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Amanda Lefton,
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delivered a keynote address to an
afternoon session of the *Pacific Offshore Wind Summit* on
"Establishing a Sustainable Pacific Offshore Wind Pipeline"

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Address Highlights:

"California is well-positioned to lead a transition to a clean energy future. We will hold a statewide offshore wind energy lease sale in California this year. That sale will offer up Wind Energy Areas in northern and central California.

"Floating wind can help us reach areas once thought unattainable, opening up new opportunities. Here in California, we are going to bring it to scale, starting at the Morro Bay and Humboldt Wind Energy Areas, which will deploy floating wind technology. Offshore wind is here to stay.

"We plan to release the proposed sale notice this spring. This notice gives people a first look at the lease sale terms. We will ask for feedback on important initiatives on project labor agreements, credit for supply chain investments, engagement with tribal nations and ocean users, and working with the commercial fishing industry.

"These areas will enable the build out of significant new domestic clean energy over the next decade or more. They will also help California reach its goal of carbon-free energy by 2045.

"We work closely with our diverse stakeholders and ocean users throughout a project's development to ensure early communication to help manage potential concerns.

"We recognize how important commercial, recreational, and traditional fishing are to the Pacific coast. That's why we remain committed to working with the fishing community.

"We're working to improve our consultation process, identify best practices, and strengthen our relationship with Tribal governments. We're also committed to using traditional and Indigenous knowledge, along with the best available science, to inform our decisions to help protect our marine environment and the species that reside in it."