in January.
- Aurora will sail in PWS.
- Fairweather will be in a Federal Project commencing in October.
- Chenega will be in a Federal Project commencing mid-September.

## **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

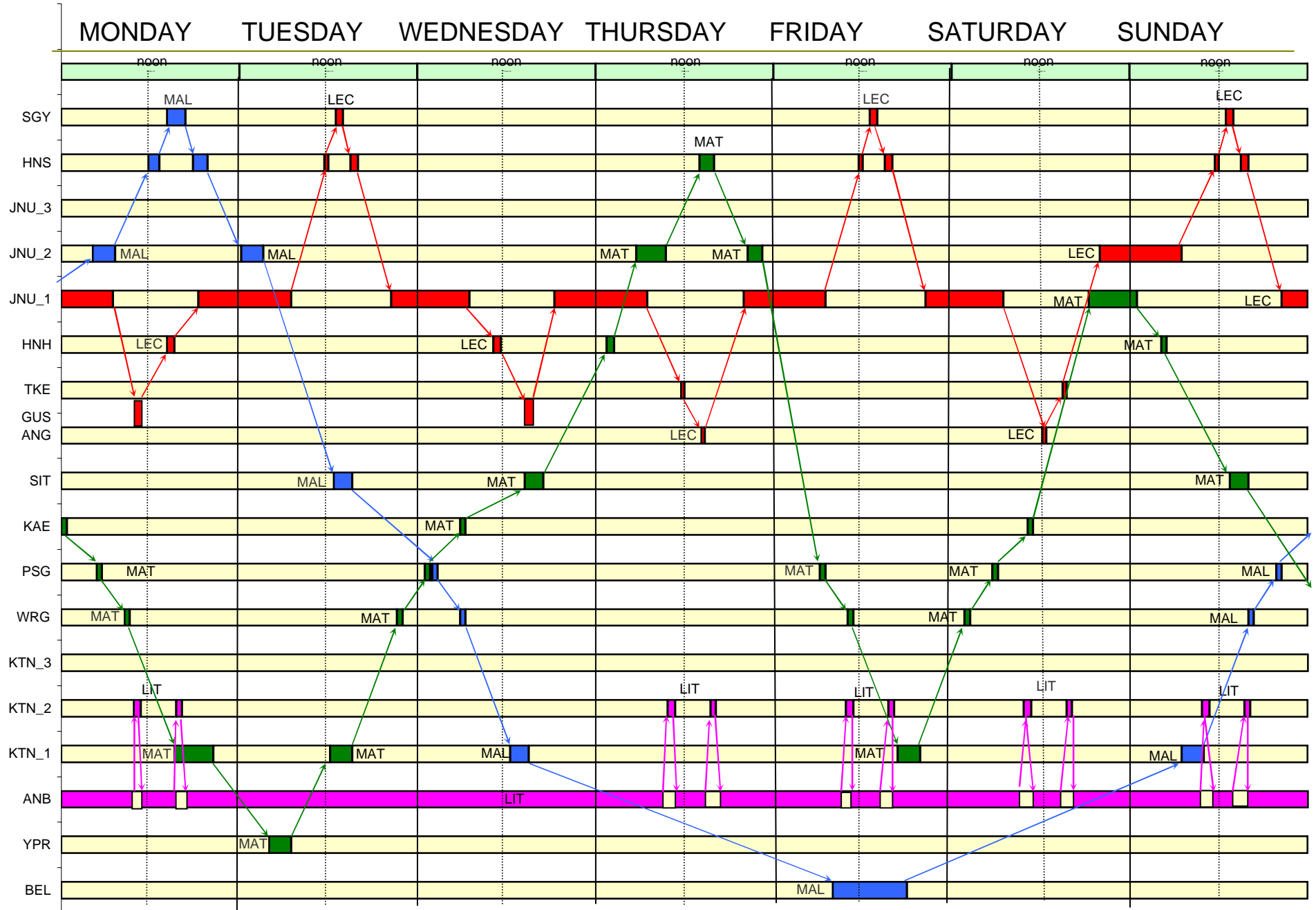
AUR = Aurora  
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KEN = Kennicott  
LEC = LeConte  
LIT = Lituya  
MAL = Malaspina  
MAT = Matanuska  
TAK = Taku  
TUS = Tustumena

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SE Winter 2015-16 Oct-Jan, late Mar-Apr

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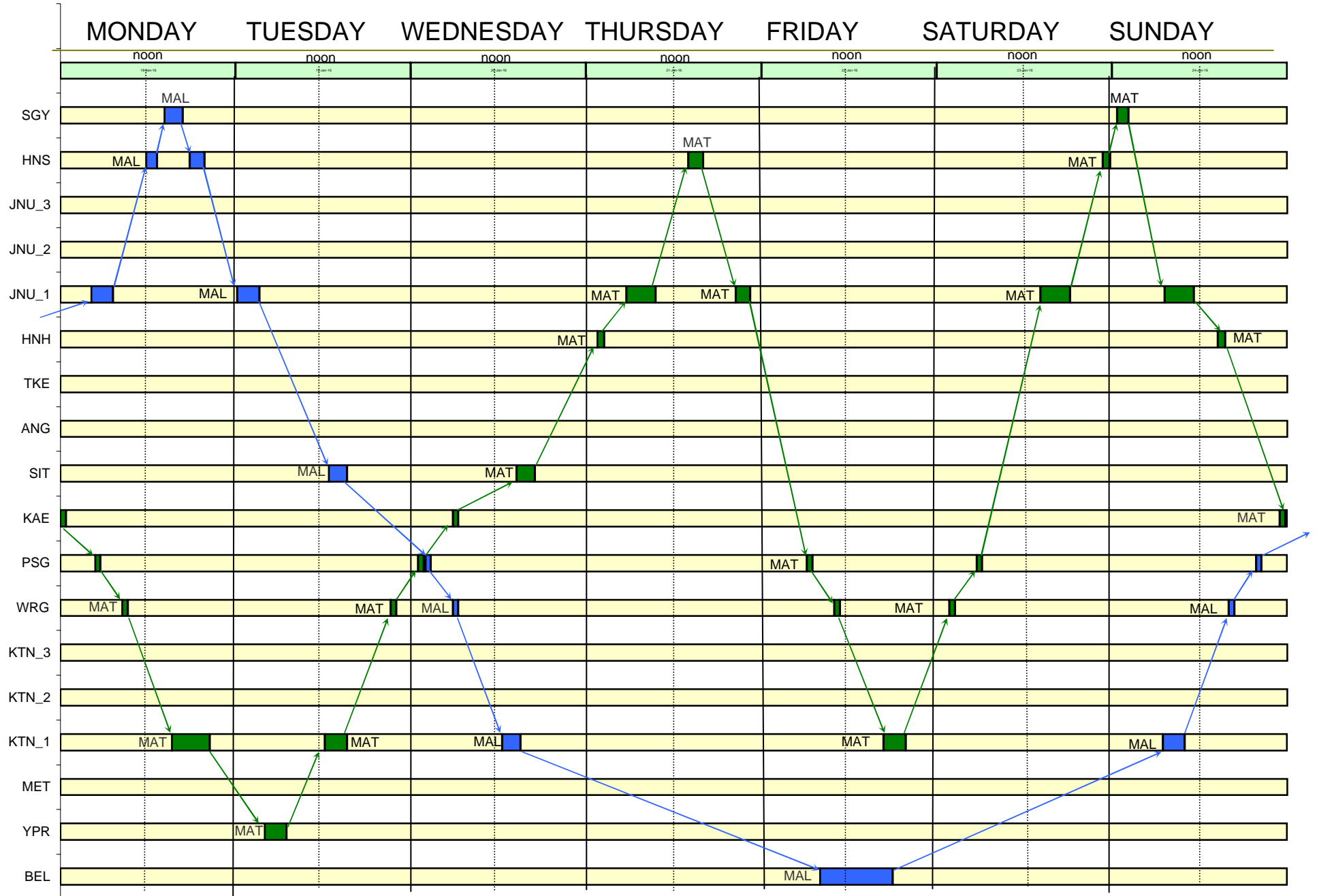


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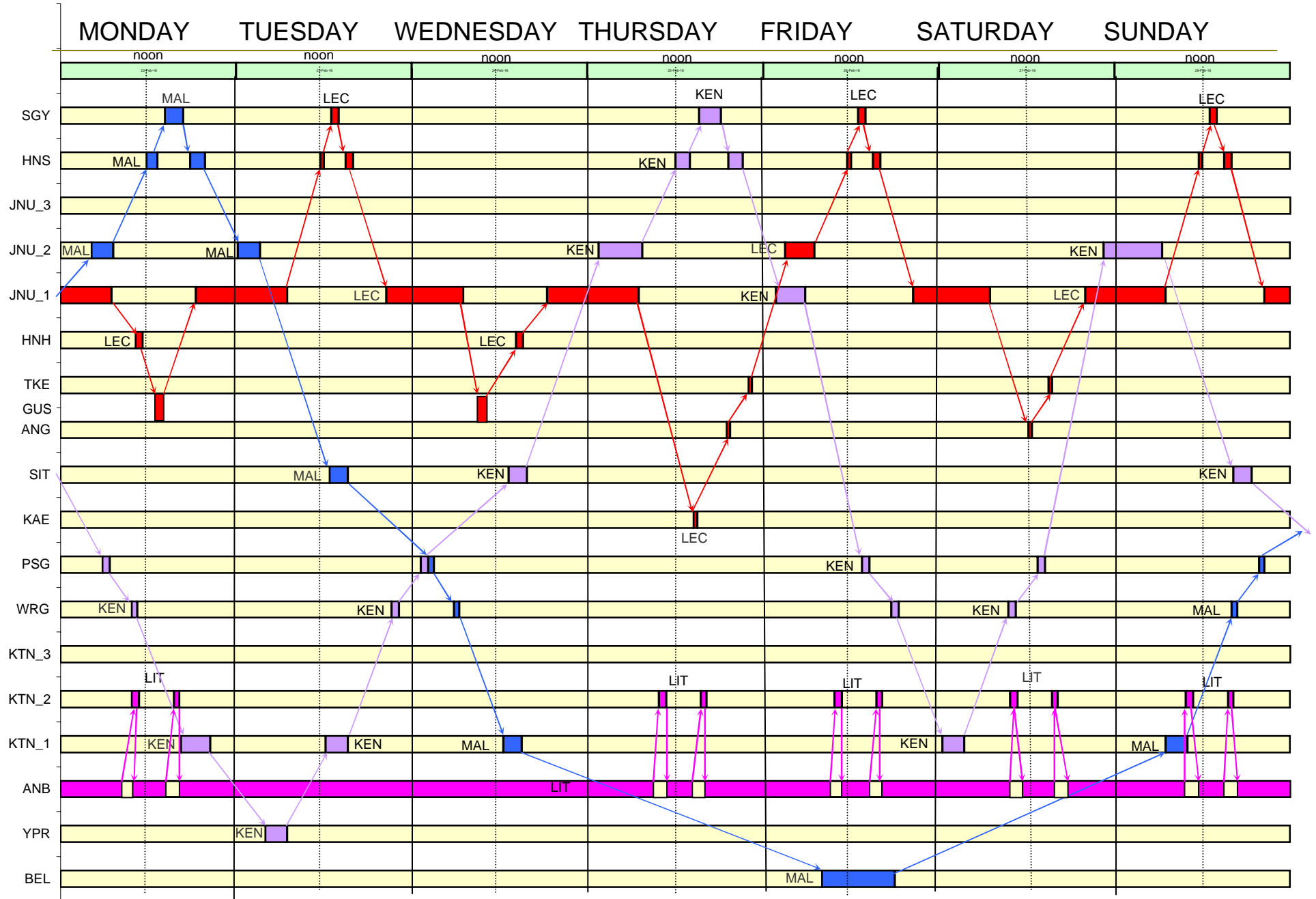


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SE Winter 2015-16 mid-Feb to mid-Mar

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## 2015-2016 F/W/S SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY EVENTS

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### OCTOBER

ANB/ANS Grand Camp Convention		
Octoberfest Celebration		All month
Alaska Day Celebration	<b>SIT</b>	
Annual Bridge Club Tournament		
Region V Honor Festival	<b>WRG</b>	Oct 25-27
Alaska Math/Science Conference	<b>SIT</b>	Oct 23-25

### NOVEMBER

Bald Eagle Festival	<b>HNS</b>	Nov 9-15
Whale Fest	<b>SIT</b>	Nov 5-8
Volleyball 3A/4A	<b>JNU</b>	Nov 6-7
Region V Swim/Dive		

### DECEMBER

Victorian Yuletide Celebration	<b>SGY</b>	
Wrestling 2A 3A/3A/4A	<b>PSG</b>	Dec 11-12
Clarke Cochrane Christmas Classic	<b>KTN</b>	

### JANUARY

Legislature Reconvenes	<b>JNU</b>	Jan-19
Alcan 200 Snowmachine Race	<b>HNS</b>	Jan 15-16
Edgumbe Invitational	<b>SIT</b>	Jan 13-16
Tustumena Cross Gulf to Homer	<b>JNU</b>	Jan 09,17
Tustumena Cross Gulf to Kodiak	<b>JNU</b>	Jan-23

### FEBRUARY

Dick Hotch Basketball Tourney	<b>HNS</b>	
Sitka Jazz Fest	<b>SIT</b>	Feb 5-7

### MARCH

ArtiGras	<b>SIT</b>	
1A Basketball Tourney	<b>JNU</b>	Mar 9-12
2A/3A/4A Basketball Tourney	<b>SIT</b>	Mar 9-12
Buckwheat Ski Classic	<b>SGY</b>	Mar-15
Gold Medal Basketball Tourney	<b>JNU</b>	Mar 20-26
Spring Break Smithers	<b>YPR</b>	Mar 14-18

### APRIL

Alaska State Folk Festival	<b>JNU</b>	Apr 4-10
High School Music Festival	<b>KTN</b>	Apr 14-16
Stikine River Birding Festival	<b>WRG</b>	
Art Festival	<b>HNS</b>	Apr 7-9
Legislature session ends	<b>JNU</b>	Apr-15

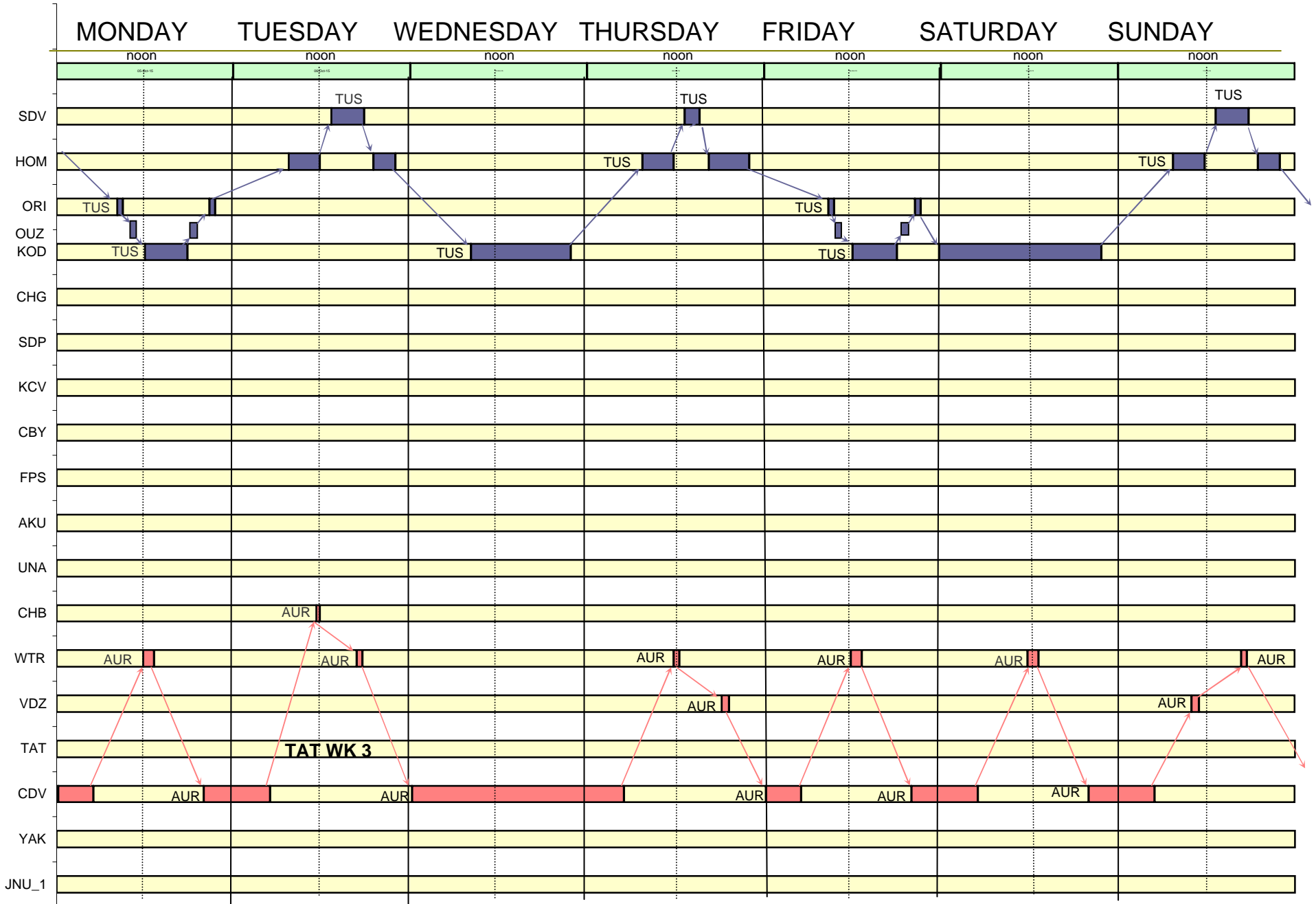
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# SW-PWS Winter 2015-16 Oct to late Mar wk 1 & 3

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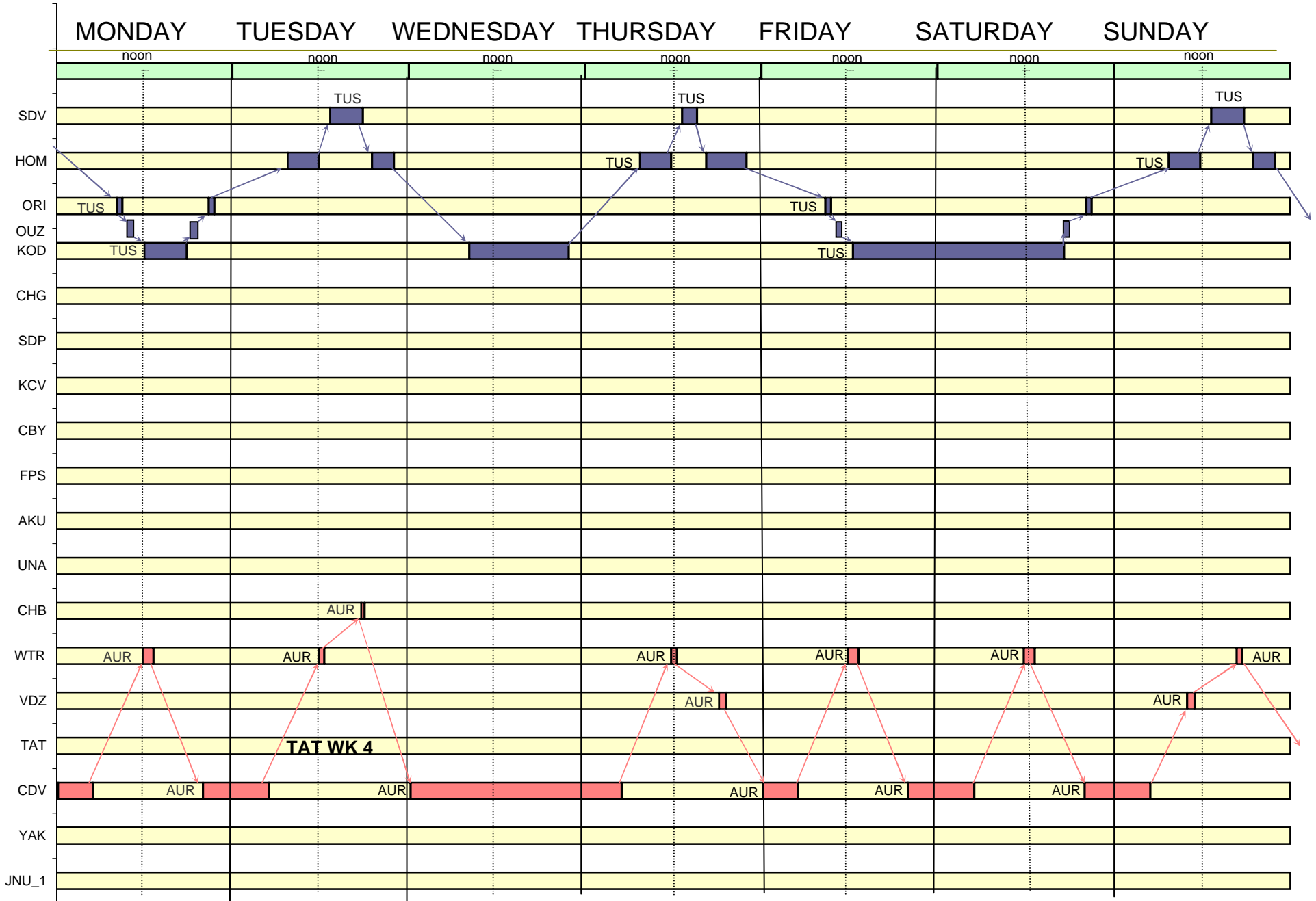


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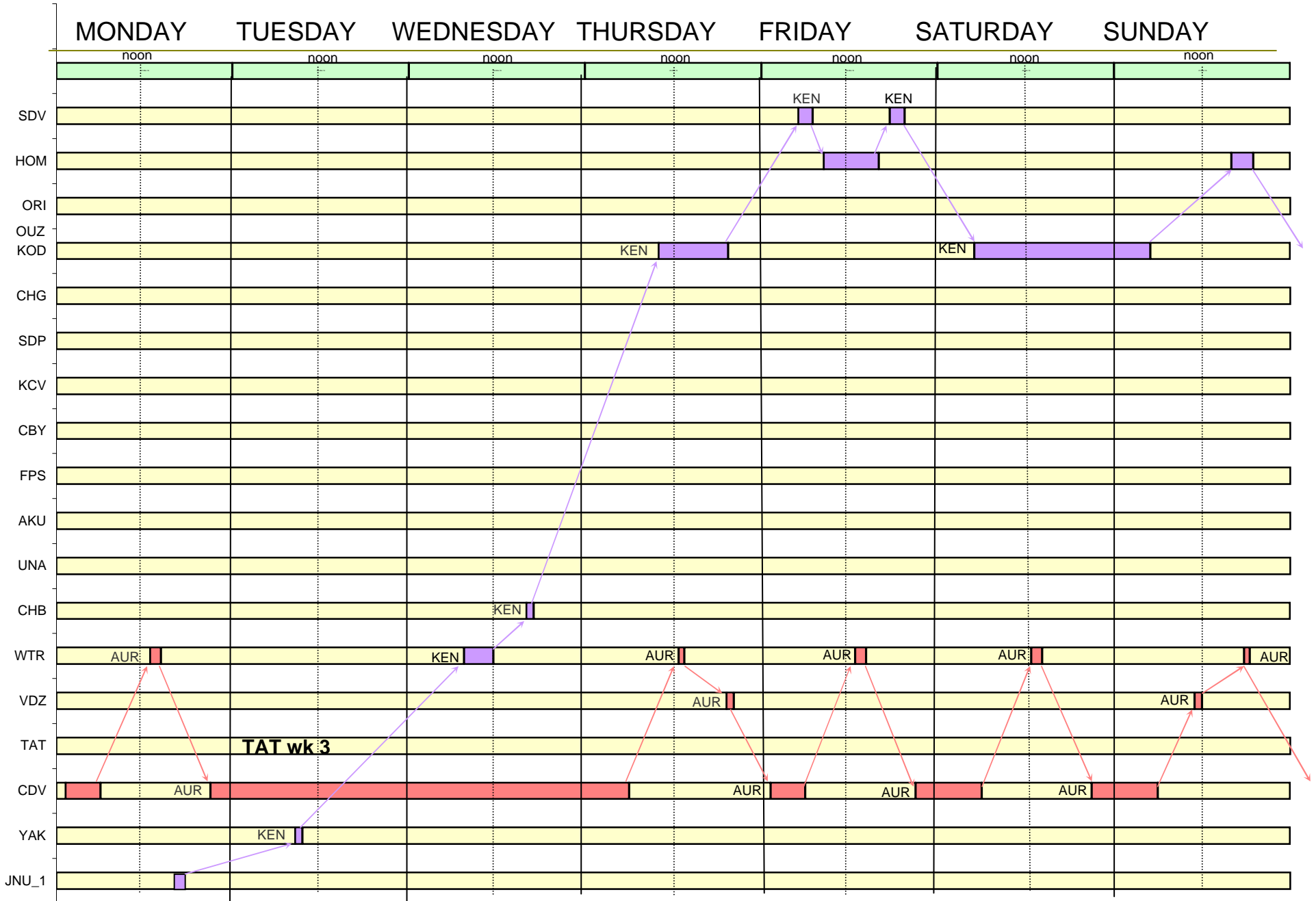


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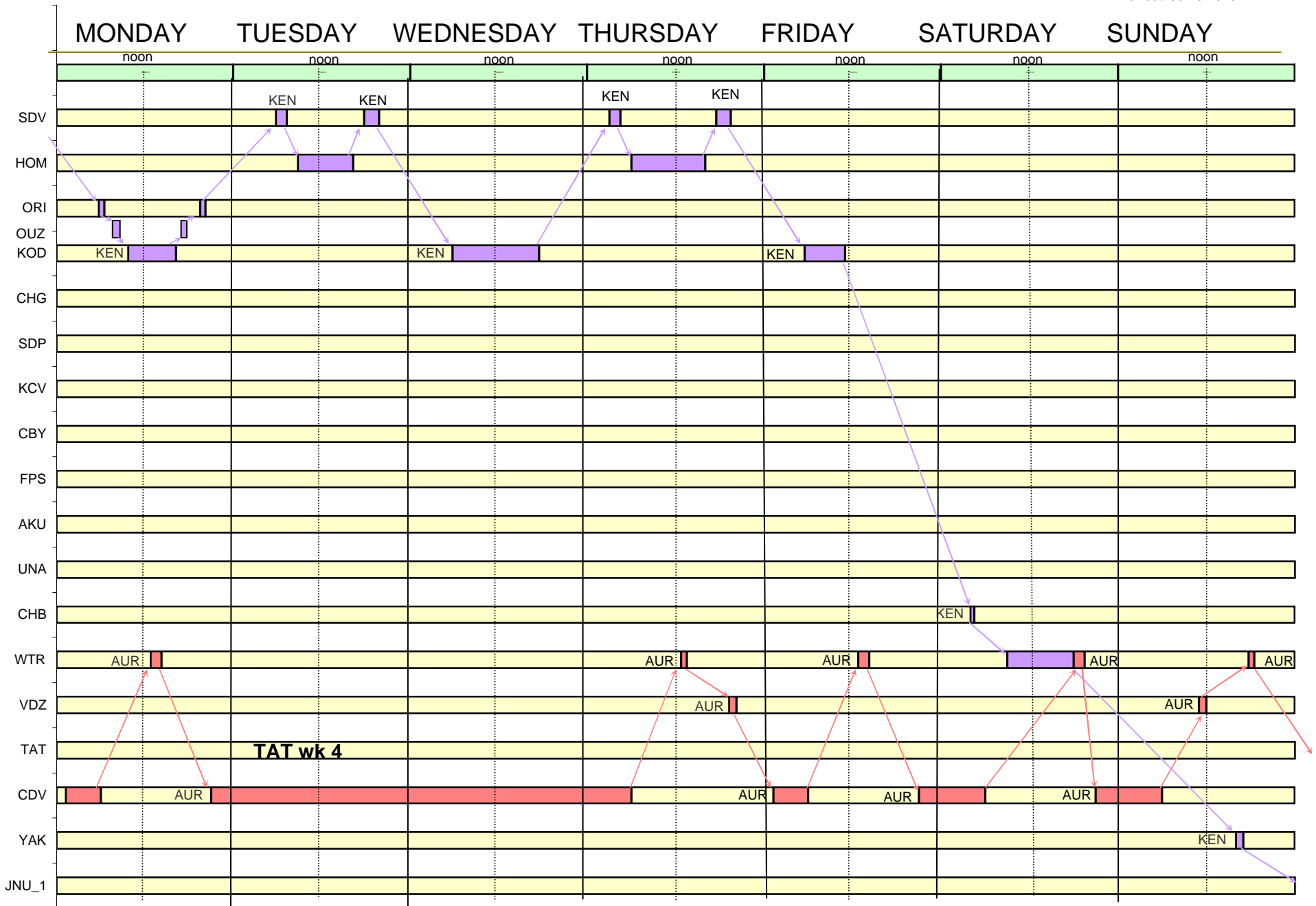


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## 2015-2016 F/W/S SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY EVENTS

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### OCTOBER

Valdez Museum Road House Dinner	<b>VDZ</b>	10/04/14
Kachemak Heritage Land Trust Auction	<b>HOM</b>	

### NOVEMBER

Sobriety Celebration	<b>CDV</b>	Nov 13-14
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### DECEMBER

Nutcracker Faire	<b>HOM</b>	
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### JANUARY

Legislature Reconvenes	<b>JNU</b>	01/19/15
Tustumena Cross Gulf	<b>HOM</b>	01/09/16 01/15/16 01/21/16

### FEBRUARY

Iceworm Festival	<b>CDV</b>	Feb 2-4
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### MARCH

### APRIL

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