

WATER PROTECTORS IN THE FIELD

Fish Biologist - Melinda Bennion



Melinda Bennion is a Fish Biologist that works for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, where she studies and helps protect fish in the Virgin River watershed.

Melinda's favorite part of the job is getting to share her love of native fish species with others

Being a fish biologist requires a bachelors degree. Majoring in biology or natural resources is most common. Internships, volunteer and hands on-job experience are very important.

You can help Melinda protect water and native fish by not releasing pet fish into the wild... 'Don't ditch a fish!'

A Day On The Job

- 5:30 AM** *Wake up and check weather*
- 6:30 AM** *Eat breakfast and drive to office*
- 7:30 AM** *Arrive at the office, meet the team, and prep stocking materials*
- 9:30 AM** *Meet hatchery truck at the river, and start acclimating fish to river*
- 12:00 PM** *Eat lunch, measure fish, collect river data, and release fish in river*
- 2:00 PM** *Return to office and clean materials*
- 4:30 PM** *Get off work and head home*
- 5:30 PM** *Have dinner and walk the dog*
- 9:30 PM** *Read a library book and go to bed*