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BENEFITS

1. Reduction in operating costs of the facility due to less maintenance. Current dock requires extensive yearly repairs.
2. Greater safety factor due to less congestion in area, and adequate strength.
3. Enough additional space to allow fish boats hoisted for repairs without danger of the boat being hit by a container.
4. Enable literage barges to have containerized cargo loaded intact, because of large crane being able to be utilized on new dock.
5. Provision of adequate area for the Dillingham Cold Storage plant.

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