Biography of Yatch Bamford Chairman Pit River Tribe

Yatch Bamford serves as the Tribal Chairman of the Pit River Tribe, bringing a lifelong dedication to tribal issues and advocacy. Raised in a family committed to leadership (his father having served as a former tribal chairman), Yatch developed an early understanding of the responsibilities and challenges facing tribal nations.

He brings over two decades of professional experience to his position as Chairman, including 10 years in the casino industry and 10 years in the construction field, where he developed a strong foundation in operations, infrastructure, and economic development.

In 2015, Yatch was first elected to the tribal council and served as a representative for four years before being elected as Tribal Chairman in 2023.

As chairman, he is focused on protecting tribal lands, advancing self –governance, and promoting natural resources stewardship to ensure a strong future for the Pit River people.