inclined to think that it is the latter.

The story of Sloqualm (the moon)
(Stak-tamish)

Hoddeh (who is the same as Spilyai) first went to the Falls above Stéhchas (Olympia) where he made the ground barren, and ordered that there should be no kamass, on the shores of the Sound. He then went to the hoosolupsh, or upper Chihalis country, carrying a basket of it upon his back, which he planted every where on the prairies. He built a dam or weir on the Chihalis for salmon, and when he had caught a male he opened it, took the milt and wished, five times that it should become a child to him, but corrected himself, and wished for a wife. Shortly after he went down to the water and saw two women, (sisters) sitting there. They had sprung from the milt of the salmon. He called to them as his wives; but they corrected and said that they were his children. They did not wish to be his wives. He still persisted, and they became afraid and ran into the woods. They came to the house of an old blind woman called Yuk-kwalt-tum, who was rocking her grand-child in a cradle suspended to a branch by a cord.* The girls stole the boy, leaving a piece of rotten wood in his place, and went away. When the old woman

* The child's mother Smal-leh was absent on the other side of the hills. This child was born, as was its mother, without the aid of a man.