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May 30, 2018

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 fall/winter/spring from October, 2018 through April, 2019.

The schedule patterns proposed are based on the funding levels for FY19. 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 schedule. The link to access the proposed schedule patterns is:

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/share/schedule/considerations.pdf>.

AMHS is also interested in knowing about any need for special events scheduling and requests that organizers or communities give the event name, dates, location, and arrival/departure times needed for each special event.

Please provide your written comments prior to June 13, 2018. Information may be faxed to 907-228-6873 or, preferably, emailed to [dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov](mailto:dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov). A public teleconference to hear additional comments and consider adjustments is scheduled for Thursday June 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. for Southeast schedules and at 1:30 p.m. for Southwest and Southcentral schedules. The meetings 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: 1-515-604-9000, access code 279613.

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*"Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure."*

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

Sincerely,

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Captain John F. Falvey, Jr.  
General Manager Alaska Marine Highway

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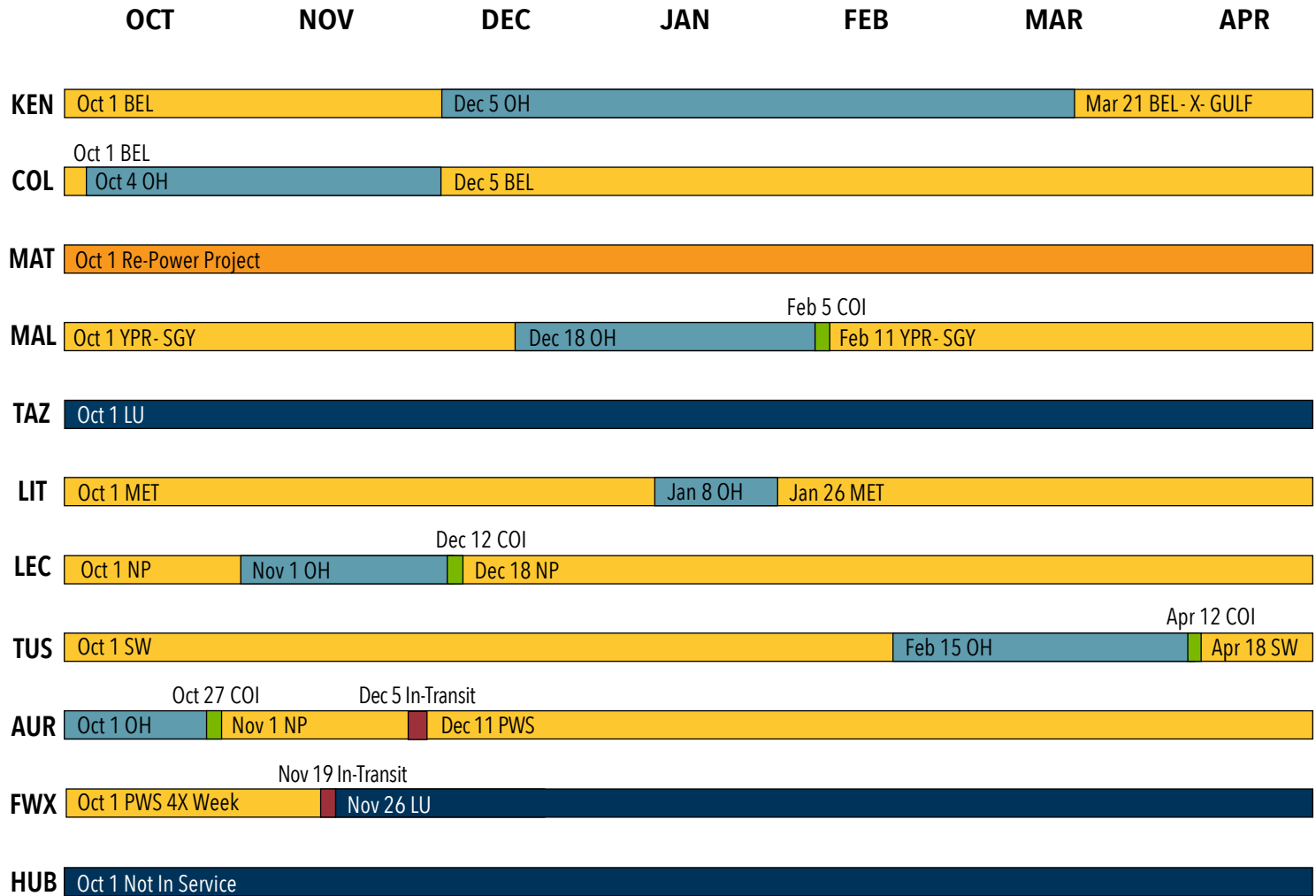
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# Operating Plan

## Winter 2018 - 2019



<span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black;"></span> <b>On Line</b>	BEL: Bellingham to Skagway	NLC: North Lynn Canal	SIT: Sitka
<span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: lightblue; border: 1px solid black;"></span> <b>Overhaul (OH)</b>	BEL - X - Gulf: Bellingham Cross Gulf Southwest	NP: Northern Panhandle Dayboat	SW: Southwest
<span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: darkblue; border: 1px solid black;"></span> <b>Layup (LU)</b>			
<span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: lightgreen; border: 1px solid black;"></span> <b>COI</b>	MET: Metlakatla Service	PWS: Prince William Sound	YPR - SGY: Prince Rupert to Skagway
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**Alaska Marine Highway System  
FY19 Vessel Deployment Plan  
May 16, 2018**

**Vessel Deployment – Winter 2018-2019**

- Kennicott will run the Bellingham to Skagway route October until December 5 when she goes into overhaul. Kennicott will be in overhaul December 5 to March 21 and will then resume the Bellingham Cross Gulf.
- Columbia will be in overhaul October 3 to December 5, and will then resume the Bellingham to Skagway route.
- Matanuska will be in a Federal Project for engine repower.
- Malaspina will run the Prince Rupert route and enter overhaul December 18 to February 11 and will then resume the Prince Rupert route
- Lituya will sail between Annette Bay and Ketchikan except during her four week overhaul period in January.
- LeConte will sail the Northern Panhandle and will enter overhaul November 1 until December 18 and will then resume the Northern Panhandle route.
- Tustumena will sail Southwest routes and will enter overhaul February 15 to April 18 and will then resume the Southwest route.
- Aurora will be in overhaul September 14 until October 31 and will cover Northern Panhandle November 1 until December 5. She will return to service in PWS December 11.
- Fairweather will cover for Aurora in PWS until November 18 and will then enter layup.
- Chenega will be in layup.

**Service Gaps**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Prince William Sound    | November 18 to December 11 |
| • Southwest               | February 15 to March 29    |
| • Northern Panhandle      | December 05 to December 18 |
| • Prince Rupert/Panhandle | December 18 to February 11 |

## **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

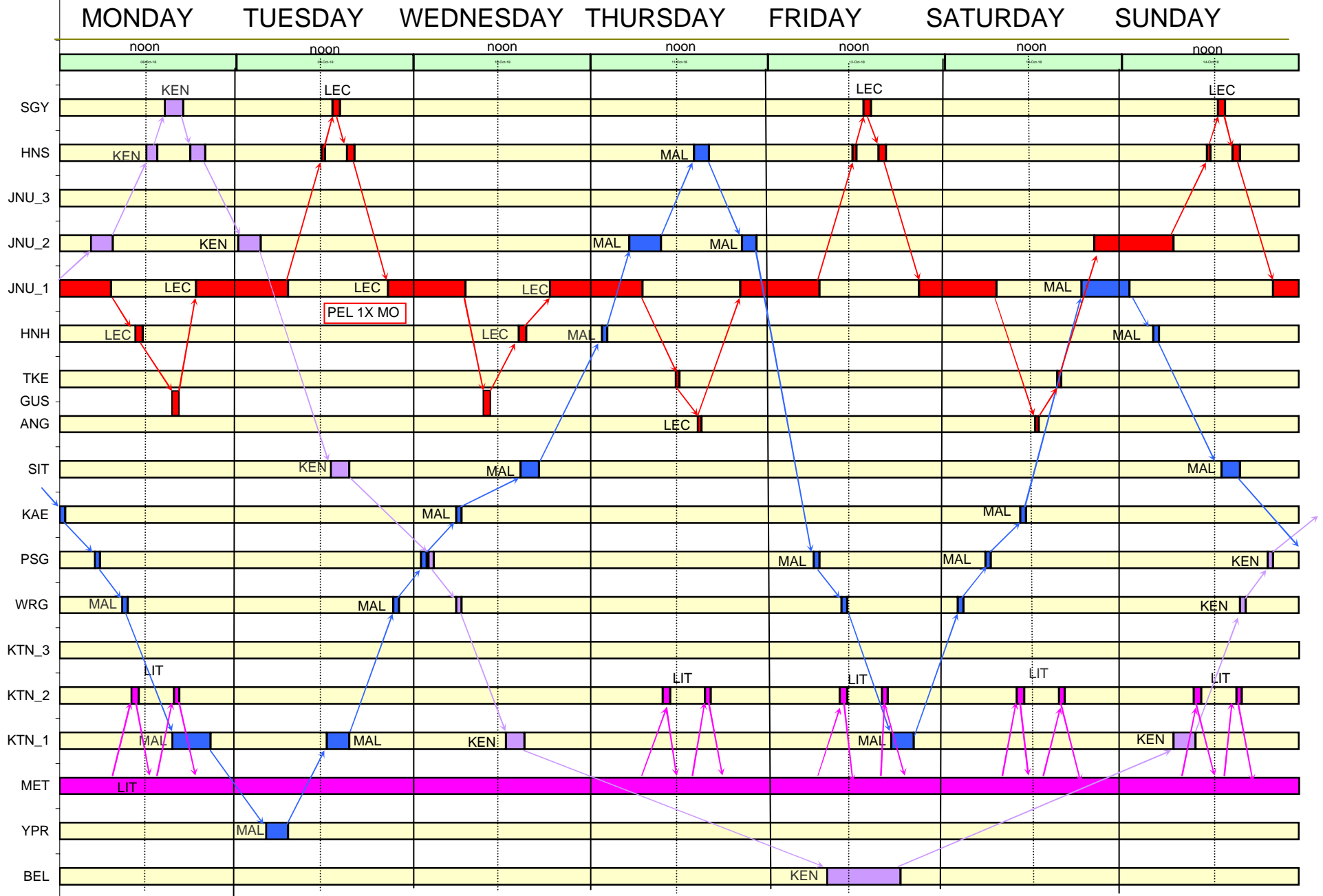
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# SE Winter 2018-19 Oct to mid Dec

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AUR run North Panhandle Nov 1- Dec 4 \*\* GAP in service Dec 5-18

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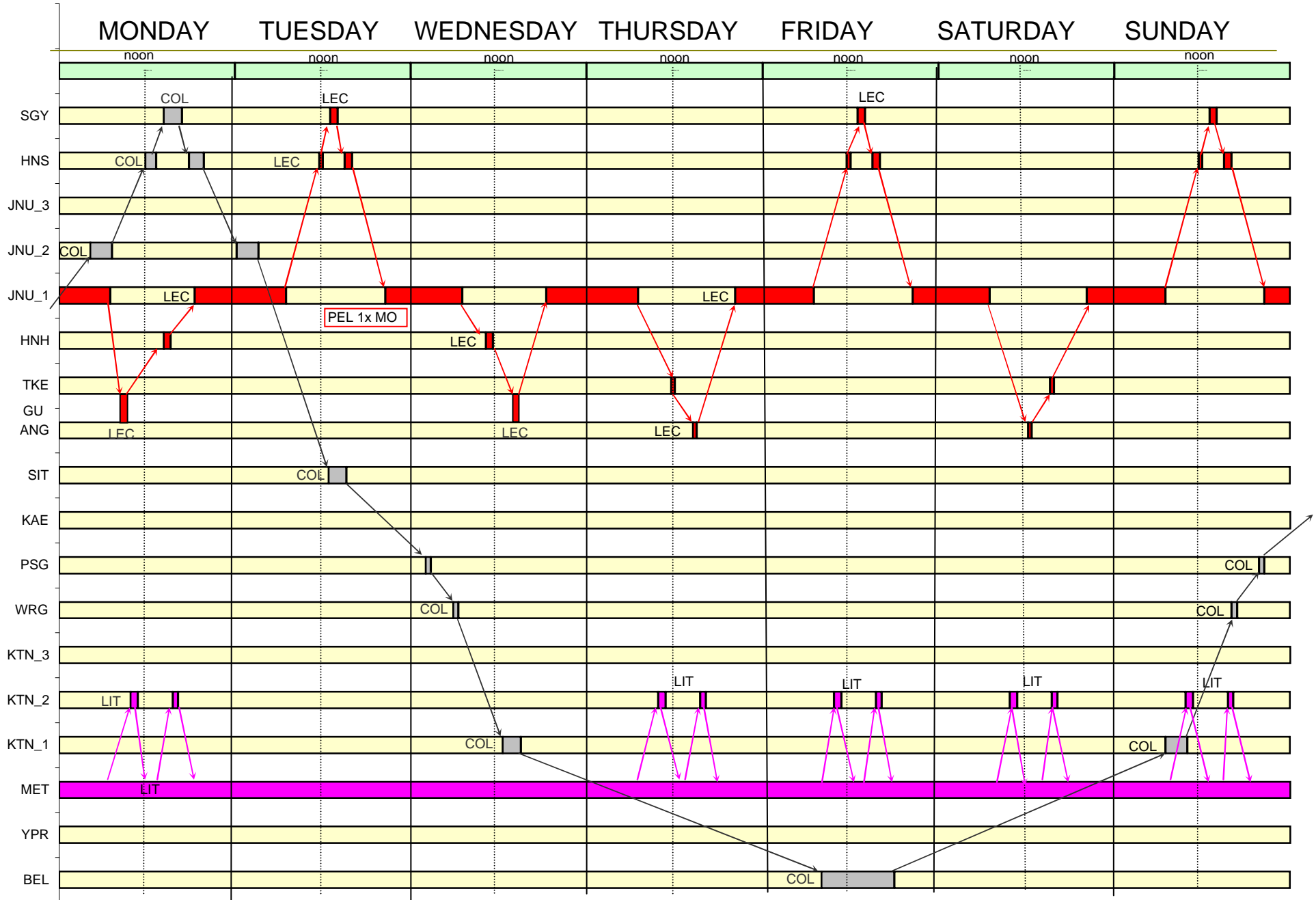


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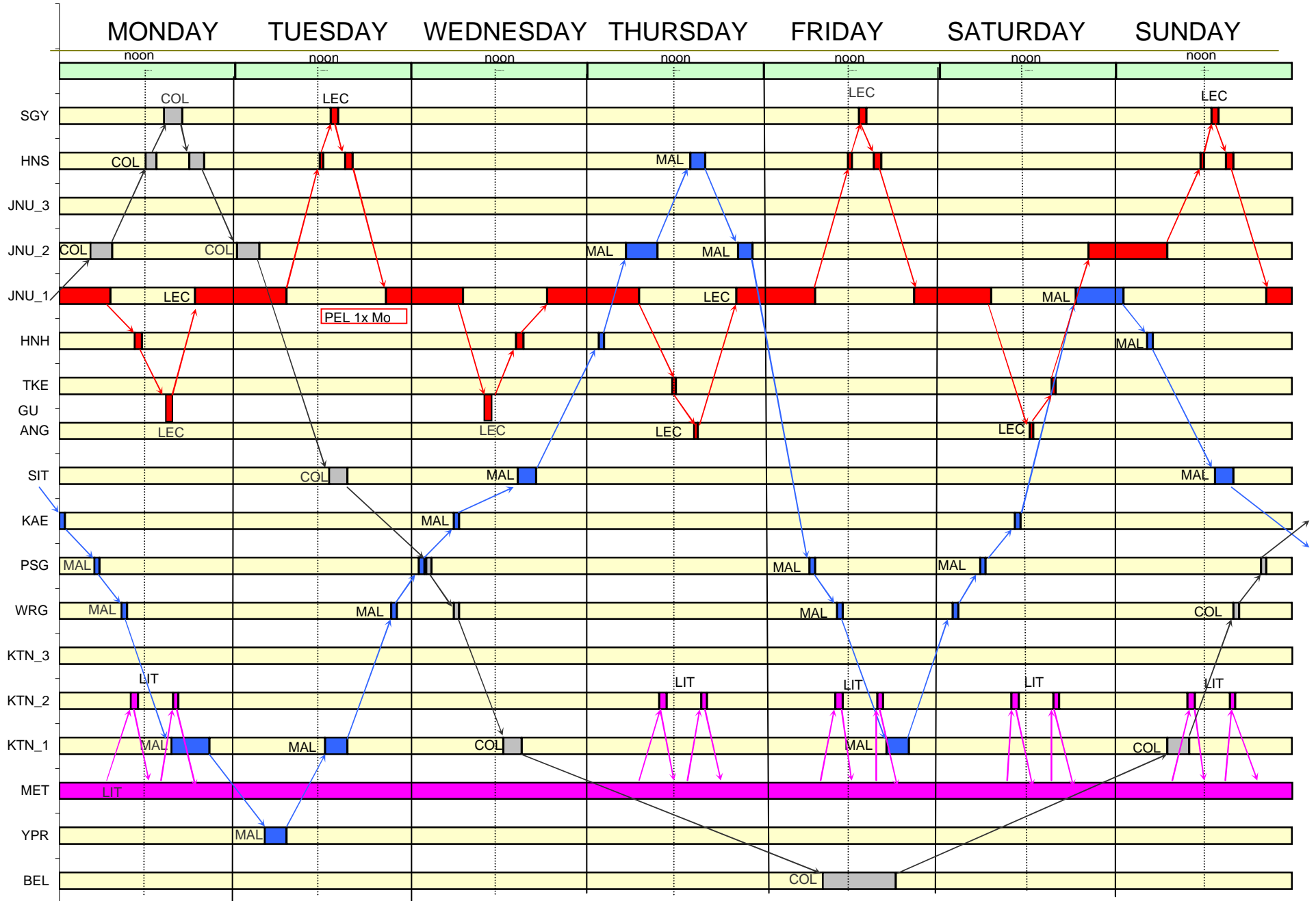


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## 2018-2019 F/W/S SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY EVENTS

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### OCTOBER

ANB/ANS Grand Camp Convention	<b>KTN</b>	Oct 16-21
Octoberfest Celebration		All month
Alaska Day Celebration	<b>SIT</b>	Oct--18
Annual Bridge Club Tournament		
Region V Honor Festival	<b>HNS</b>	

### NOVEMBER

All Native BB	<b>YPR</b>	
Bald Eagle Festival	<b>HNS</b>	Nov 7-10
Whale Fest	<b>SIT</b>	Nov 1-4
Volleyball 3A/4A	<b>JNU</b>	Nov 2-3
Region V Swim/Dive		

### DECEMBER

Victorian Yuletide Celebration	<b>SGY</b>	
Wrestling 1A 2A/3A/4A	<b>JNU</b>	Dec 7-8
Clarke Cochrane Christmas Classic	<b>KTN</b>	

### JANUARY

Legislature Reconvenes	<b>JNU</b>	Jan--15
Alcan 200 Snowmachine Race	<b>HNS</b>	Jan--19
Edgecumbe Invitational	<b>SIT</b>	

### FEBRUARY

Dick Hotch Basketball Tourney	<b>HNS</b>	
Sitka Jazz Fest	<b>SIT</b>	Jan 31-Feb 02
1A Basketball Tourney	<b>SIT</b>	Feb 27-Mar 02
All Native BB	<b>YPR</b>	

### MARCH

2A/3A/4A Basketball Tourney	<b>SIT</b>	Mar 5-9
Buckwheat Ski Classic	<b>SGY</b>	Mar--23
Gold Medal Basketball Tourney	<b>JNU</b>	Mar 17-23
Spring Break Smithers	<b>YPR</b>	

### APRIL

Alaska State Folk Festival	<b>JNU</b>	Apr 8-14
High School Music Festival	<b>KTN</b>	Apr 11-13
Stikine River Birding Festival	<b>WRG</b>	
Art Festival	<b>HNS</b>	Apr 25-27
Legislature session ends	<b>JNU</b>	Apr--14

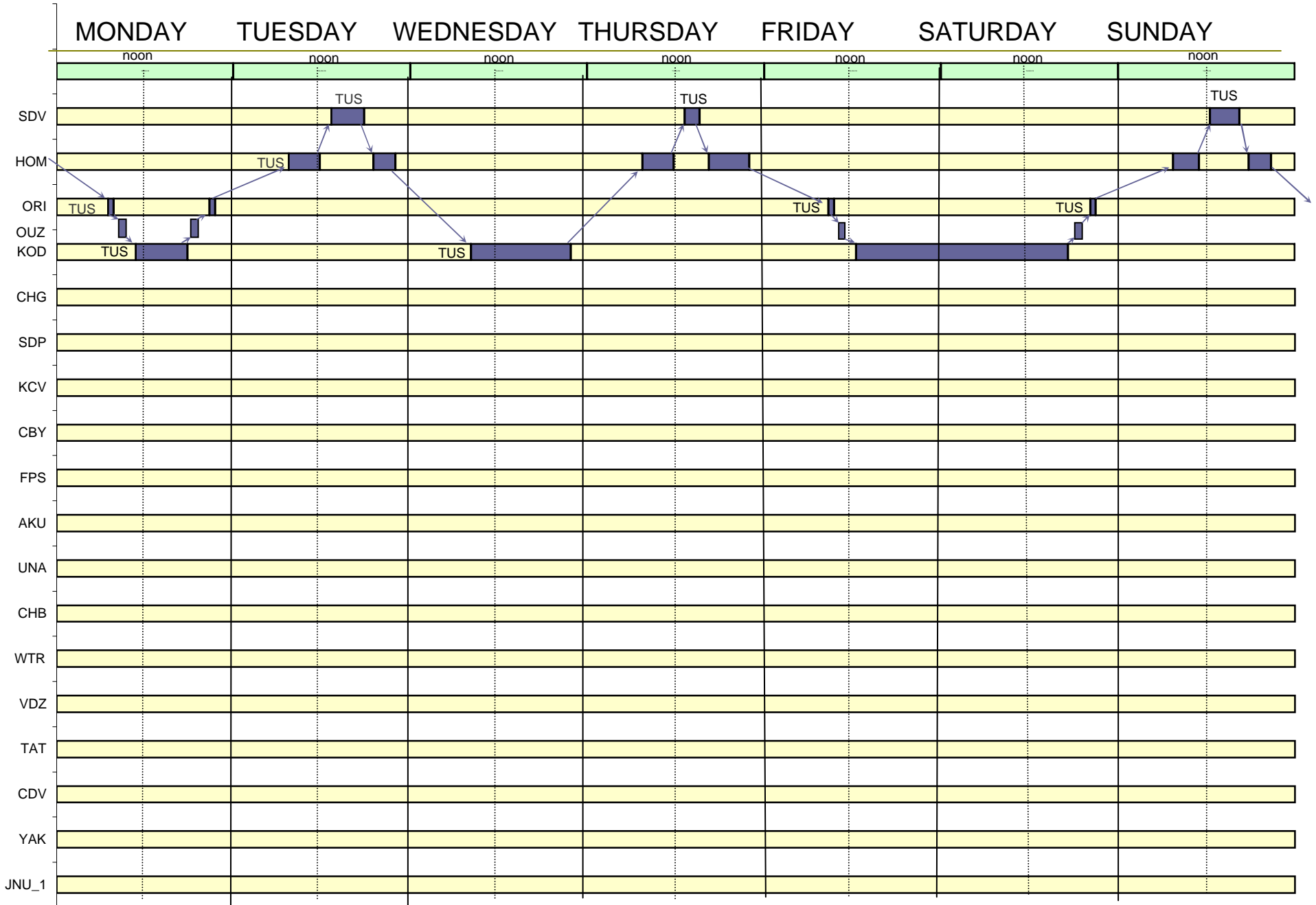
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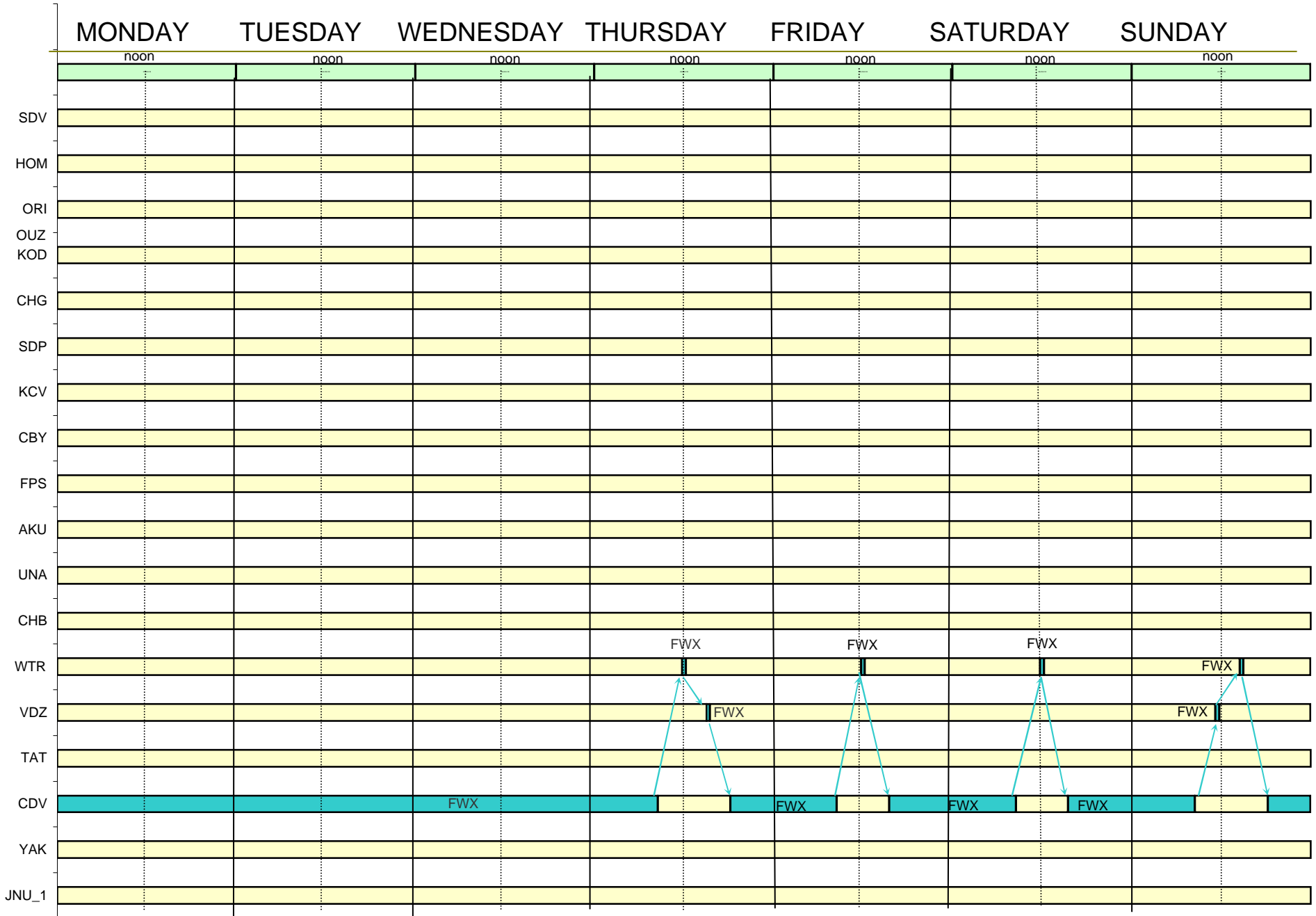


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PWS Winter 2018-19 Oct 1 to Oct 14

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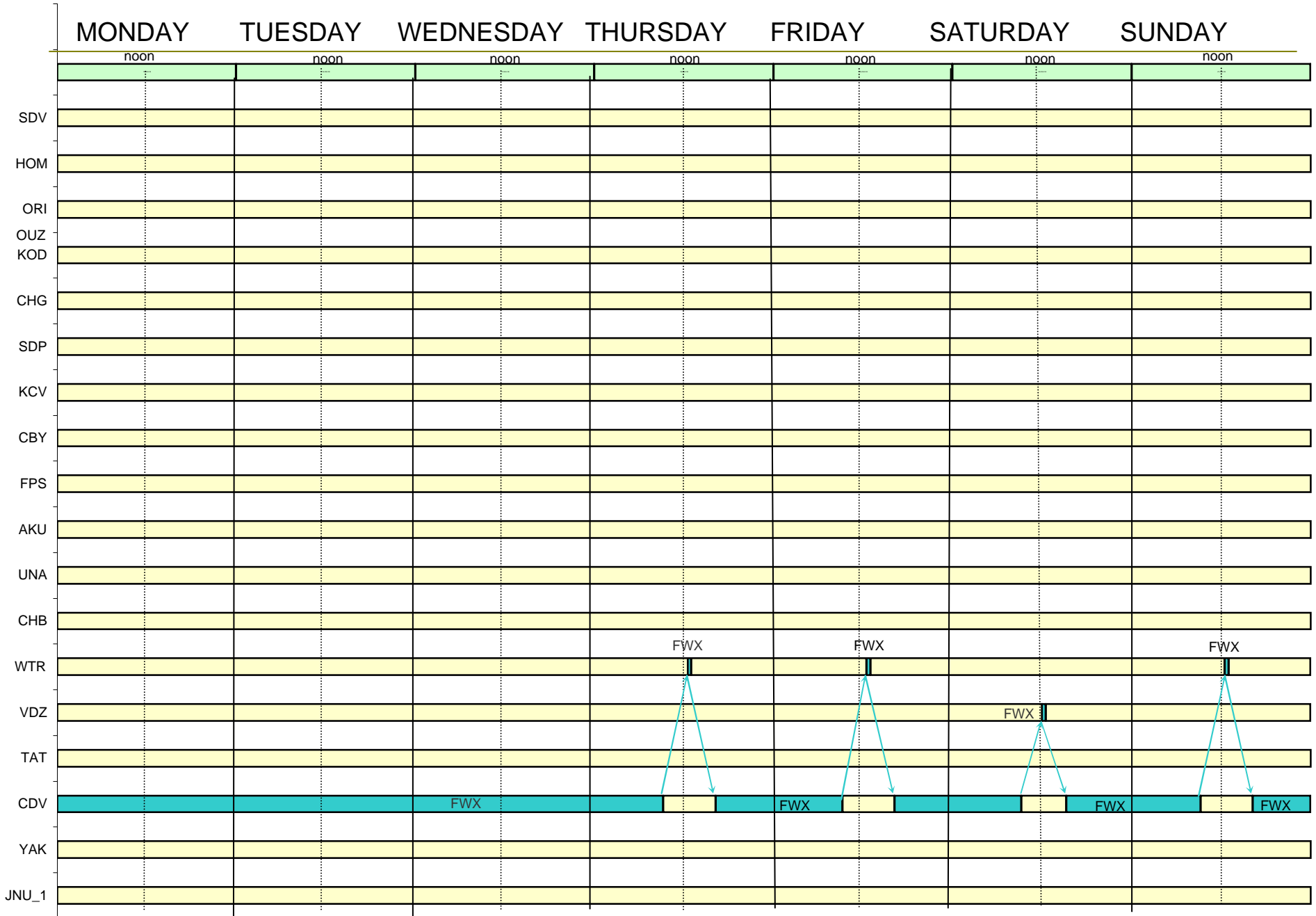


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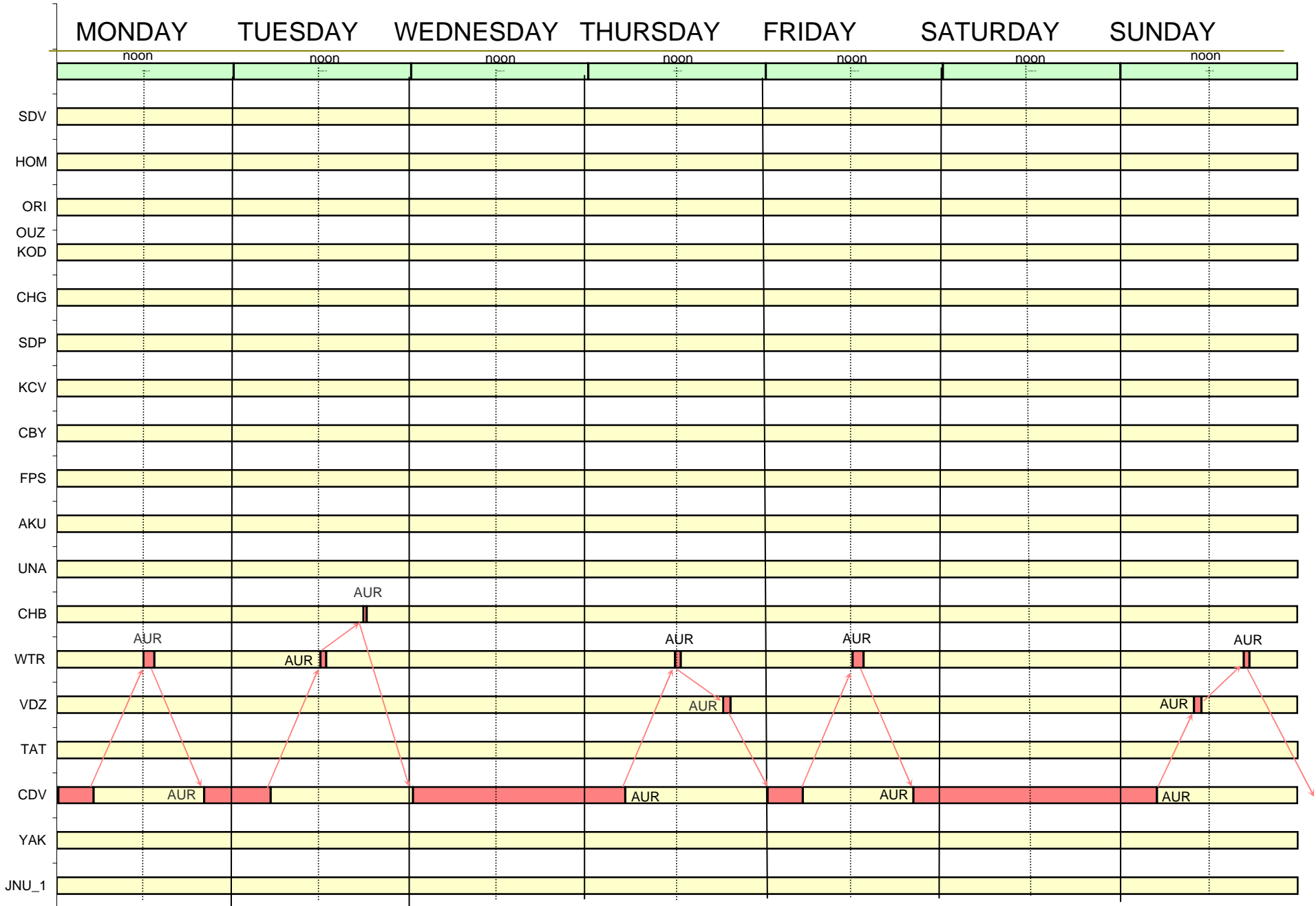


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PWS Winter 2018-19 Dec 11 to Apr 30

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## 2018-2019 F/W/S SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY EVENTS

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### OCTOBER

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

### NOVEMBER

Sobriety Celebration	<b>CDV</b>	Nov 10-11
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### DECEMBER

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

Legislature Reconvenes	<b>JNU</b>
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### FEBRUARY

Iceworm Festival	<b>CDV</b>
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### MARCH

### APRIL

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