

Suspicious Wife Didn't Believe Husband

Sam Taalak of Barrow didn't go to the Native Conference in Anchorage last weekend.

There are several versions as to what really happened but Sam's wife, Amy, thinks the whole thing is fishy.

The couple were flown into Topaguruk River, about 70 miles southeast of Barrow the weekend of Oct. 8 to do some fishing. The grayling were biting so good that when pilot Bobby Fischer came to pick them up Sunday

Amy decided to stay for a couple more days.

Sam, who manages Barrow Utilities had to get back to work so he left his wife a couple of sleeping bags and said jokingly, "Well, we'll be back to pick you up in

about nine months."

The joke backfired when Fischer's plane broke down in Barrow and there were no other planes available.

Eight days later, last Monday, Amy came wheeling into Barrow in a snow machine. According to reports, her temper helped keep her warm in the nippy 15 and 20 degree temperature for the entire 70 miles.

Sam's still trying to convince her the plane really did break down.