CLAIMS

[Claim 1] A fishing rod comprising:

a rod;

a reel seat inserted to the rod and configured to hold a reel at a lower radial side of the rod; and

a front grip inserted closer to a rod tip side than the reel seat, wherein the front grip comprises:

a tubular grip main body portion to which the rod is inserted;

a protrusion portion that is convex over a circumferential direction on the rod tip side of the grip main body portion; and

a tip end portion that is continuous from the protrusion portion and located at a tip of the grip main body portion that is closer to the rod tip side than the protrusion portion and abuts an exposed portion of the rod; and

wherein an upper portion of the tip end portion at an upper radial side of the rod has a convex shape that is convex in a direction away from the central axis of the rod and is a curved surface bulging upwardly from the grip main body portion when viewed from a side of the front grip, and a lower portion of the tip end portion at the lower radial side of the rod has a concave shape that is a concave in a direction toward the central axis of the rod.

[Claim 2] The fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein a distance from a central axis of the rod to a lower end of the protrusion portion is larger than a distance from the central axis of the rod to an upper end of the protrusion portion.

[Claim 3] The fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein a radius of curvature of each

half of a lower radial side of the protrusion portion is larger than a radius of curvature of each half of an upper radial side of the protrusion portion.

[Claim 4] The fishing rod according to claim 1,

wherein the concave shape extends over a circumferential direction of the rod.

[Claim 5] The fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the front grip comprises a trigger portion that is spaced from the protrusion portion toward a rod base side and protrudes downward from the grip main body portion.

[Claim 6] The fishing rod according to claim 5, wherein the trigger portion is either (i) spaced away from the protrusion portion by a distance that is in a range of 10 to 40 mm; or (ii) spaced away from the protrusion portion by a distance that is in a range of 50 to 100 mm.

[Claim 7] The fishing rod according to claim 5, wherein the trigger portion is spaced away from the reel seat toward the rod tip side.

[Claim 8] The fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the fishing rod is configured as an offshore casting rod.

[Claim 9] The fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the reel is a spinning reel and the reel seat is configured to hold the spinning reel.

[Claim 10] The fishing rod according to claim 1, where the front grip forms a

step between the tip end portion and the rod over the circumferential direction.

[Claim 11] The fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the front grip comprises a first trigger portion and a second trigger portion that are spaced from the protrusion portion toward a rod base side and protrude downward from the grip main body portion.

[Claim 12] The fishing rod according to claim 11, wherein the first trigger portion is spaced away from the protrusion portion by a distance that is in a range of 10 to 40 mm; and the second trigger portion is spaced away from the protrusion portion by a distance that is in a range of 50 to 100 mm.

[Claim 13] The fishing rod according to claim 11, wherein the first trigger portion and the second trigger portion are spaced away from the reel seat toward the rod tip side.