

**Figure 4.** Zonal transport/width (m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) averaged over 160°W to 130°W from the Sverdrup relation (1) (solid), and from the Levitus ocean climatology (dashed). Absolute surface zonal geostrophic current (cm s<sup>-1</sup>), from 1993-1999 mean Topex/Poseidon altimetric sea surface height referenced to the GRACE geoid (dotted).