

## Biography of Jimmie D Mitchell Jr (b. 1960 - )

Jimmie has actively served on the Board of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority since 2003. During his tenure, he has focused his attention on protecting the environment and also Tribal Rights secured in the Treaty of 1836 and since, reaffirmed in the 2000 and 2007 Consent Decrees, respectively.

His involvement during the contentious Inland phase of the landmark US v Michigan court case, was instrumental in convincing the parties to negotiate the case out of court. The results of this painstaking effort served to reaffirm the existence of Inland Hunting, Fishing and Gathering Rights, within the boundaries of the 13.8 million acre Ceded Territory and also, garnered Co-management rights and obligations outlined and secured within the 2007 Decree.

Jimmie also currently serves as an appointed representative on the Midwest Region Tribal Interior Budget Committee which is aimed to provide tribal guidance to insure the Trust Responsibilities of the United States to Tribal Nations are realized and incorporated into the President's Budget, specifically, the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

On behalf of his Tribal Nation, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Jimmie is the Director of Natural Resources and is one of their Traditional Carriers of the Sacred Pipe. He is also an active member of Maaingun Dodem, (Wolf clan) is the son of Jim and Carole Mitchell, he was born in Muskegon, Michigan, has traveled extensively throughout the world and now lives in Manistee with his family in a remote corner of 1836 reservation.

Notable projects Jimmie is managing include: raising wild-caught Sturgeon fry in a mobile rearing facility along the shore of the Manistee River; Wildrice restoration; the reintroduction of extirpated species that include Elk, Grayling, Ginseng along with a host of others to add soon.