

Developers study new uses for Port's Terminal 46 site

SEATTLE — The Port of Seattle hasn't decided the future of Terminal 46. But that hasn't stopped private developers from going ahead with plans to redevelop the cargo terminal across from Seahawks Stadium.

Developers Nitze-**Stagen** launched a Web site, www.vision-46.com, detailing plans to transform the asphalt-and-orange cranes at Terminal 46 into housing, parks, a research or office complex, major hotel and cruise-ship terminal.

The south end of the terminal could include either a new basketball arena for the Sonics, a new aquarium or an outdoor amphitheater. The Sonics have said they may look for a new arena when the team's lease at KeyArena expires in 2010.

Nitze-**Stagen** is part of a group of developers looking to redevelop the area around Pioneer Square with more housing and commercial projects.

The Port has said it is more interested in keeping Hanjin Shipping at Terminal 46 than talking about redeveloping the site.

But officials have done little to dampen talk of what will happen when Hanjin's lease ends. It expires in 2010 but could be extended to 2015.

"These megaprojects do take time," said Kevin Daniels, president of Nitze-**Stagen**. "My hope is over the next year, the Port would recognize this as an option to explore."