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July 13, 2021

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 from October, 2021 through April, 2022.

The schedule patterns proposed are based on the funding levels for FY22. 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: https://dot.alaska.gov/amhs/doc/winter_considerations_2021.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 July 27, 2021. Information may be faxed to 907-228-6873 or, preferably, emailed to dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov. A public teleconference to hear additional comments and consider adjustments is scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2021 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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If you have any questions about the proposed schedule, please email your questions to dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov or fax them to 907-228-6873.

Sincerely,



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

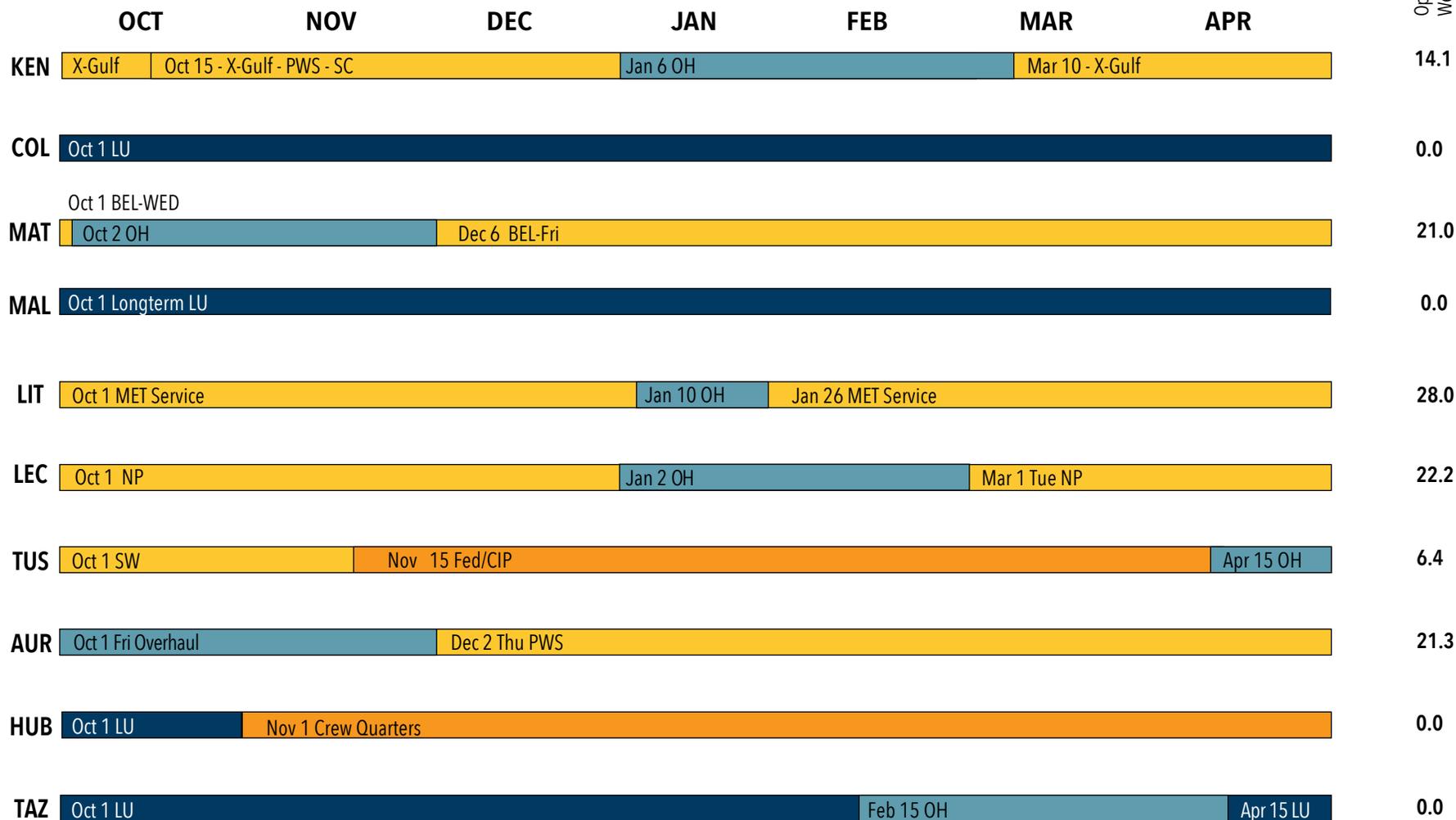
ENCLOSURES:

Draft FY22 Operating Plan
Calendars of Events
Weekly Vessel Pattern Graphs
FY22 Vessel Deployment Plan

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Operating Plan Winter 2021 - 2022



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|--|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------|
| On Line | ANB: Annette Bay / Metlakatla Service | BEL: Bellingham to Skagway | SW: Southwest | Mainline Vessels | 35.1 |
| Overhaul (OH) | BEL - X - Gulf: Bellingham Cross Gulf Southwest | NP: Northern Panhandle Dayboat | YPR: Prince Rupert to Skagway | Feeder Vessels | 50.2 |
| Layup (LU) | BEL - YPR: Bellingham Prince Rupert alternating | PWS: Prince William Sound | | Southwest Vessels | 27.7 |
| Maintenance | Note: Dates represent the first day of the period. Overhaul and refurbishment periods include vessel travel time. | | | Total Operating Weeks | 113 |

**Alaska Marine Highway System
Winter 2021-22 Vessel Deployment Plan
July 07, 2021**

Vessel Deployment – Winter 2021-2022

- Kennicott will sail Cross Gulf Route to PWS to provide service October, November while Aurora is in overhaul. She will then sail Cross Gulf Route to SW in December to provide service while Tustumena is in a Federal Project. Kennicott will be in overhaul January 6 to March 9, resuming Cross Gulf March 10, stops to include Port Lions and Ouzinkie.
- Columbia will be in layup.
- Matanuska will run the Bellingham route 3 weeks per month, Southeast route one week per month, December through April.
- Lituya will sail between Annette Bay and Ketchikan except during her four week overhaul period in January.
- LeConte will run the Northern Panhandle route before entering overhaul in January. She will then resume the Northern Panhandle route March 01.
- Tustumena will sail the Southwest route October to mid-November and will then enter a Federal Project until mid- May.
- Aurora will be in overhaul October-November and will then sail PWS December to April.

Service Gaps

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| • Southwest | Jan 06 to Mar 10 |
| • Northern Panhandle | Jan 02 to Feb 28 |
| • Southeast | Oct 01 to Dec 05 (MAT in OH, KEN will provide limited stops in SE) |

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

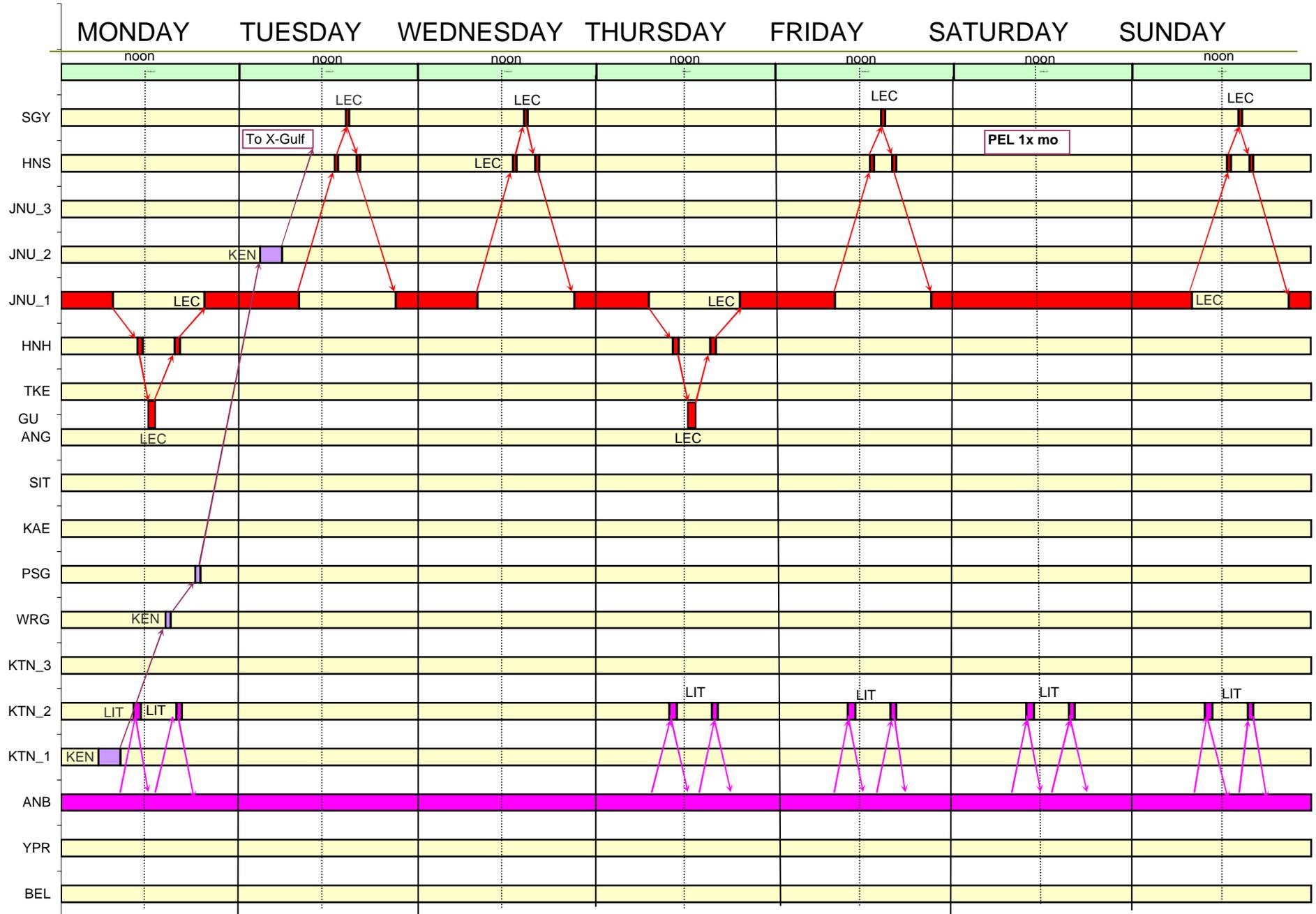
AUR = Aurora
CHE = Chenega (Fast Ferry)
COL = Columbia
FWX = Fairweather (Fast Ferry)
KEN = Kennicott
LEC = LeConte
LIT = Lituya
MAL = Malaspina
MAT = Matanuska
TAK = Taku
TUS = Tustumena

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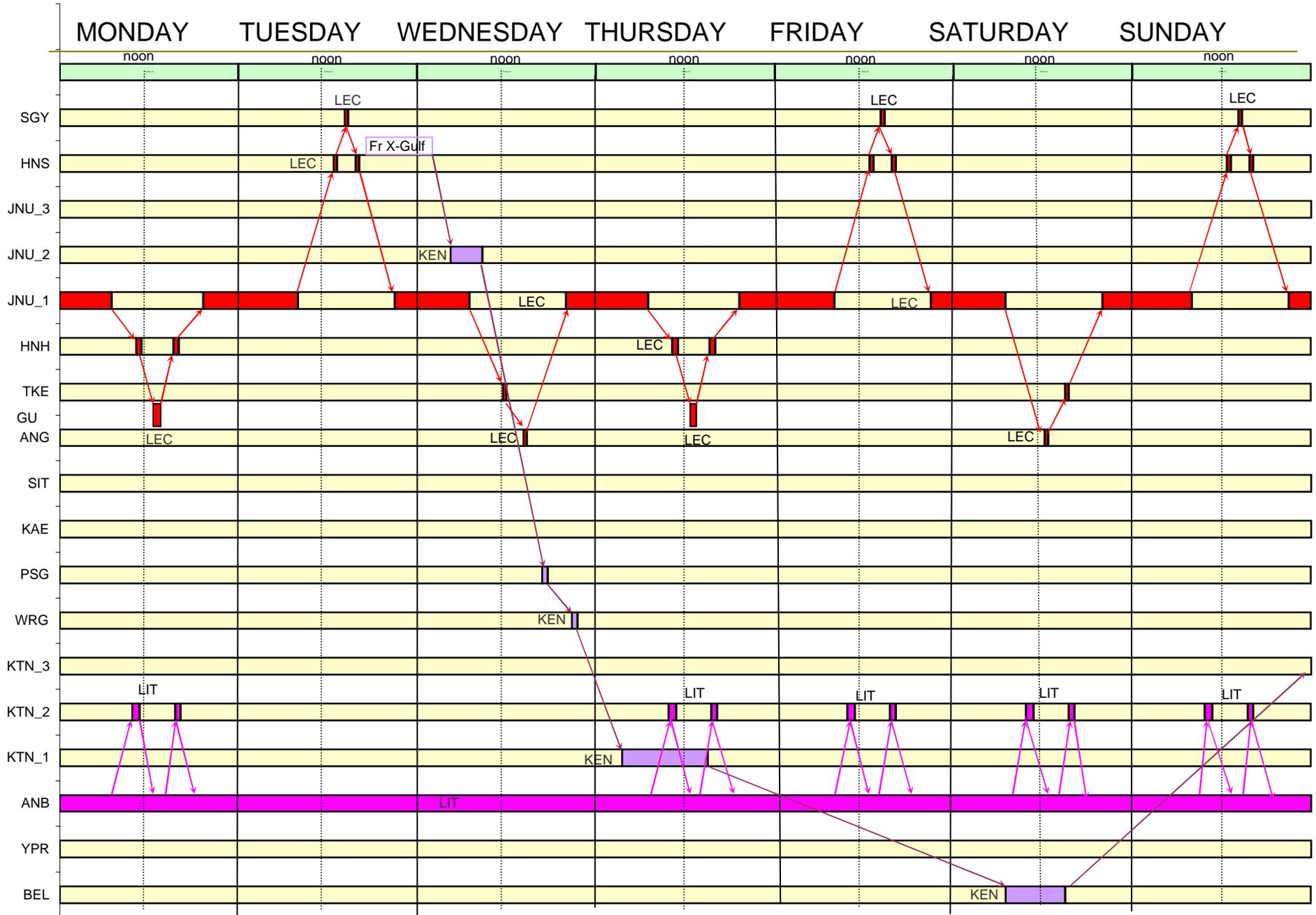


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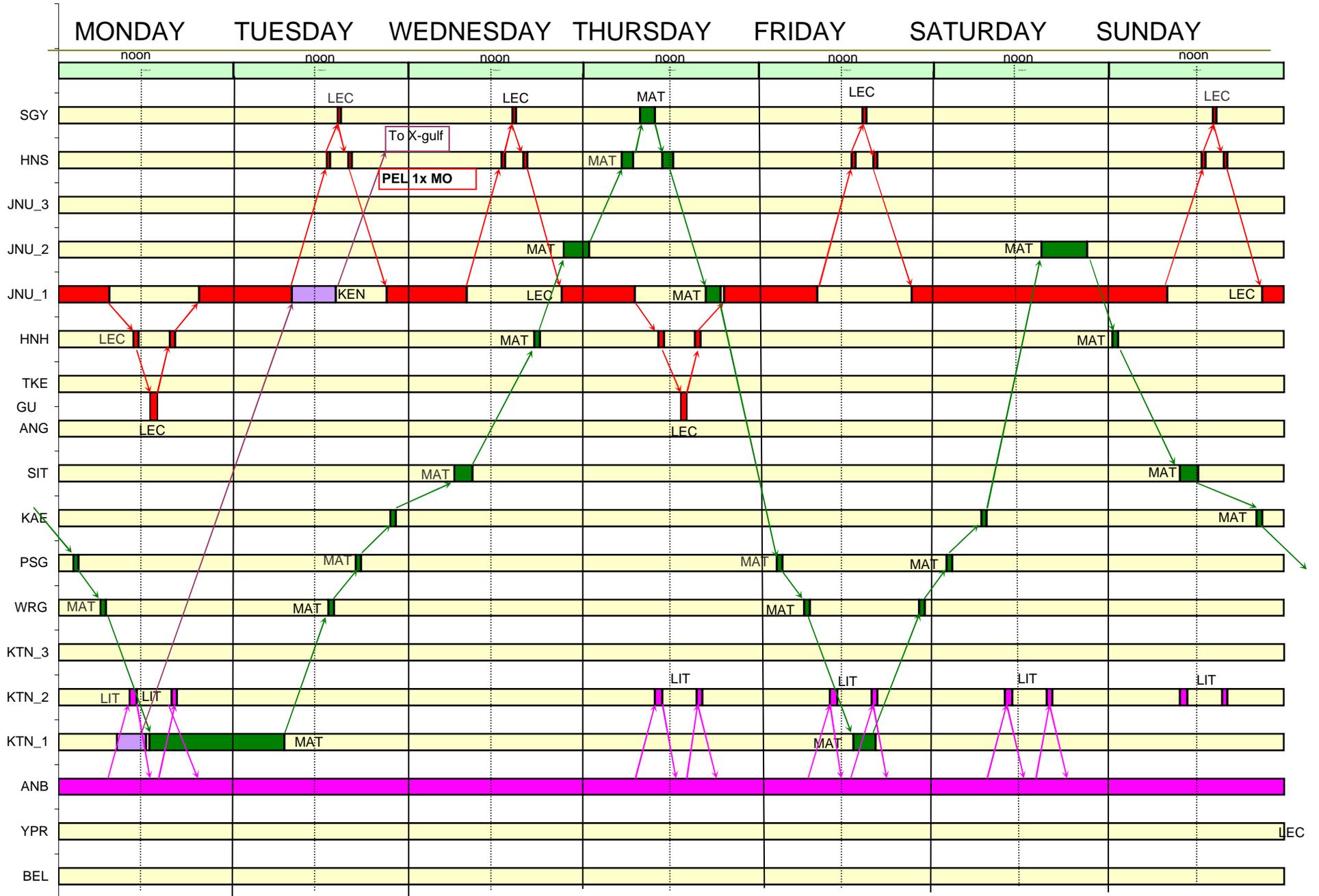


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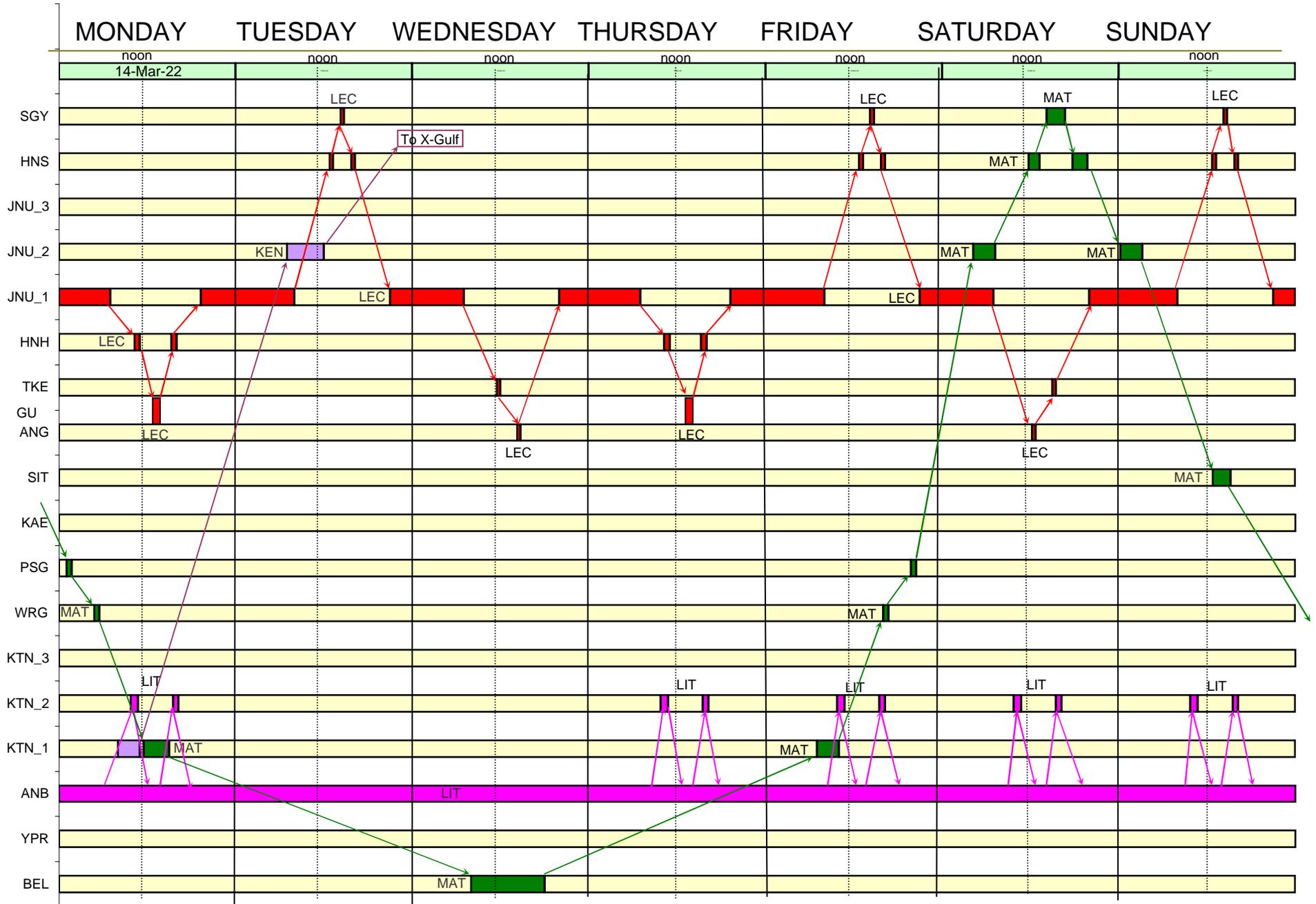


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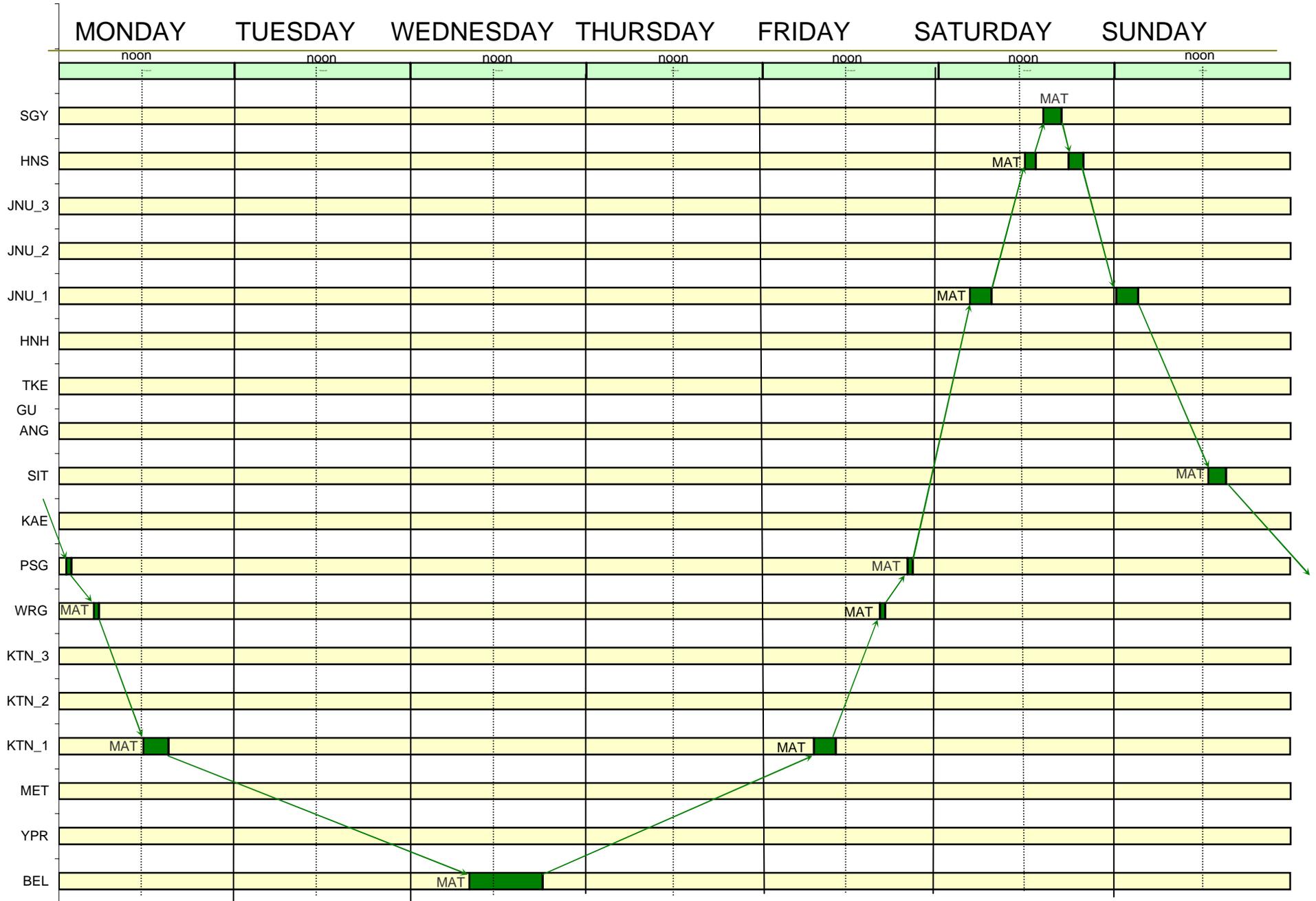


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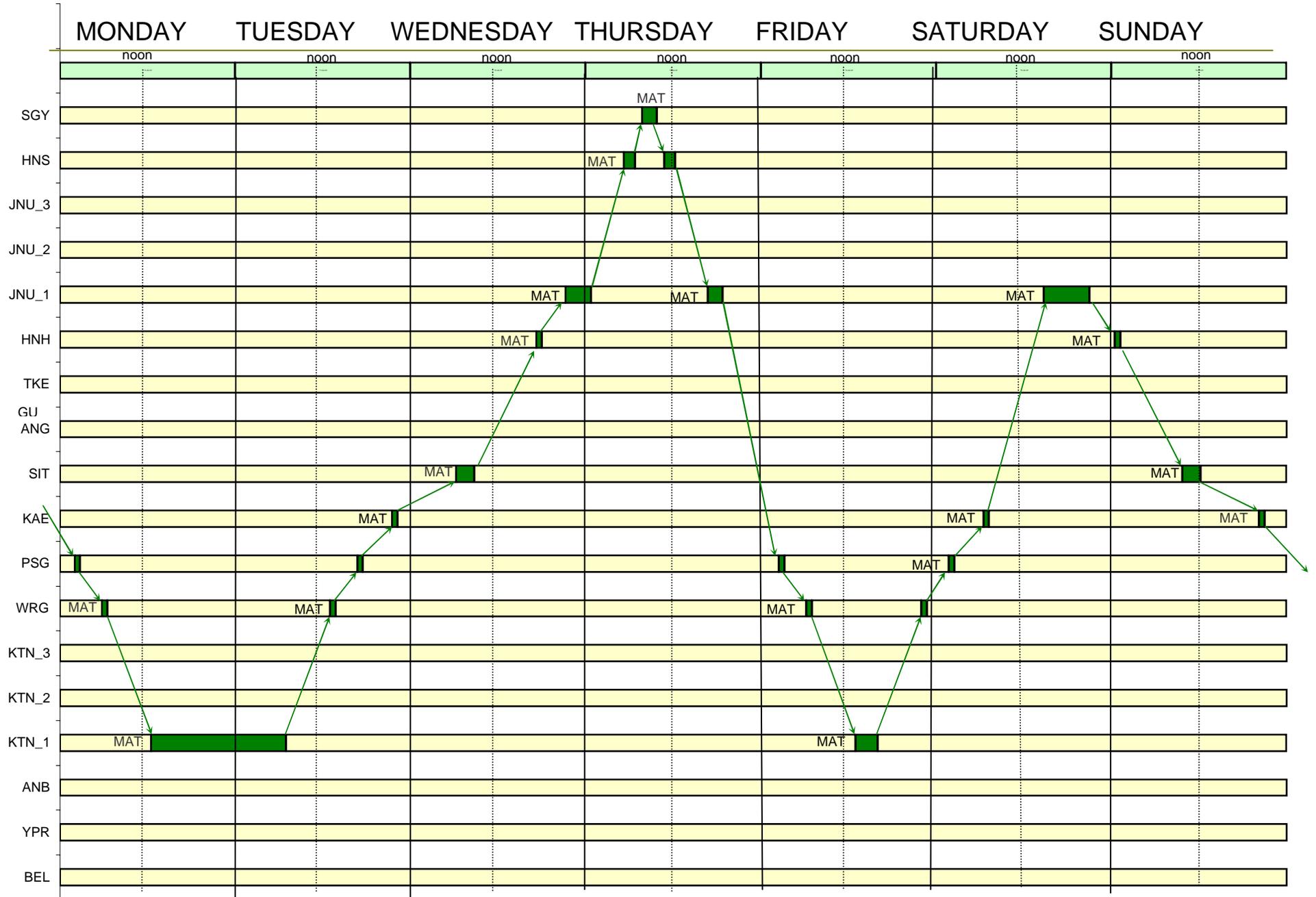


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2021-2022 F/W/S SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY EVENTS

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OCTOBER

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| ANB/ANS Grand Camp Convention | | |
| Octoberfest Celebration | | |
| Alaska Day Celebration | SIT | |
| Annual Bridge Club Tournament | | |
| Region V Honor Festival | WRG | Oct 24-26 |
| Region V Swim/Dive | KTN | Oct 29-30 |

NOVEMBER

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| All Native BB | YPR | |
| Bald Eagle Festival | HNS | Nov 11-14 |
| Whale Fest | SIT | Nov 4-7 |
| Volleyball 2A | | |
| Volleyball 3A/ | SIT | Nov 3-5 |
| Volleyball 4A | KTN | Nov 6-7 |

DECEMBER

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| Victorian Yuletide Celebration | SGY | |
| Wrestling 1A 2A/3A/4A | SIT | Dec 10-11 |
| Clarke Cochrane Christmas Classic | KTN | |

JANUARY

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| Legislature Reconvenes | JNU | |
| Alcan 200 Snowmachine Race | HNS | |
| Edgecumbe Invitational | SIT | |

FEBRUARY

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| Dick Hotch Basketball Tourney | HNS | |
| Sitka Jazz Fest | SIT | |
| 1A Basketball Tourney | | Mar 2-5 |
| All Native BB | YPR | |

MARCH

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| 2A/3A/4A Basketball Tourney | KTN | Mar 8-12 |
| Buckwheat Ski Classic | SGY | |
| Gold Medal Basketball Tourney | JNU | |
| Spring Break Smithers | YPR | |

APRIL

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| Alaska State Folk Festival | JNU | Apr 4-10 |
| High School Music Festival | JNU | Apr 7-9 |
| Stikine River Birding Festival | WRG | |
| Art Festival | HNS | |
| Legislature session ends | JNU | |

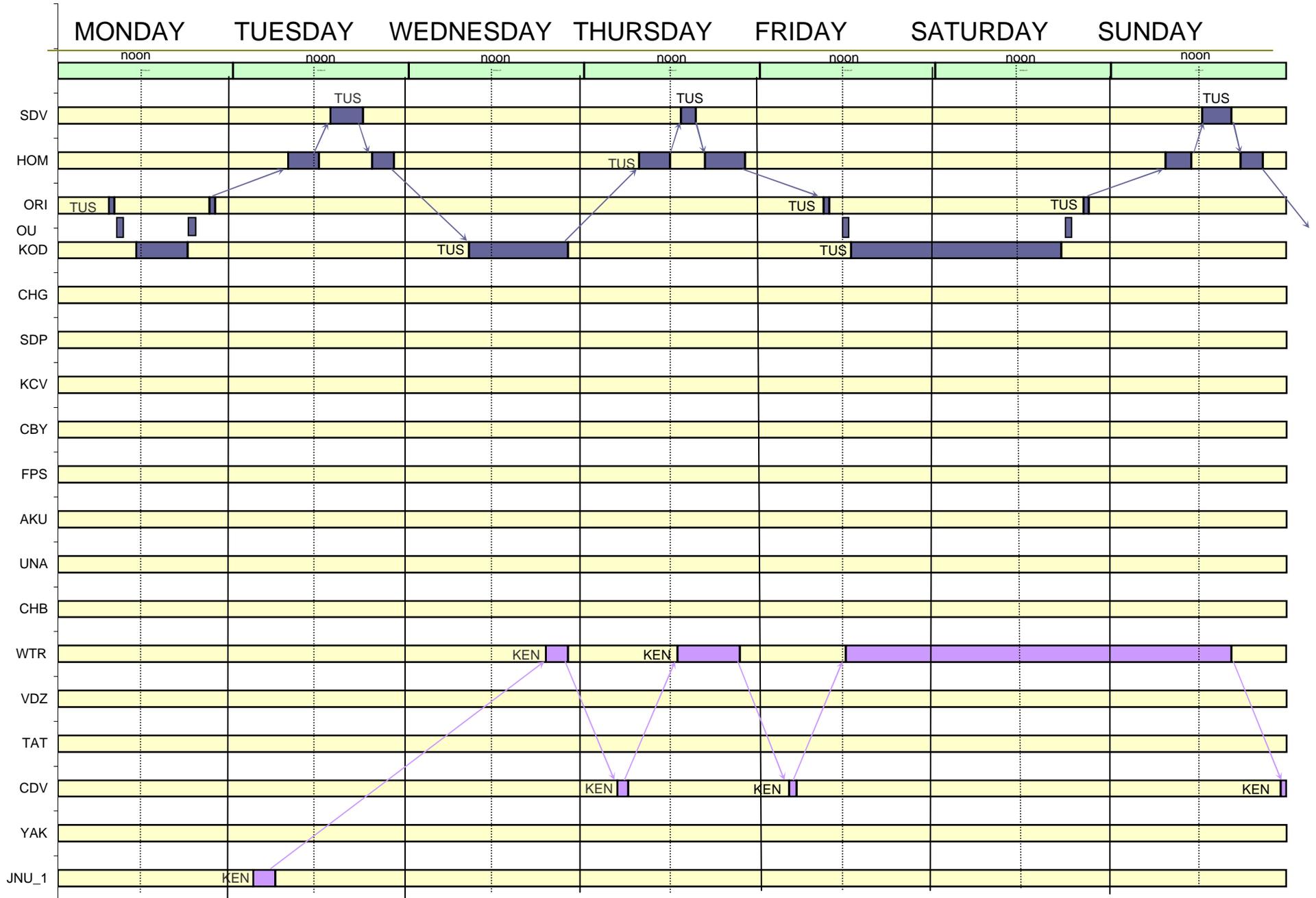
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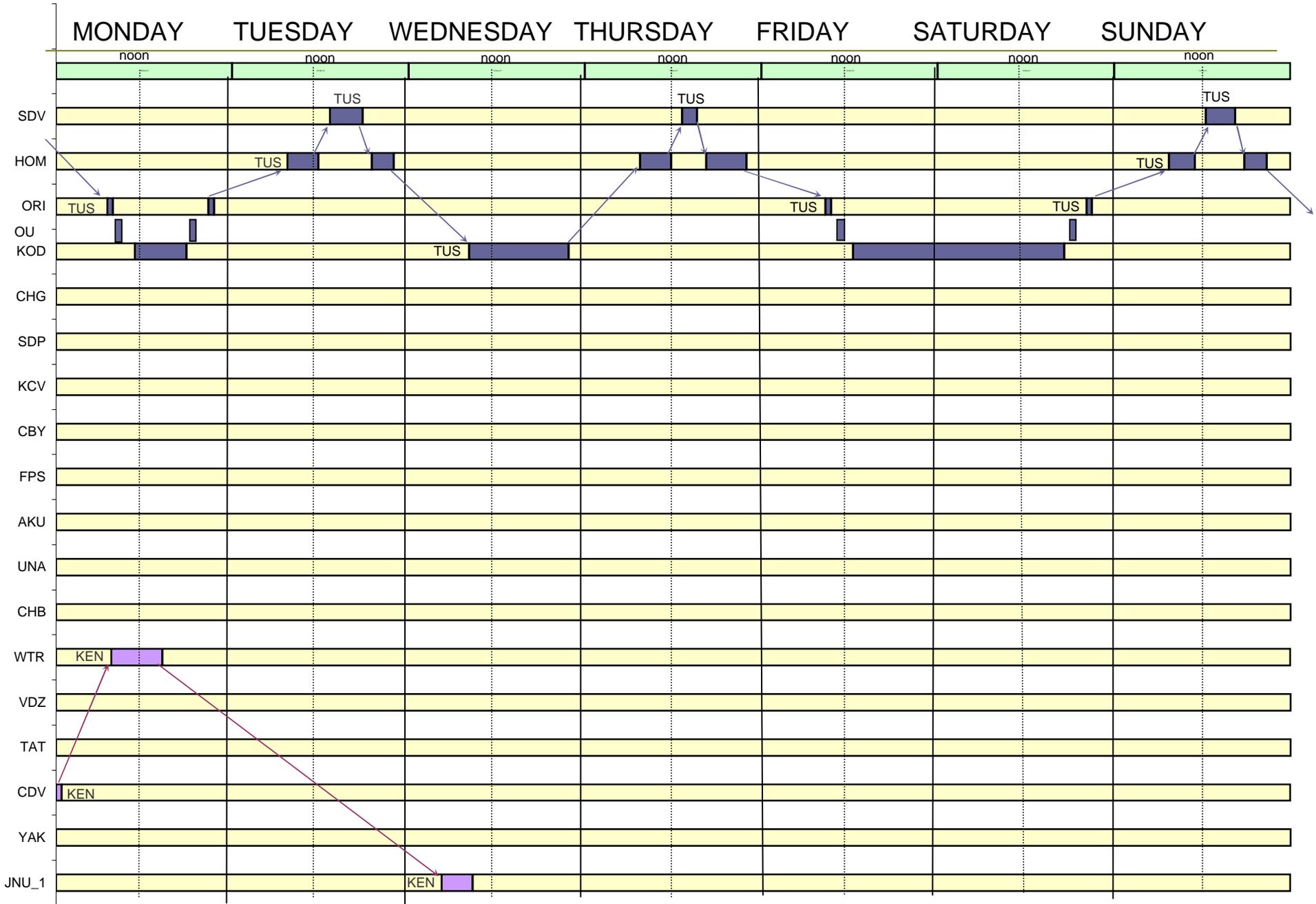


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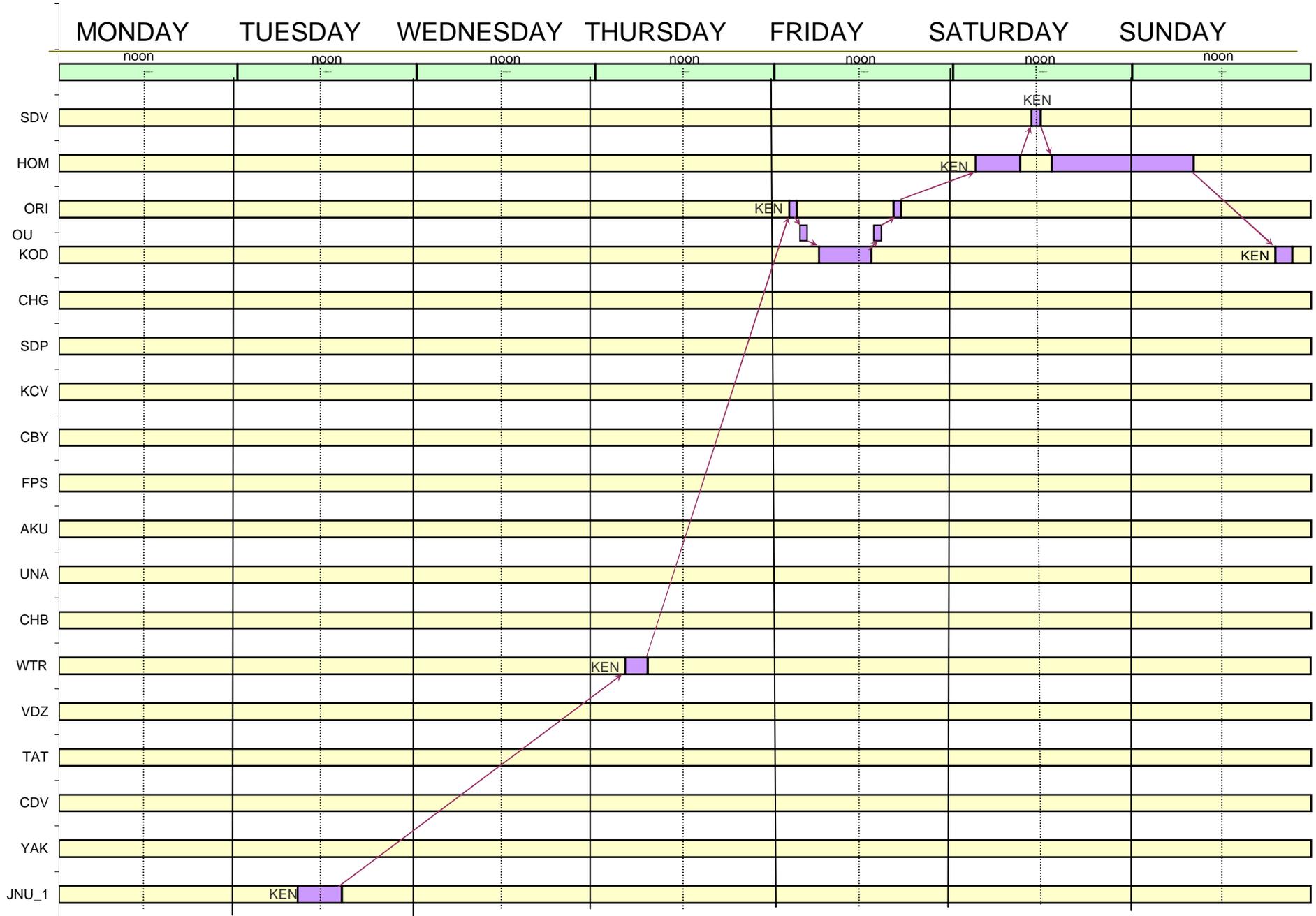


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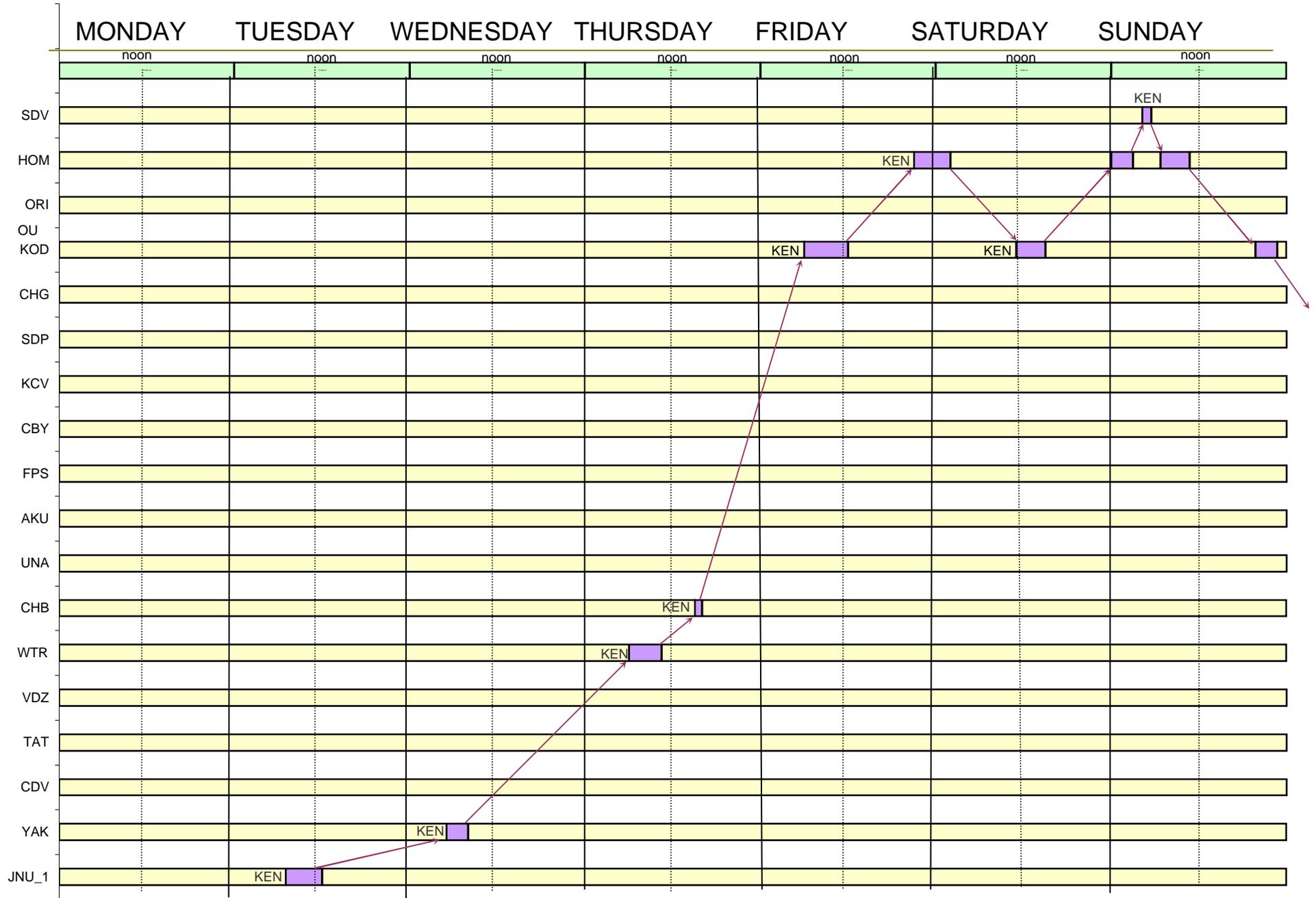
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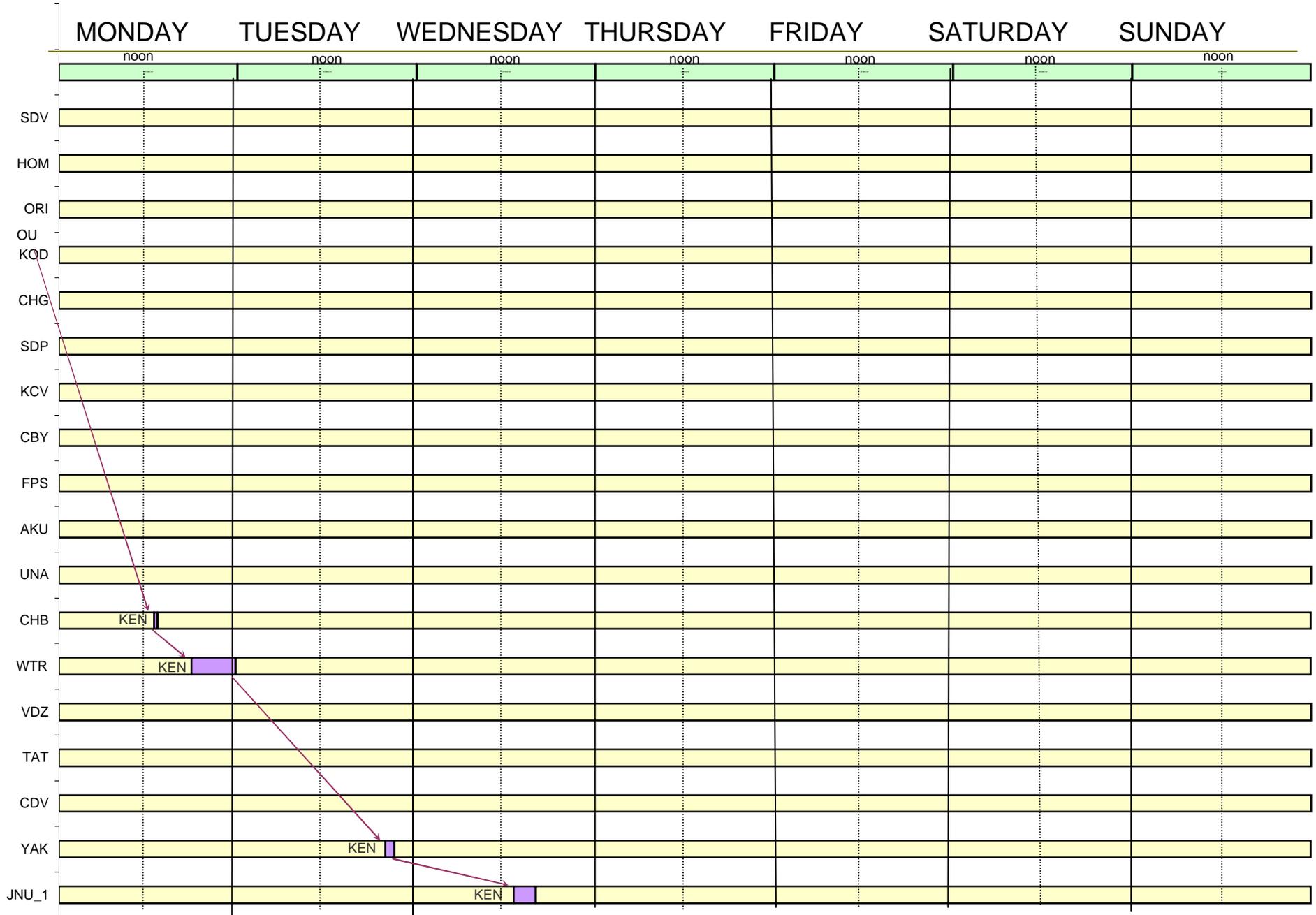


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SW Winter 2021-22 Mar, Apr Wk 2 & 4

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Winter 2021-22 PWS Dec-Apr

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2021-2022 F/W/S SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY EVENTS

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OCTOBER

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| Valdez Museum Road House Dinner | VDZ | |
| Kachemak Heritage Land Trust Auction | HOM | |

NOVEMBER

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| Sobriety Celebration | CDV | Nov 11-13 |
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DECEMBER

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| Nutcracker Faire | HOM | |
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JANUARY

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| Legislature Reconvenes | JNU | |
| Iceworm Festival | CDV | Jan 29-Feb 5 |

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

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