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[Claim 1]
A spinning reel for fishing, comprising:
a reel body;
a handle that is removably provided in the reel body;
a drive gear shaft provided in the reel body;
a ball bearing that is externally fitted on the drive gear shaft and rotatably supports the drive gear shaft; and
a handle shaft that is provided in the handle and screwed to the drive gear shaft,
wherein a contact portion is directly and integrally provided on the handle shaft; and
wherein the contact portion contacts an inner ring of the ball bearing by means of the screwing to the drive gear shaft.

[Claim 2]
The spinning reel for fishing according to claim 1, wherein the handle shaft includes a large-diameter base and an insertion portion that is smaller in diameter than the base and inserted into the drive gear shaft; and the contact portion is provided at a boundary between the base and the insertion portion.

[Claim 3]
The spinning reel for fishing according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the handle shaft is formed of a high-strength material that is stronger than the ball bearing.

[Claim 4]
The spinning reel for fishing according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein an outer diameter of an end of the drive gear shaft is smaller than an inner diameter of the ball bearing.

[Claim 5]

The spinning reel for fishing according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the contact portion has a portion facing the ball bearing and a portion facing an end of the drive gear shaft, and forms a flat surface over both the portions.

[Claim 6]

The spinning reel for fishing according to claim 4, wherein the contact portion has a portion facing the ball bearing and a portion facing the end of the drive gear shaft, and forms a flat surface over both the portions.

[Claim 7]

The spinning reel for fishing according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein when the handle shaft is screwed to the drive gear shaft, the contact portion contacts the inner ring of the ball bearing and an end surface of the drive gear shaft at the same time.

[Claim 8]

The spinning reel for fishing according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein when the handle shaft is screwed to the drive gear shaft, the contact portion contacts an end surface of the drive gear shaft first and then contacts the inner ring of the ball bearing.