



## Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2009-342

Route reference: 2009-114

Additional reference:  
Broadcasting Decision 2006-238

Ottawa, 12 June 2009

**World Fishing Network Ltd.**  
Across Canada

*Application 2009-0336-1, received 11 February 2009*

### **World Fishing Network – Licence amendment**

1. The Commission **approves** the application by World Fishing Network Ltd. to amend the broadcasting licence for the national, Category 2 specialty programming undertaking known as World Fishing Network (also known as WFN TV and originally approved under the name of Global Fishing Network) to extend, until the end of its licence term, the authority granted in Broadcasting Decision 2006-238 to allow the service to be made available for distribution in high definition (HD) format. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.
2. Consistent with the Commission's approach to HD specialty services set out in Broadcasting Public Notices 2003-61 and 2006-74, as well as with the changes to this approach announced in Broadcasting Public Notice 2008-100, the licence shall be subject to the following **condition of licence** until the end of the current licence term:

The licensee is authorized to make available for distribution a version of its service in high definition (HD) format, provided that not less than 95% of the video and audio components of the upgraded and standard definition versions of the service are the same, exclusive of commercial messages and of any part of the service carried on a subsidiary signal. Further, all of the programming making up the 5% allowance shall be provided in HD.

Secretary General

#### **Related documents**

- *Regulatory frameworks for broadcasting distribution undertakings and discretionary programming services* – Regulatory policy, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2008-100, 30 October 2008

- *Regulatory framework for the licensing and distribution of high definition pay and specialty services*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2006-74, 15 June 2006
- *World Fishing Network – Licence amendment*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-238, 9 June 2006
- *The regulatory framework for the distribution of digital television signals*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2003-61

*This decision is to be appended to the licence. It is available in alternative format upon request and may also be examined in PDF format or in HTML at the following Internet site: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca>.*